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The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy
 Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Dear Premier Ford and Minister McCarthy,

Re: Request for Changes to the *Pesticides Act* to Permit the Use of Pesticides in Playground Areas for Weed Management

I am writing to inform you that, at their meeting held on July 14, 2026, the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford passed a resolution advocating for changes to the Pesticides Act to allow for the use of pesticides in playground areas for weed mitigation.

WHEREAS the Ontario *Pesticides Act* and Ontario Regulation 63/09 (Cosmetic Pesticides Ban) restrict the use of herbicides for cosmetic weed control in playground areas;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Township of South-West Oxford recognize the importance of maintaining safe, clean, accessible, and well-maintained recreational spaces for everyone;

AND WHEREAS playgrounds are valued public recreational spaces that enhance the health, well-being, and enjoyment of residents;

AND WHEREAS the Township is responsible for the ongoing maintenance, inspection, and upkeep of playgrounds, including costly surfacing materials, and despite regular maintenance and manual weed removal, weed growth within and around the playground area continues to present ongoing maintenance challenges;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of South-West Oxford respectfully request that the Province of Ontario consider amending the *Pesticides Act* and Ontario Regulation 63/09 (Cosmetic Pesticides Ban) to permit the



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controlled use of pesticides for weed management in playground areas, with any application being carried out by qualified and authorized individuals in accordance with all applicable provincial legislation, product requirements, and safety measures.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denny Giles'.

Denny Giles
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk
Township of South-West Oxford

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



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July 8, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on July 8th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Resolution No: 2026-07-08-14
Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus's resolution regarding A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, the Ontario Big City Mayors, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



Resolution 2026-03: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle

Date: May 8, 2026

Moved by: Warden Jennifer Murphy, County of Renfrew

Seconded by: Warden Robert Mullin, County of Hastings

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) serves over 1.1 million residents across 13 upper-tier and single-tier municipalities, encompassing a total of 103 municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario are currently required to calculate property taxes based on property valuations from 2016, over a decade ago;

AND WHEREAS all other provinces in Canada have continued regular reassessment cycles, resulting in properties being reassessed multiple times since 2016, making Ontario the most outdated in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the prolonged pause in the reassessment cycle has created significant distortions in assessed values, resulting in inequities among property classes; and

AND WHEREAS outdated assessments negatively impact investment decisions, economic competitiveness, municipal planning, and disproportionately affect independent small businesses; and

AND WHEREAS the continued pause on property tax reassessment in Ontario creates uncertainty for municipalities, property owners, and investors regarding future tax liabilities;

AND WHEREAS a current and predictable assessment system is essential to supporting strong communities, maintaining fairness in taxation, and encouraging economic investment consistent with the Ontario government's objective of being "Open for Business";

AND WHEREAS the lack of clarity regarding the timing of the next reassessment is contributing to delayed or deferred investment decisions, thereby impacting economic competitiveness across the province;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments, particularly in rural and small-urban communities, rely on a stable and updated assessment system to address financial pressures including inflation, rising labour costs, and increasing service demands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the EOWC formally requests that the Government of Ontario commit to a clear and prompt return to the property tax reassessment cycle;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province provide a defined timeline and transparent plan for implementing future reassessments on a regular and predictable basis;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario work in coordination with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to ensure properties are reassessed in an accurate and timely manner;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; the Ontario Big City Mayors; the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus; the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and all EOWC municipalities."

Carried

Signed by:



EOWC Chair Bonnie Clark

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Re: Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on July 8th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Richmond Hill.

Resolution No: 2026-07-08-15

Moved by: Councillor Quade

Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the City of Richmond Hill's resolution regarding Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Minister of Long-Term Care, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



Extracts from Council Meeting
C#08-26 held May 13, 2026
Confirmatory By-law 54-26

16. Other Business

16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Thompson - Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

Whereas individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities often experience a significant reduction in structured supports and programming upon reaching adulthood, particularly after the age of 21; and

Whereas many of these individuals remain reliant on aging parents or caregivers, creating growing concern among families regarding long-term housing, care, and quality of life; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has, over time, transitioned away from large institutional models of care toward more community-based and inclusive approaches for individuals with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas while these changes have improved opportunities for inclusion and independence, the current system of supports is often delivered across multiple programs and providers and may not fully address the long-term need for integrated living environments that combine housing, supports, and meaningful daily participation; and

Whereas there is an increasing need for innovative, sustainable, and inclusive models of care that support independence, dignity, and community integration for adults with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas opportunities may exist to explore models that provide safe and supportive living environments for adults with developmental disabilities while also offering structured, voluntary, and supported participation in day-to-day activities that foster a sense of purpose, skill development, and social connection; and

Whereas such models, if thoughtfully designed, could complement existing care environments and contribute positively to the overall well-being of both participants and residents; and

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For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary



**Extracts from Council Meeting
C#08-26 held May 13, 2026
Confirmatory By-law 54-26**

Whereas the Regional Municipality of York is responsible for a range of human services including housing, community services, and the operation of long-term care homes, and is therefore well-positioned to explore integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to care.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Richmond Hill request that the Regional Municipality of York consider exploring innovative models of housing and support for adults with developmental disabilities, including the potential for an "Integrated Living and Participation Model"; and

That such consideration includes opportunities for co-location or partnership with existing regional services, including long-term care and community housing, where appropriate; and

That this model emphasizes voluntary, supported, and meaningful participation in activities that enhance quality of life, social inclusion, and community engagement, without displacing existing workforce roles; and

That Council request that the Region engage with relevant stakeholders, including developmental service organizations, families, and advocacy groups, in considering such approaches; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- **York Region Council**
- **Daisy Wai, MPP – Richmond Hill; Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility**
- **Michael Parsa, MPP – Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**
- **Natalia Kuzendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care**
- **Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
- **Ontario municipalities for information**

Carried Unanimously

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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RE: Provincial Bill 100 – Better Regional Governance Act, 2026

Hon. Rob Flack,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on July 8th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Springwater.

Resolution No: 2026-07-08-13
Moved by: Councillor Keller
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Township of Springwater’s resolution regarding Provincial Bill 100 – Better Regional Governance Act, 2026 as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, County of Renfrew, and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Carried.

Sincerely,

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RE: Provincial Bill 100 – Better Regional Governance Act, 2026

Please be advised that at its Regular meeting on May 6, 2026, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

Resolution C203-2026

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cabral
Seconded by: Councillor Moore

Whereas Bill 100, the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026, introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, proposes significant changes to the governance structure of upper-tier regional municipalities, including the County of Simcoe; and,

Whereas the proposed legislation would authorize the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint the Warden of the County of Simcoe, rather than maintaining the longstanding practice of selection by County Council; and,

Whereas the County of Simcoe is comprised of 16 member municipalities, each represented at County Council, forming a governance model rooted in local representation and accountability to residents; and,

Whereas residents expect that those exercising authority over local decision-making are accountable to the communities they serve, and not appointed by or primarily aligned with the provincial government; and,

Whereas Bill 100 proposes a reduction in County Council composition and introduces the potential for provincially regulated weighted voting, creating uncertainty regarding equitable representation among member municipalities; and,

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Whereas the Province has indicated its intention to extend "Strong Chair" powers to the Warden of the County of Simcoe, thereby concentrating decision-making authority in a single office; and,

Whereas such concentration of authority may alter the balance of municipal governance and reduce the role of council-based decision-making; and,

Whereas the introduction of Strong Chair powers at the upper-tier level may give rise to governance challenges where alignment between the Head of Council, Council, and the communities they serve is not maintained; and,

Whereas municipal professional associations have cautioned that such a governance model may place senior municipal staff in a difficult position that may undermine their neutrality and professionalism, and there continues uncertainty and concern among residents regarding the concentration of authority in a single office and the reduced role of councils; and,

Whereas the Township of Springwater has previously expressed opposition to the expansion of "Strong Mayor" powers and has consistently supported transparent, accountable, and locally driven governance structures that respect the role of elected councils and reflect the interests of residents.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

The Council of the Township of Springwater opposes Bill 100, the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026, in its current form; and,

That Council opposes the appointment of the Warden of the County of Simcoe by the Province, and affirms that the Warden should continue to be selected through a process that ensures accountability to the residents of Simcoe County; and,

That Council opposes the extension of "Strong Chair" powers to the Warden of the County of Simcoe, given the significant shift in governance authority and its potential impacts on local democracy, council function, and municipal administration; and,

That Council expresses concern regarding the potential introduction of provincially regulated weighted voting rules, and the absence of a clearly defined framework ensuring fair and equitable representation for all member municipalities; and,



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That the Government of Ontario be requested to amend Bill 100 to preserve local democratic authority, maintain council-based governance structures, and ensure that upper-tier municipal leadership remains accountable to local councils and communities; and,

That the Government of Ontario be further requested to undertake meaningful consultation with affected municipalities, including the County of Simcoe and its 16 member municipalities, prior to advancing any legislative or regulatory changes impacting municipal governance; and,

That this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the County of Simcoe, and all Ontario municipalities, for their consideration; and,

That this resolution also be shared with local media outlets to reflect community concerns and to clearly communicate the Township of Springwater's position to its residents.

Carried

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Renée Ainsworth'.

Renée Ainsworth

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Corporate Services

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July 8, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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RE: Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on July 8th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

Resolution No: 2026-07-08-16
Moved by: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's resolution regarding Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of the Solicitor General, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP, and MP, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Association of Municipalities in Ontario, Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, Ontario Association of Fire Chief, Renfrew County Fire Chiefs Association and all Municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

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Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



Date: 13 May 2026

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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services In Ontario

WHEREAS Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

AND WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

AND WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately 70–75% of firefighters in Ontario, protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services;

AND WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;

AND WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

AND WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

AND WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to **transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program** that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for **operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario;**

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- The County of Lambton
- Lambton County Fire Chiefs Association
- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:

- Steve Pinnsoneault MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
- Bob Bailey MPP Sarnia-Lambton
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred

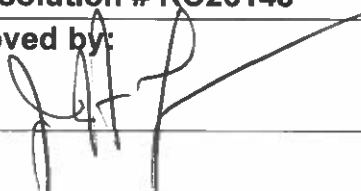
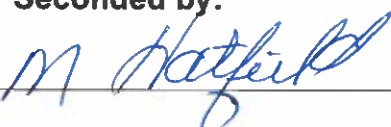


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Resolution # RC26148	Meeting Order:10
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015*;

AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

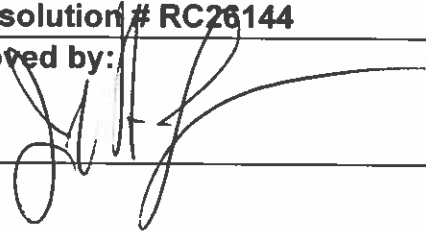
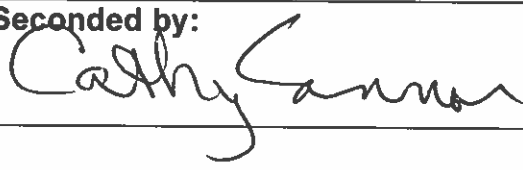


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Resolution # RC26144	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Wawa recognizes that excessive speeding and unsafe driving behaviours continue to pose significant risks to public safety in municipalities across Ontario, including rural and northern communities;

AND WHEREAS protecting pedestrians, cyclists, school-aged children, seniors, and all road users is a priority for municipalities and requires effective traffic calming and speed mitigation measures;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has demonstrated its commitment to improving road safety by providing funding opportunities to municipalities utilizing Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) and other photo radar initiatives;

AND WHEREAS many small, rural, northern and remote municipalities do not have the population base, financial capacity, or legislative authority to implement Automated Speed Enforcement programs, yet continue to experience speeding and road safety concerns requiring effective mitigation;

AND WHEREAS equitable provincial funding should be made available to all municipalities to support alternative traffic calming and speed mitigation measures appropriate to local circumstances, including but not limited to roadway design improvements, traffic calming infrastructure, enhanced signage, speed feedback devices, pedestrian safety improvements, and other proven traffic safety initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board has requested municipalities across Ontario support advocacy to the Province of Ontario for expanded funding opportunities applicable to all municipalities.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa endorses and supports the resolution of the North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board requesting that the Province of Ontario expand its financial commitment for traffic calming and speeding mitigation initiatives to include all municipalities across Ontario, regardless of whether they utilize Automated Speed Enforcement or photo radar programs;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province establish a dedicated, province-wide funding program to assist municipalities in implementing locally appropriate traffic calming and road safety measures that improve public safety;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation;
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
- Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma–Manitoulin;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA);
- The North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board;
- All Ontario OPP Detachment Boards and Police Service Boards; and
- All Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

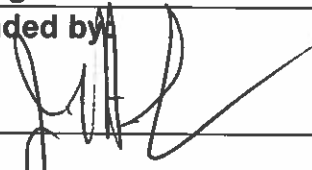


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Resolution # RC26143	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS Ontario's publicly funded hospital system provides essential health care services to residents across the Province, including those living in rural, northern, and remote communities; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), in its report *Failure by Design*, identifies that Ontario hospitals are significantly underfunded compared to the growing demand for health care services, with rural and northern hospitals experiencing disproportionate impacts; and

WHEREAS increasing emergency department wait times, prolonged hospital admission delays, staffing pressures, and limited hospital capacity continue to affect the delivery of timely and accessible health care for Ontario residents; and

WHEREAS residents of the Municipality of Wawa rely on a strong and sustainable rural health care system, and adequate provincial funding is essential to ensure hospitals can continue to provide safe, high-quality care close to home; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands has requested municipalities across Ontario support its call for increased provincial investment in hospital funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports Resolution No. 133-06-2026 passed by the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands requesting that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa urges the Province of Ontario to implement the recommendations identified in the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' report *Failure by Design*, including an immediate investment of \$3.2 billion in Ontario's hospital system, supported by annual funding increases of 6 percent thereafter to address increasing health care costs and demand; and



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
- Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma–Manitoulin;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA);
- The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands; and
- All Ontario municipalities, with a request for their consideration and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
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Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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July 14, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A1

VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Sir:

Re: Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of July 13, 2026:

Whereas intimate partner violence (IPV) is a serious and pervasive public health and safety issue affecting individuals, pregnant women, families, and communities across Ontario and Canada;

And Whereas Statistics Canada reports that approximately 44% of Canadian women have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, while 33% of Canadian women have experienced sexual assault;

And Whereas Indigenous women, pregnant women and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals experience disproportionately high rates of violence, with 61% of Indigenous women and 67% of 2SLGBTQIA+ women having experienced intimate partner violence;

And Whereas according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), 66% of female homicide victims in Canada were killed by an intimate partner;

And Whereas rural communities face an even greater impact, with victims experiencing a 75% higher risk of intimate partner violence;

And Whereas on September 22, 2015, the murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County brought national attention to the devastating consequences of intimate partner violence;

And Whereas the 2022 Renfrew County Joint Inquest into these femicides resulted in 86 recommendations, with Recommendation #1 calling upon the Province of Ontario to formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas despite the findings and recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest, the Province of Ontario has not formally declared intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas police-reported intimate partner violence cases in Ontario increased from 4,450 incidents in 2022 to 5,988 incidents in 2024, representing an 18% increase according to the Ontario Provincial Police Data, Statistics & Analysis Unit;

And Whereas North Simcoe Victim Services reported a 64% increase in intimate partner violence calls between 2023 and 2025, rising from 255 calls to 417 calls;

And Whereas 2025 combined statistics from Violence Against Women agencies serving Orillia, Barrie, Alliston, Collingwood, and Midland recorded:

- 12,870 crisis calls;
- 335 women requiring in-shelter stays;
- 167 children requiring in-shelter stays;
- 1,039 referrals due to agencies reaching capacity limits;

And Whereas the Government of Canada formally recognized intimate partner violence as an epidemic in 2023, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario also declared intimate partner violence an epidemic in 2023;

And Whereas more than 115 municipalities across Ontario, representing over 70% of Ontario's population, have passed motions declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic:

- demonstrates leadership and commitment to addressing the crisis;
- raises public awareness;
- reduces stigma experienced by victims and survivors;
- helps individuals know support services are available;
- strengthens eligibility for provincial funding opportunities for community agencies;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of New Tecumseth formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Further That Council call upon the Province of Ontario to formally recognize intimate partner violence as an epidemic across Ontario;

And Further That the Province be urged to implement the recommendations of the Renfrew County Joint Inquest, including Recommendation #1;

And Further That copies of this resolution be circulated to:

- The Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Solicitor General of Ontario;
- The Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity;
- The Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The County of Simcoe;
- All municipalities within Simcoe County and Ontario;
- Local violence against women and victim support agencies within Simcoe County

Yours truly,

Pam Slowleigh

Pamela Slowleigh
Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk

Cc: Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca
Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, The Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, charmaine.williams@pc.ola.org
MPP Brian Saunderson (Simcoe–Grey), brian.saunderson@pc.ola.org
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), resolutions@amo.on.ca
The County of Simcoe, clerks@simcoe.ca
Local violence against women & victim support agencies within Simcoe County:
Victim Services of Simcoe County, ed@VictimServicesSimcoe.ca,
info@VictimServicesSimcoe.ca
My Sister's Place, pitmsp@mysistersplace.ca
Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie, info@barrieshelter.com
Regional Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centre for Simcoe County and Muskoka, sadvtc@osmh.on.ca
Elizabeth Fry Society Simcoe Muskoka, meaghanc@elizabethfrysociety.com
North Simcoe Victim Services, exdir@ns-vs.com
Huron Transition Homes, admin@rosewood.on.ca
Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle (BRAWC),
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All municipalities within Simcoe County and Ontario



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July 17, 2026

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

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of Township of Ramara, passed the following resolution regarding Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform.

WHEREAS Ontario hospitals continue to experience emergency room overcrowding, staffing shortages, and prolonged wait times that impact timely access to emergency care and place additional strain on patients, healthcare providers, and municipal paramedic services; and

WHEREAS the tragic death of sixteen-year-old Finlay van der Werken, who died in February 2024 after waiting in the emergency department at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, has highlighted the need for stronger provincial standards to improve pediatric emergency care across Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the resolutions of the Township of Ramara, Municipality of Wawa and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus calling on the Province of Ontario to reduce emergency room wait times through increased hospital capacity, enhanced triage protocols, additional healthcare staffing, and improved emergency care resources.

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the introduction of Finlay's Law to strengthen pediatric emergency care through provincial standards for timely access to care, safe staffing levels, independent oversight, and enhanced funding for pediatric emergency services.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council supports requests for the Government of Canada to work with the Province of Ontario to strengthen accountability under the Canada Health Act and support the implementation of consistent national emergency care standards.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Federal Minister of Health, the local MPP and MP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration. Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.



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Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach
/mps

cc: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (sylvia.jones@ontario.ca)
Hon. Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health (hcminister.ministresc@hc-sc.gc.ca)
Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey (Brian.Saunderson@pc.ola.org)
Terry Dowdall, MP for Simcoe-Grey (terry.dowdall@parl.gc.ca)
The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (amo@amo.on.ca)
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Innovative Housing and Support Models for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of the Township of Ramara, passed the following resolution regarding Innovative Housing and Support Models for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

WHEREAS adults with developmental disabilities often experience reduced supports and programming after reaching adulthood, creating challenges for individuals, families, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS there is a growing need for innovative, inclusive, and sustainable housing and support models that promote independence, dignity, community participation, and quality of life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the Township of Ramara and City of Richmond Hill's resolution encouraging the Province of Ontario and municipalities to explore innovative integrated housing and support models for adults with developmental disabilities, including partnerships that enhance access to housing, community services, and meaningful daily participation.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to engage municipalities, developmental service agencies, families, caregivers, and advocacy organizations in evaluating and implementing these models.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Long-Term Care, the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, the local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
(MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca)
Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care (minister.mlrc@ontario.ca)
Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility (MinisterSeniorsAccessibility@ontario.ca)
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July 17, 2026

BY EMAIL ONLY

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Intimate Partner Violence

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of Canadian Federation of University Women Orillia, passed the following resolution regarding Intimate Partner Violence.

WHEREAS intimate partner violence continues to have a significant impact on individuals, families, and communities across Ontario, including the Town of Wasaga Beach;

AND WHEREAS local service providers, community organizations, and law enforcement agencies have reported increasing rates of intimate partner violence and growing demand for victim support services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach hereby declares intimate partner violence to be an epidemic within the Town of Wasaga Beach;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach encourages other municipalities that have not already done so to declare intimate partner violence an epidemic within their communities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach calls upon the Province of Ontario to pass Bill 55 and formally recognize and declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to all 444 municipalities, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of the Solicitor General, and the Premier of Ontario for consideration and support.

Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach
/mps

cc: All Ontario Municipalities
All Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament

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Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;

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Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General; michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; premier@ontario.ca



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July 17, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plant Regulatory Framework

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of the Township of Ramara, passed the following resolution regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plant Regulatory Framework.

WHEREAS invasive plant species pose environmental, infrastructure, and financial challenges for municipalities and property owners; and

WHEREAS preventing the spread of invasive species is more effective and cost-efficient than managing them after they become established;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the Township of Ramara and Town of Halton Hills' resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario modernize Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework, strengthen measures to limit the sale and distribution of invasive plant species, promote native and non-invasive alternatives, and provide municipalities with the tools and resources needed to support prevention.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the appropriate provincial ministries, the local MPP and MP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, and all Ontario municipalities. Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach



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cc: Hon. Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources (minister.mnrf@ontario.ca)
Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Hon. Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (minister.omafa@ontario.ca)
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Village of Sundridge Council Resolution

July 15, 2026

Item (9.5)

Township of Machar Resolution 86-26 – Opposing Changes to FIPPA

Resolution #2026-177

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT Council receives the Township of Machar Resolution 86-26 – Opposing Changes to FIPPA,

AND THAT The Village of Sundridge supports the Township of Machar in their opposition to Changes to FIPPA,

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke(absent)			
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			



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July 17, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of Village of Merrickville-Wolford, passed the following resolution regarding Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation.

WHEREAS speeding continues to pose a significant public safety concern in communities across Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipalities require effective traffic calming measures and sustainable funding to improve road safety and protect all road users, including children and seniors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the resolution of the North Grenville–Merrickville-Wolford OPP Detachment Board requesting that the Province of Ontario expand funding for traffic calming and speeding mitigation initiatives to all municipalities, rather than limiting support to municipalities utilizing automated speed enforcement.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, the local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Provincial Police, all Ontario Police Service Boards, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

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July 20, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Bill Rosenberg MPP Algoma-Manitoulin
All Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE ONTARIO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Please be advised that at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council meeting of June 25, 2026, the following motion was approved:

194-2026 That the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the following motion from the Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands:

WHEREAS the Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has conducted research which unequivocally identifies that Ontario Hospitals are underfunded by the Government of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the CCPA study, Failure by Design, clearly identifies that smaller and rural hospitals are disproportionately disadvantaged by the underfunding;

AND WHEREAS as a direct result of the underfunding Emergency Department wait times for an initial physician assessment have increased to 4.5 hours in 2024 – 2025 from 2.7 hours in 2020 – 2021;

AND WHEREAS 90 percent of patients spend on average 44 hours in the emergency department waiting to be admitted when further care is required;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government increased total health care spending from 7.4 percent of GDP in 2014 to only 7.6 percent of GDP by 2023, which did not keep pace with raising health care costs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Central Manitoulin request that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity, which as per the recommendations in the CCPA study, would require an immediate injection of \$3.2 billion supported by annual increases of 6% per year thereafter.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- *All municipalities*
- *Association of Municipalities of Ontario*
- *Rural Ontario Municipal Association*
- *Bill Rosenberg, MPP Algoma-Manitoulin*
- *The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario...carried.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Deforge", is written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Denise Deforge – CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

cc. File

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July 17, 2026

Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the City of Mississauga requesting a Provincial Review of Benchmarking, Funding Formulas, and Length-of-Stay Standards for Emergency Shelters Serving Women and Children Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence

Please be advised that, at its meeting of July 14, 2026 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the City of Mississauga regarding a Provincial Review of Benchmarking, Funding Formulas, and Length-of-Stay Standards for Emergency Shelters Serving Women and Children Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region
Local MPPs – Jeff Burch, Wayne Gates, Sam Oosterhoff, Jennifer Stevens
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MISSISSAUGA

RESOLUTION 0147-2026
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on June 24, 2026

0147-2026 Moved by: Councillor N. Hart

Seconded by: Councillor C. Fonseca

WHEREAS women and children experiencing intimate partner violence rely on emergency shelters as a critical component of their safety, recovery, and transition to stable housing;

WHEREAS adequate lengths of stay in emergency shelters are often necessary to support safety planning, access to social services, legal supports, mental health resources, and housing stabilization;

WHEREAS funding formulas and service benchmarks directly influence shelter capacity, operations, and the ability of service providers to meet community needs;

Whereas The City of Mississauga declared Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic on September 13th 2023;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario utilize varying approaches to shelter funding and length-of-stay expectations, providing opportunities for benchmarking and best-practice review;

WHEREAS any reductions to funding based on the formulas may have unintended consequences on service levels and the availability of supports for individuals fleeing intimate partner violence;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the local Members of Provincial Parliament requesting a provincial review of benchmarking, funding formulas, and length-of-stay standards for emergency shelters serving women and children experiencing intimate partner violence, with a view to ensuring adequate shelter stays and preventing reductions in funding that could negatively impact service delivery and client outcomes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor C. Parrish				
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor A. Tedjo	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor N. Hart	X			
Councillor J. Horneck	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor M. Reid	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor B. Butt	X			

Carried (11, 0)



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July 17, 2026

Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Caledon requesting Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases

Please be advised that, at its meeting of July 14, 2026 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Caledon regarding Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Peel Public Health
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)
Credit Valley Conservation
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



Annette Groves
Mayor

July 2, 2026

Sent via E-Mail: sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier
Constituency Office
Suite A, 3rd Floor
180 Broadway Ave.
Orangeville, ON L9W 1K3

Dear Deputy Premier Jones,

RE: Motion for Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on June 23, 2026, Council adopted a motion regarding requesting support to combat tick borne diseases.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the prevalence of ticks, including those known to carry Lyme disease, and other Vector borne diseases have increased across Ontario;

Whereas Lyme disease diagnoses have increased by 27% in 2024 to 2369 (Public Health Agency of Canada, PHAC);

Whereas residents across Caledon have registered growing concerns about public health risks associated with tick exposure in parks, trails and residential areas;

Whereas municipalities have limited jurisdiction and resources to effectively manage tick populations on a broad ecological scale;

Whereas the Government of Ontario is responsible for public health policy, environmental management and vector-borne disease prevention and detection;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Caledon Town Council formally requests that the Government of Ontario investigate and implement measures to reduce burgeoning tick populations and to mitigate their associated public health risks; and

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That such measures may include safe and effective tick control methods, public education campaigns and coordinated regional strategies; and

That the Province consider increased funding and support for local public health units to address tick-borne disease prevention; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Kiernan Moore, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, Peel Public Health, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all 444 municipalities across Ontario.

For more information regarding this request, please contact the undersigned by email to mayor@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4155.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

CC:

Chief Medical Officer of Health Kieran.Moore@ontario.ca

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Peel Public Health info@peelregion.ca

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MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 265-26

Date: Jul 21, 2026

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Resolution from the Town of Whitby regarding a Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, TBDML, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Leader of the Official Opposition, and all Ontario municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 1X8

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June 25, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 166-26:

Whereas local councils are elected by residents to make planning decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of their communities;

Whereas municipalities rely on extensive public consultation, professional planning advice, engineering studies, and technical reports when making land-use decisions;

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process;

Whereas lengthy and costly appeals can delay housing projects, consume municipal resources, and reduce the ability of municipalities to focus on delivering services to residents; and,

Whereas local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies, and sound planning principles.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies;

2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans;
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned;
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process; and,
5. That Staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4300.



Kathryn Douglas
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Copy: C. Harris, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk - clerk@whitby.ca

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - minister.mah@ontario.ca
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 Robin Jones, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario - amopresident@amo.on.ca
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July 21, 2026

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

**Re: Letter of Support – Appeal to Attorney General of Ontario for Review
and Reform of Provincial Offences System**

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Please be advised that the Huron OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution at their July 20, 2026, Meeting:

Resolution: 37-2026

Moved by: Member Lamport

Seconded by: Member Anderson

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's May 26, 2026 correspondence regarding Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques; and

That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster
Administrator (Municipality of South Huron)
Huron OPP Detachment Board
kwebster@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 extension 232

Encl.

cc:

Minister of Transportation, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria;

prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org

Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy;

peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org

MP for Huron-Bruce, Ben Lobb; ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca

MPP for Huron-Bruce, Lisa Thompson; lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org

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May 26, 2026

Re: OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its Regular Meeting on May 25, 2026, passed the following motion pertaining to the OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques:

Resolution #: R-24-05-25-26

Moved by: Councillor Maitland

Seconded by: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the resolution from the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board dated May 7, 2026 regarding traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the resolution from the OPP Detachment Board and direct staff to circulate the resolution of support to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MPP Steve Clark, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards, and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca.

Thank you.

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman
Clerk



May 7, 2026

Traffic Calming/Speeding Mitigation Techniques

The North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board, at its Meeting on May 7, 2026, passed the following motion with the request for municipal support:

Moved by: Ian Fraser

Seconded by: Jim Goodman

WHEREAS history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing across Ontario;

WHEREAS the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

WHEREAS this commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

AND WHEREAS such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grenville 1 OPP Detachment Board respectfully request North Grenville and Merrickville-Wolford Councils advocate that the province expand its stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the following:

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Transportation

Minister of Finance

MPP Steve Clark

AMO

ROMA

All Ontario Police Service Boards

And all 444 Municipalities in Ontario

Carried.

Eric Jolliffe, O.O.M, MA, BA, CMM III
Chairman and CEO



The Regional Municipality of York
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July 17, 2026

Hon. Michael Parsa
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
438 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M5G 2K8
ministerMCCSS@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Parsa:

Re: Request to Support Seniors and Ease System Pressures

On behalf of York Regional Council and The Regional Municipality of York, I am writing to seek your partnership in advancing solutions that ease current pressures and support seniors to age in the right place.

York Region is committed to working collaboratively with the Governments of Canada and Ontario to take decisive action in response to our rapidly growing seniors population. York Region is home to nearly 200,000 residents aged 65 and older. By 2051, nearly one in four residents (24%) will be aged 65+, with the population of those 75+ expected to triple. Like many jurisdictions across Canada and Ontario, this demographic shift is significantly impacting health, housing and social services and requires coordinated, targeted solutions. For example:

- York Region saw a 20% increase in applicants on the subsidized housing waitlist from 2024 to 2025, with approximately 33% of that list being seniors aged 60+
- Approximately 45% of paramedic calls in 2024 and 2025 involved seniors aged 65+
- Waitlists for York Region's two municipal long-term care homes increased by 28% (from 1,625 to 2,080) between January 2022 and October 2025

To support our shared goal of improving quality of life for seniors while reducing system pressures at all levels, we are calling on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to advance five priority areas outlined in the enclosed document, *Strengthening Seniors' Health and Well-Being in York Region*. These priorities are informed by evidence and extensive consultation with community members and partners during the development of the 2024 to 2027 York Region Plan to Support Seniors: *Navigating Forward Together*, which was approved by Regional Council in 2024.

The Plan reflects a coordinated, prevention-focused approach to improving outcomes for seniors and caregivers, while reducing reliance on higher-cost services such as emergency departments, hospitalizations and long-term care. The five priority areas are:

1. Sustain and expand funding for Community Paramedicine to support seniors at home and reduce avoidable emergency and hospital use
2. Establish a provincial coordinating body for seniors' programs and services to improve planning, access and equity

3. Expand digital access and literacy for seniors to support care access, system navigation and social connection
4. Support annual in-home or virtual preventive health visits for seniors aged 75+ to identify risks early and prevent crisis
5. Strengthen long-term policy planning and funding for seniors' housing, health and social care to reduce system demand

These priorities represent practical, evidence-informed actions that improve outcomes for seniors while easing pressure across the broader system.

We welcome the opportunity to advance these priorities together in support of sustainable, system-wide solutions. Please contact Julia Roitenberg, General Manager, Paramedic and Seniors Services, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74024 or Julia.Roitenberg@york.ca to arrange a meeting or discuss further.

Sincerely,



Eric Jolliffe

York Region Chairman and CEO

Attachment: Strengthening Seniors Health and Well-Being in York Region

Copy to:

- York Region Members of Parliament
- York Region Members of Provincial Parliament
- York Region lower-tier municipalities
- York Region Human Services Planning Board
- Ontario Health at Home – Central Ontario Health Teams
- York Region Hospital CAO's
- Ontario Health Central Region
- AdvantAge Ontario
- Ontario Long-Term Care Association
- Ontario Community Support Association
- Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Lina Bigioni, Chief of Staff, Office of the Regional Chairman and CEO, York Region
- Erin Mahoney, Chief Administrative Officer, York Region

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Strengthening Seniors' Health and Well-Being in York Region

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York Region's rapidly growing seniors population is increasing pressure on health, housing and social services.

Supporting seniors to age in the right place is essential to promoting independence and well-being, strengthening care experiences and helping to ease pressures across the broader system.

Five Priority Actions to Support Seniors and Relieve System Pressures

1. Sustain and expand funding for Community Paramedicine

As health care evolves, there is a growing need for more integrated community-based care. By providing proactive assessments, treatment and connections to care, Community Paramedicine programs support seniors to receive care in the community, easing pressure on the health care system.



- York Region delivered over 4,000 Community Paramedicine supportive interactions in 2025

The Province's announcement in 2025 of permanent funding for Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care is an important milestone. Funding for all Community Paramedicine programs should keep pace with population growth and evolving community needs. Continued investment is needed to ensure sustainable operations, resource stability and alignment with evolving provincial priorities.

Outcome: Reduced Emergency Department pressures, improved care at home, optimized paramedic resources, aging in the right place and delayed entry into higher cost institutional care



By 2051, nearly one in four residents (24%) will be aged 65 and over, with the 75+ population expected to triple.

What we have done so far

York Region's **2024 to 2027 Plan to Support Seniors** responds to current and future needs of an aging population. The Plan promotes health, dignity and well-being across the aging continuum. The Region takes a coordinated, prevention-focused approach within its municipal responsibilities, while working with the Province and federal partners where system alignment, leadership and investment are needed.

York Region was formally recognized by the Province of Ontario as an Age-Friendly Community through its Plan to Support Seniors in January 2026

York Region:

- Promotes **healthy aging** to keep seniors healthier, longer
- Supports **age-friendly, complete communities** and better local integration
- Strengthens **system navigation**, helping seniors access the right programs at the right time
- **Collaborates** with health, housing, municipal and community partners to drive shared outcomes

2. Establish a provincial coordinating body for seniors' programs and services

Seniors and caregivers face a fragmented care system. A provincial coordinating body, acting as a seniors' secretariat, would align planning and funding across health, housing and social care, strengthening Ontario Health Teams' efforts and improving access and equity.

Outcome: A connected, person-centred system with shared accountability and equity for seniors and caregivers

3. Expand digital access and literacy for seniors

Digital health and virtual care are core provincial strategies to increase access and efficiency—but digital exclusion among seniors reduces their impact.



- Nearly 20% of York Region seniors struggle with digital technology
- Digital barriers limit access to virtual care, health literacy, social connection and online services

Targeted investments are needed in device affordability, broadband access, senior-friendly virtual training and pathways.

Outcome: Improved health and well-being, access to care, stronger health system navigation and reduced isolation

4. Fund annual in-home or virtual preventive health visits for seniors 75+

Proactive, low-cost prevention delivers high system value. Annual in-home or virtual check-ins by health professionals can identify potential risks early before crises occur.



- An average [Emergency Department visit](#) costs approximately \$300–\$350
- [Falls among older adults](#) cost the Canadian health care system about \$2.8 billion annually

Outcome: Fewer preventable Emergency Department visits, safer aging at home, delayed hospitalization and long-term care admission, and improved caregiver well-being

5. Strengthen long-term policy planning and funding for seniors' health, housing and social care

Seniors' housing is health infrastructure. Stable, affordable housing supports aging at home and reduces pressure on hospitals and long-term care. Integrated, multi-year planning and shared investment are needed across levels of government. York Region continues to advocate for:



- A shared funding model where each level of government provides one-third capital funding
- Expanding and maintaining housing benefits, such as making the Canada–Ontario Housing Benefit permanent
- Increased investment to support low-income seniors in the private rental market

Outcome: Housing that supports health and social connection, delays institutional care and reduces hospital alternate level-of-care pressures



The Corporation of the Township of
NORTH STORMONT
RESOLUTION

Date: July 21, 2026

Resolution No. 185-2026

MOVED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
 Deputy Mayor S. Densham
 Councillor A. Bugelli
 Councillor A. McDonald
 Councillor C. Shane



SECONDED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
 Deputy Mayor S. Densham
 Councillor A. Bugelli
 Councillor A. McDonald
 Councillor C. Shane



WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;

AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH STORMONT supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Executive Director of MFOA, Donna Herridge, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all municipalities in Ontario.



Township of Central Frontenac
Office of the Clerk

I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution, approved by Township of Central Frontenac Council at its Regular Meeting of Council held July, 14, 2026, regarding Support for MFOA: Making Permanent the Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Motion No. 2026-267

Moved by: Lynn Klages; seconded by: Phillip Smith

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Township of Central Frontenac supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, and the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy.

Dated at Sharbot Lake, Ontario

This 28th day of July, 2026



Jody Legue, Deputy Clerk



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July 28, 2026

Premier Doug Ford
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Sent by Email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

RE: Clearview Council Support Resolution – Request for Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Please be advised that at its meeting held on July 27, 2026, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting the Huronia West O.P.P Detachment Board in their request for traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques.

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Whereas history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing across Ontario;

Whereas the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

Whereas the commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

And Whereas such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the Huronia West O.P.P. Detachment Board in their request for the Province of Ontario to expand their stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

And That this resolution be sent to the following:

- Premier Doug Ford
- Minister of Transportation
- Minister of Finance

- MPP Brian Saunderson
- AMO
- ROMA
- All 444 Municipalities in Ontario

Motion carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Hon. Steven MacKinnon, The Minister of Transport
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, The Minister of Finance
Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament – Simcoe-Grey
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Via: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Honorable Todd McCarthy

Subject: Request for Review of Extended Producer Responsibility for One-Pound Single-Use Propane Cylinders

Dear Sir,

I am writing to request that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA) undertake a review of the current regulatory framework governing one-pound single-use propane cylinders sold in Ontario.

Consumers purchasing these cylinders pay environmental stewardship or producer responsibility costs at the point of sale with the expectation that an appropriate end-of-life management system exists. In practice, however, accessible return and recycling opportunities for these cylinders are extremely limited across many parts of the province. Most retail locations that sell the cylinders do not accept them back, and consumers are often left with few or no practical disposal options.

As a result, municipalities have become the default managers of these products. Municipal waste facilities bear the responsibility, cost, and safety risks associated with collecting, storing, and managing these pressurized cylinders despite not being the producers or distributors of the product. Improper disposal also creates significant operational hazards at material recovery facilities, transfer stations, and landfills, including the risk of fires and equipment damage.

This situation appears inconsistent with the principles of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), which are intended to shift the financial and operational responsibility for post-consumer products from municipalities and taxpayers to producers. When consumers contribute to environmental handling costs at the time of purchase, there should be a convenient, accessible, and effective collection system available to ensure the product is managed responsibly at the end of its useful life.

I respectfully request that the Ministry and RPRA review the current requirements applicable to one-pound propane cylinders and consider the following:

- Assess whether the existing producer responsibility system provides sufficient and accessible return opportunities for consumers throughout Ontario.
- Evaluate whether the fees collected from consumers are being used to establish an effective province-wide collection and recycling network.





- Require producers and retailers to provide convenient and publicly accessible take-back locations wherever these products are sold.
- Review whether municipalities are being unfairly burdened with the costs and liabilities associated with managing these products.
- Consider regulatory amendments to strengthen producer accountability and ensure the objectives of Ontario's circular economy and waste diversion policies are being achieved.

Municipalities should not be left to absorb the financial costs, operational challenges, and public safety risks associated with products for which producers have collected environmental stewardship fees. A well-functioning producer responsibility system should ensure that consumers have practical disposal options and that municipalities are not forced to subsidize the end-of-life management of these products.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further or provide examples of the challenges municipalities continue to face regarding the management of one-pound propane cylinders.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carrol
 CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
 Tudor and Cashel Township

Cc: Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPR): registry@rpra.ca
 Premier Doug Ford: Premier@ontario.ca
 All municipalities





The Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand

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July 30, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
 Prime Minister of Canada
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 80 Wellington Street
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
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Dear Right Honourable Mark Carney,

Re: Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick Haldimand passed the following resolution at their July 28, 2026, Municipal Planning/Regular Council Meeting:

RES:20260728-38

That the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand participate in the “Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute”; and

That Council request the Province of Ontario continue to support initiatives that recognize, educate and preserve the history; and

That Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand respectfully urge the Government of Canada to issue a formal public apology to the British Home Children and Child Migrants and their families for Canada’s role in the British Child Migration Scheme; and





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That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister responsible for Canadian Heritage, the local Member of Parliament, the Premier of Ontario, the local members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, FCM, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

Regards,

Cassidy Sweet

Cassidy Sweet

Deputy Clerk

Township of Alnwick/Haldimand

Encl.

Cc Honourable Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Official Opposition

Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture

Philip Lawrence, Northumberland – Peterborough South

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

David Piccini, MPP Northumberland – Peterborough South

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British Home Children⁶³ Advocacy & Research Association

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Press Release

Regarding: Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants Sesquicentennial International Tribute

From 1869 right up to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated right across Canada, from the United Kingdom, to be used as indentured farm workers and domestics. Believed by Canadians to be orphans, only two percent truly were. These children, known as the British Home Children ("BHC") and Child Migrants, were sent to Canada by over 50 organizations including the well-known and still working charities: Barnardo's, The Salvation Army, Quarrier's and Fairbridge, to name a few. BHC are an integral part of the fabric of our nation - often, rightfully, called Canada's Nation Builders. Their vast contributions to our country should never be forgotten. Descendants of BHC, number in the millions in Canada alone!

The British Home Children Advocacy and Research Association ("BHCARA") is a Canadian based not for profit organization dedicated to the story of Canada's British Home Children (BHC). Founded in 2012 by Barrie, Ontario's Lori Oschefski, the BHCARA now reaches thousands of people through their Facebook group of over 6,700 members and their mailing list of over 4,000 subscribers. Our website now has over 1 million hits and we have a high media presence. The mandate of the organization is to promote the story of the British Home Children, to advocate for those who no longer have a voice and to provide free research help to those seeking their family histories; often providing closure from painful pasts.

On November 8, 1869 the very first party of BHC arrived in Canada, making 2019 the 150th anniversary of this arrival. The date of September 28th has been chosen for a special international tribute as this date is commemorated nationally as British Home Child Day in Canada; a unanimous passage of MP Guy Lauzon's private member's motion M-133 in the House of Commons, Feb. 7, 2018. This initiative for this tribute started when BHCARA member Kim Crowder approached MS. Oschefski for support in the illumination of the High Level Bridge in her city of Edmonton, Alberta. Since then, many members have become involved reaching out in their communities for support. BHCARA member Tracy Smithers contacted Her Majesty the Queen and received a prompt letter of support back from her!

The BHCARA is asking communities to participate in the "**Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute**" by illuminating memorials, monuments, buildings, City Halls or other areas with the colours of the BHCARA; red, white and blue. Cities and towns are also participating by proclaiming this day as "British Home Child Day" in their community. Some cities are sharing this message on their digital billboards.

The tribute is a symbolic gesture showing these children, in their sesquicentennial year, are not forgotten. Many Canadian and UK cities have agreed to participate with over sixty-five supporters to date, including the iconic Niagara Falls, Toronto's CN Tower, The Northern Lights Display in Vancouver and St. Andrews House - Head Quarters of the Scottish Government in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Town of Midland and Orillia are participating by proclaiming September 28th as BHC Day in their cities. A full listing of our supporters can be viewed at www.britishhomechildren.com.

The BHC are a critical part of our nation's fabric, this country was built on the backs of these children. We would appreciate your support in sharing the news of this important and extraordinary tribute to Canada's Nation Builders. A history of the British Home Children follows.

Very best regards
Lori Oschefski
CEO BHCARA
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The History of The British Home Children

By Roberta Horrox

The British Child Migration Scheme officially started in Canada, in 1869, when Maria Rye arrived with sixty-eight children from England. In Canada, the children from this scheme became known as British Home Children. Maria Rye's idea grew to over fifty organizations sending over 100,000 to Canada between 1869 and 1948. These children ranged from a few months to 18 years of age; being sent to Canada to work as indentured labourers and servants. The child migration scheme was supported by both British and Canadian governments which paid organizations for each child sent, additional bonus fees were paid for sending more children; however, no bonus was paid for children from workhouses. This scheme was viewed as a win-win situation, as Britain reduced the cost of caring for many poor destitute children; while Canada gained cheap labour for a country that was just starting to expand. While many believe the children were orphans this was not the case, as only 2% were true orphans; the majority were from single parent families, most often due to a parent dying or from families that were poor and destitute. Many factors led to Britain having so many poor, destitute people. These children through no fault of their own were caught up in this tragedy. As child migration to Canada came to a halt, it increased to Australia with approximately 7,000 children being sent there. Child migration to Australia ended in 1970s. The major difference was that children sent to Australia were most often institutionalized. New Zealand took in 549 child migrants, with fewer children being sent to Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and Cape of Good Hope Colony in South Africa.

In Canada, while some of the children were treated well, most were seen as nothing more than cheap labour, some suffered abuse; some cases of horrific abuse resulted in death. Whether these children were treated well or abused one thing in common is the feeling of loss; loss of family, friends, country and culture. Some were sent to homes that didn't speak English. Often told by sending agencies that they were unwanted, uncared for, or that their parents had died, while their parent(s) were told they were adopted by good British families. If siblings arrived in Canada together they were more often than not separated once they got here. Although checks were suppose to take place on a regular basis, things fell short due to vast number of children, lack of enforcement, shortage of inspectors, the immense distance, and difficulty traveling to remote places in order to perform the checks on the children. When inspectors did visit, the children didn't necessary get to speak to, or even see, the inspector; and if they did it often occurred with the master present. Therefore the children would hide the truth for fear of being reprimanded or further abuse.

Many British Home Children were stigmatized by members of the communities they came to live in, often being told they were street rats, guttersnipes and a multitude of other derogatory terms. If a British Home Child lived in a community and something bad happened, usually a British Home Child was blamed. They had no one to turn too, no one to stick up for them, they suffered in silence. As a survival mechanism they shut down, blocking memories; they became silent of their trauma, silent of any abuse; silent and ashamed of their past, and their lives as British Home Children. Most carried this stigmatism throughout their lives, refusing to tell even their immediate family where they had come from. Some children had their names changed or spelling of names became corrupted, while some where too young to know their correct names, birthday dates, or the names of their parents. These children were not given the necessary documents to prove who they were; this became an issue when they became older wanted to travel, or needed proof of identity such as applying for pension. The children were promised an education, the vast majority did not receive the education promised. Silently and unwittingly aspects of their traumatic experiences were often passed down to their children. For instance, as a corruption of their BHC experience, when they became older with families of their own they were unable to show love or affection for their own children. During WWI nearly every eligible British Home Boy voluntarily signed up for the Canadian Expedition Force; 1,000 Home Boys paid the ultimate sacrifice. The most common date of death was April 9, 1917, the first day of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

In Nov 2009, then Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, issued an apology for their role in the Child Migration Scheme; then in Feb 2010, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown issued an apology for Britain's role. In Canada, Canadian Parliament declared 2010 Year of the British Home Child. On Feb 16, 2017 the Canadian House of Commons issued an apology and on Feb 7, 2018 MP Guy Lauzon's private member's motion M-133 was unanimous passed making Sept 28th, National British Home Child Day in Canada. To date our prime minister has not issued an official apology on behalf of the government.



On January 31, 2019, the Government of the United Kingdom issued a press release entitled “Ex-Gratia Payment Scheme for former British Child Migrants” to compensate former child migrants that were still alive on March 1, 2018, “in recognition of the fundamentally flawed nature of the historic child migration policy”. In a background Statement, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse Interim (UK) report stated, “The Government has long acknowledged and accepted, assessment at the time of the national apology in 2010 and went further, calling it a ‘shameful episode of history’ and this failure in the first duty of a nation, which is to protect its children”. For the Child Migrants sent to Canada this payment is much too late, as so few are still living.

BHC organizations in Canada, and Child Migrant organizations in Australia and the UK that have been formed to give voices to all British Child Migrants. These organizations were formed to help educate the public on The British Child Migration Scheme, as well as help descendants search and reconnect with lost family members. Of note, “The Guest Children” who were children sent to Canada by their parents for protection during the war are not part of the British Child Migration Scheme. The two are entirely different, but often misconstrued.

With this year being the 150th anniversary of British Home Children in Canada; work continues to give these children their voices.

The following website is excellent resource: British Home Child Advocacy and Research (BHCARA) - CEO Lori Oschefski website <https://www.britishhomechildren.com> BHCARA also has a facebook group



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The Honourable Rob Flack,
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July 29, 2026

RE: Town of Whitby's resolution regarding the Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on July 15, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-223:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.13 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports Town of Whitby's resolution regarding the Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: C. Harris, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk - clerk@whitby.ca



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June 25, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 166-26:

Whereas local councils are elected by residents to make planning decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of their communities;

Whereas municipalities rely on extensive public consultation, professional planning advice, engineering studies, and technical reports when making land-use decisions;

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process;

Whereas lengthy and costly appeals can delay housing projects, consume municipal resources, and reduce the ability of municipalities to focus on delivering services to residents; and,

Whereas local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies, and sound planning principles.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies;

2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans;
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned;
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process; and,
5. That Staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4300.



Kathryn Douglas
Supervisor, Legislative Services
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July 31, 2026

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Re: Heads and Beds Payment-in-lieu of Taxes Program – Municipal Collaboration Opportunity

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their July 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

301-2026

Moved By: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

That South Huron Council support the June 24, 2026 Correspondence of the Town of Penetanguishene resolution regarding Heads and Beds in-lieu of taxes; and
That staff participate in the joint discussion; and
That this supporting resolution be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson, Administrative Assistant
 Municipality of South Huron
sjohnson@southhuron.ca
 519-235-0310 x. 225

Encl.

cc:
 all municipalities in Ontario



June 24, 2026

To: Ontario municipalities affected by the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes Program

RE: Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes Program – Municipal Collaboration Opportunity

On behalf of the Town of Penetanguishene, I am writing to share the enclosed Council resolution regarding the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program and to invite your municipality to participate in a collective discussion on this matter.

The Heads and Beds PILT program, originally established in 1970 and last updated in 1987, to \$75 per head/bed for provincially owned institutional facilities. As you may be aware, this rate has remained unchanged for nearly four decades and has not kept pace with inflation, municipal service responsibilities, or other Provincial PILT programs.

As a result, municipalities hosting these facilities continue to experience growing financial pressures, as the funding received does not reflect the true cost of providing essential municipal services.

The Town of Penetanguishene has made continuous efforts over several years to seek a fair and reasonable resolution to this matter, including multiple delegations with the Ministry of Finance. Despite these efforts, the current system remains, in our view, both outdated and inequitable.

We recognize that Penetanguishene is not alone in facing these challenges. Other municipalities across Ontario may be experiencing similar financial impacts as a result of this outdated program. As part of our ongoing advocacy efforts, we are reaching out to municipalities that receive Heads and Beds PILT funding to gauge interest in participating in a collective discussion. The intent is to determine whether there is a shared municipal interest in pursuing a collaborative advocacy approach with the Provincial Government to seek a complete review of the program and a fair and equitable solution.

If your municipality is interested in taking part in a joint discussion, or if you wish to share your experience on this issue, we welcome the opportunity to connect. Please confirm your municipalities interest by emailing our Executive Assistant, Emily Dermott-Simpson at edermott-simpson@penetanguishene.ca.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your leadership and look forward to hearing from you.





Sincerely,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

Doug Rawson, Mayor
Town of Penetanguishene





COUNCIL RESOLUTION FORM

Date: May 5, 2026 **Disposition:** CARRIED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor D. La Rose **Item No.:** 10 vi.

Seconded by: Councillor G. Vadeboncoeur

Description: Resolution – Heads and Beds In-Lieu of Taxes

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes program was established in 1970 at a fixed rate of \$25 per full-time university student, increased to \$50 in 1973 when hospitals and provincial correctional facilities were included, and last increased in 1987 to \$75 per head/bed; and

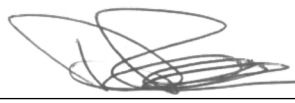
WHEREAS the fixed rate has remained unchanged for nearly four decades and has not kept pace with inflation, which would place the rate at approximately \$180 today; and

WHEREAS the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes has also not kept pace with provincially mandated municipal service responsibilities or other Provincial payment-in-lieu programs that are based on property assessment and municipal tax rates; and

WHEREAS the Town of Penetanguishene has formally requested regulatory amendments through multiple delegations with the Ministry of Finance, seeking a fair and reasonable resolution to the current situation, which the Town considers to be unfair and unreasonable; and

WHEREAS the Town is of the opinion that a complete and thorough review of the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes program is necessary to ensure municipalities and

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
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	Yea	Nay
S. Marchand		
B. Waters		
G. Vadeboncoeur		
D. La Rose		
B. Desroches		
D. Leroux		
D. Rawson		


MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

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 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated
 he/her/their seat(s) abstained from
 discussion and did not vote.



local taxpayers are treated fairly and equitably in relation to the costs associated with provincially owned facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene direct staff to circulate this resolution to affected municipalities across the Province of Ontario to gauge interest in participating in a collective lobbying initiative regarding the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of this outreach is to determine whether there is shared municipal interest in pursuing collaborative advocacy with the Provincial Government to seek a fair and equitable approach to the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes program.

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
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	Yea	Nay
S. Marchand		
B. Waters		
G. Vadeboncoeur		
D. La Rose		
B. Desroches		
D. Leroux		
D. Rawson		


MAYOR

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July 31, 2026

Via email; doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
 Room 281
 Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their July 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

300-2026

Moved By: Jim Dietrich

Seconded by: Aaron Neeb

That South Huron Council supports the June 23, 2026 correspondence of the Township of North Stormount regarding the Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, AMO, ROMA, MPAC, WOWC, MPP Thompson and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson, Administrative Assistant
 Municipality of South Huron
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Encl.

cc:

Premier Ford, doug.fordco@pc.ola.org; Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org; AMO resolutions@amo.on.ca; ROMA, roma@roma.on.ca; Joyce Gravelle, joyce.gravelle@mpac.ca; info@wowc.org; MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org and all municipalities in Ontario.



The Corporation of the Township of
NORTH STORMONT
RESOLUTION

Date: June 23, 2026

Resolution No. 163-2026

MOVED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
 Deputy Mayor S. Densham
 Councillor A. Bugelli
 Councillor A. McDonald
 Councillor C. Shane

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SECONDED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
 Deputy Mayor S. Densham
 Councillor A. Bugelli
 Councillor A. McDonald
 Councillor C. Shane

 _____ *AD*

BE it resolved that the Council of the Township of North Stormont support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution 2026-03: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle, as presented.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; the Ontario Big City Mayors; the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus; the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and all EOWC municipalities."

☒ CARRIED ☐ DEFEATED ☐ DEFERRED

Landry

 Chair

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: _____

☐ Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest

☐ Vacated His/Her/Their Seat

RECORDED VOTE

Councillor C. Shane	_____
Councillor A. McDonald	_____
Councillor A. Bugelli	_____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham	_____
Mayor F. Landry	_____


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July 31, 2026

 Via email: rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 17th Floor
 777 Bay Street
 Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Dear Hon. Rob Flack,

Re: Permanent Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their July 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

299-2026

Moved By: Ted Oke

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

That South Huron Council supports the June 25, 2026 correspondence and proposed resolution of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario regarding making permanent the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, MPP Thompson and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson, Administrative Assistant
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Encl.

cc:

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack, rob.flack@pc.ola.org;
Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org;
MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org and all municipalities in
Ontario.

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Acting Minister of Infrastructure
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

June 25, 2026

Dear Minister McCarthy,

RE: Making permanent the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation

I am writing on behalf of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario, and the municipalities it serves, to request that the Government of Ontario make permanent the five-year doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200 million/year to \$400 million/year in advance of the 2027 OCIF allocation calculations.

The Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) is the professional association of municipal finance officers with more than 2,300 individual members. We represent individuals who are responsible for handling the financial affairs of municipalities and who are key advisors to councils. MFOA is a strong advocate for best practices that encourage long-term fiscal sustainability, including long-term financial planning and asset management planning.

In recent years, governments at all levels have reoriented their priorities to address the ongoing housing crisis, with heightened attention on growth-related infrastructure and increasing housing production. Application-based or incentive-based funding programs for municipalities have placed greater emphasis on growth-related or housing-enabling capital projects (e.g., Development Charge Reduction Program, Building Communities Strong Fund – Community Stream, Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, Building Faster Fund). OCIF remains one of the few federal or provincial funding programs where the focus remains primarily on the preservation and renewal of existing infrastructure to maintain or improve municipal service levels.

With support from the Government of Ontario and MFOA, municipalities have made significant improvements to their municipal asset management plans and programs. The Government of Ontario introduced O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) in late 2017, which provided a standard framework for infrastructure planning. To support the transition to O. Reg. 588/17, MFOA has partnered with the Government of Ontario on many asset management initiatives, including guides, workshops, direct consulting support and other resources. As a result of these and significant municipal efforts, most municipalities in Ontario have an asset management inventory that identifies their infrastructure assets, including conditions, replacement costs and renewal schedules of those assets.

By leveraging municipal asset management plans in 2020, the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario estimated the state-of-good-repair backlog to be \$52.1 billion for core municipal infrastructure. That is an estimated cost of restoring such infrastructure to a 'good' condition. The report notably focused primarily on core assets and thus likely understated the full extent of the backlog. Addressing this should not be a priority that falls by the wayside due to an increased focus on growth-related capital projects by other funding programs. OCIF's flexible design provides municipalities with the opportunity to fund asset management staff, which can improve data and analysis quality, and it provides a critical means by which municipalities address the infrastructure funding challenges identified in their asset management plans.

In 2021, the Government of Ontario doubled OCIF for a five-year period. Minister Surma, in announcing that initiative, commented that the Government of Ontario was "providing stability and predictability to small, rural and northern communities as they repair, upgrade and modernize their critical infrastructure so that they are safer, healthier and more reliable for all." And Minister Bethlenfalvy said that "by nearly doubling our investment in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, our government is supporting public safety, job creation and economic growth." In the current climate of geopolitical uncertainty, tariffs and the resulting economic shocks and instability, the need to provide municipalities predictability and to preserve and enhance the economic activity and benefits provided by well-supported and well-maintained municipal infrastructure is as imperative as it was in 2021.

We have also heard from our members on this matter. Municipalities outside of high-growth regions have expressed concern about the diminishing level of grant funding opportunities for municipalities trying to preserve the economic value of their existing infrastructure. Additionally, while growing municipalities have made significant efforts to emplace new, housing-enabling infrastructure, which has been rewarded through the Building Faster Fund, many of their state-of-good-repair capital plans remain underfunded. To maximize the economic potential of federal and provincial investment in infrastructure, all orders of government must work together to preserve service levels and the public value of existing infrastructure, and permanently doubling OCIF to \$400 million/year will especially help small and rural municipalities preserve that economic foundation throughout Ontario.

By adopting a Team Ontario approach during recent and ongoing economic challenges, we have seen how significant progress can be made when municipalities and the provincial government work together to achieve a common goal. Should you wish to follow up on this letter, please contact MFOA Executive Director, Donna Herridge (donna@mfoa.on.ca).

Sincerely,



Dr. Adam Found, Ph.D., PLE
President and Chair

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance



July 27, 2026

Sent to: info@naccacommunity.ca

Dear Jerisha Grant-Hall

**RE: Proclamation, Lighting and Flag Raising Request – August 1, 2026 –
Emancipation Day**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize August 1, 2026 as Emancipation Day.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in green on July 31, 2026 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

In addition, the flag pole located at Peace Park (Cane Parkway) will fly your flag from July 31, 2026 to August 3, 2026.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



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Dear Jerisha Grant-Hall

RE: Proclamation, Lighting and Flag Raising Request – August 1, 2026 – Emancipation Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim August 1, 2026 as Emancipation Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in green on July 31, 2026 to recognize Emancipation Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

In addition, the community flag pole located at Peace Park (Cane Parkway) will fly your flag from July 31, 2026 to August 3, 2026 to recognize Emancipation Day. Please note that the flag must be dropped off at the Town of Newmarket Municipal Offices by 4:00 PM on July 29, 2026 ATTN: Facilities Services. Alternatively, you can leave it in the drop off box at the front of the building after 4:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator