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May 7, 2026

Hon. Graham McGregor
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
56 Wellesley St. West
TORONTO ON M7A 3E7

Via Email: graham.mcgregor@ontario.ca

RE: Request to Extend the Provincial Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution at their April 20, 2026 regular meeting:

MOVED: Councillor Hessel **SECONDED:** Councillor Whetstone
THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Bluewater respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027, deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and

THAT the Province extend the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration. **CARRIED.**

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander
Acting CAO
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPP Lisa Thompson
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Community Heritage Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



Certificate of Appreciation

Township of Georgian Bay

In recognition of your outstanding contribution to organ and tissue donation and transplantation – Georgian Bay's 50% donor registration rate places it among Ontario's leading communities for organ and tissue donation.

April 2026

**NOTICE of PASSING of an Amendment to the
Community Planning Permit By-law 2021-111**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays passed

By-law 2026-064
on the 28th day of April, 2026

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect to this By-law Amendment may be made by a specified person or public body by filing a notice of appeal with the Township Clerk via the Ontario Land Tribunal e-file service no later than 4:00PM on:

May 21st, 2026

APPEAL TO THE OLT: If you wish to appeal the decision of Council (Planning Matters) to the OLT, an appeal may be made by a specified person or public body by filing a notice of appeal with the Township Clerk via the Ontario Land Tribunal e-file service (first time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account) at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service/> by selecting "Lake of Bays (Township of)" as the Approval Authority, or by mail at the mailing address below, or by submission via email to csykes@lakeofbays.on.ca. If the e-file service is down, an appeal can also be submitted by mail at the mailing address below, or by submission via email to csykes@lakeofbays.on.ca. A Notice of Appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal, and must be accompanied by the fee required by the Tribunal.

NOTE: i) Only the Minister, applicant, registered owner of any land to which the by-law would apply, specified person as defined under the Planning Act, and a public body may appeal the by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

ii) No specified person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the specified person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council, or in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the specified person or public body as a party.

iii) The appeal fee can be paid online through e-file or by certified cheque/money order to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law which applies Township-wide is attached. For further information and to review the by-law, please contact Arla Freitas Nissenthall, Senior Planner (email: anissenthall@lakeofbays.on.ca)

Dated at the Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, this 1st day of May, 2026.



Deputy Clerk

Township of Lake of Bays
1012 Dwight Beach Road
Dwight, Ontario, P0A 1H0
Ph: (705) 635-2272 Fax: (705) 635-2132

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF BY-LAW 2026-064:

Re: Application: Housekeeping Amendment No. 4 – Limits on Council Variations
Applicants: Township of Lake of Bays
Subject Lands: Township-Wide

On April 28th, 2026, the Council (Planning Matters) of the Township of Lake of Bays passed By-law 2026-064 to remove the existing threshold on Class Two – Council Variations for most Planning Permit Area provisions, allowing for the planning application process to be further streamlined by removing the requirement for By-law Amendment Applications triggered exclusively by the council variation limits.

There were no written or oral submissions received from the public that were considered as part of Council's decision-making process.



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

AGENDA ITEM

5a)

Date: April 28, 2026

Resolution 2026 – 083	
MOVED BY:	SECONDED BY:
<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Marie Cartwright <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Harper <input type="checkbox"/> Glenn Hart <input type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Kukko <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gayle Westhaver	<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Marie Cartwright <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Harper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glenn Hart <input type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Kukko <input type="checkbox"/> Gayle Westhaver

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council supports the Municipality of Shuniah’s resolution regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF);
 AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated as requested.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED			
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Anne Marie Cartwright		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED*	Greg Harper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> REFERRED*	Glenn Hart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Suzanne Kukko		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE	Gayle Westhaver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN*			
MAYOR – SUZANNE KUKKO	Clerk: TIM COBBAN		



Municipality of North Grenville
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clerk@northgrenville.on.ca

May 8, 2026

RE: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of North Grenville, at a meeting held on May 5, 2026, passed the following resolution pertaining to Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy.

C-2026-192

Moved By: Deputy Mayor John Barclay

Seconded By: Councillor Kristin Strackerjan

THAT North Grenville Council supports the February 17, 2026 correspondence of the Township of McNab/Braeside regarding Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy;

AND THAT this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, Stan Cho, Steve Clark, MPP, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

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

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MR Remmig", is written over a horizontal line.

Mary Remmig
Deputy Clerk



TOWNSHIP OF
McNab/Braeside

Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: February 17, 2026 No: RESOLUTION - 56-2026
 Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien Disposition: CARRIED
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Item No: 14.2

Description: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and

WHEREAS The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and

WHEREAS The maximum annual HODG grant of \$1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation, such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and

WHEREAS Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and

WHEREAS Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by:	_____	
	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: _____
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
 abstained from discussion and did not vote

Ontario Land Tribunal
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du territoire



ISSUE DATE: May 06, 2026

CASE NO(S): OLT-26-000037

PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER subsection 22(7) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Applicant and Appellant:	Michael Bice
Subject:	Request to amend the Official Plan – Failure to adopt the requested amendment
Description:	To permit a detached dwelling and accessory buildings and structures on part of the Subject Lands
Reference Number:	O25-02
Property Address:	65 Dayeo Drive
Municipality/UT:	Georgian Bay/Muskoka
OLT Case No.:	OLT-26-000037
OLT Lead Case No.:	OLT-26-000037
OLT Case Name:	Bice v. Georgian Bay (Township)

PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER subsection 34(11) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Applicant and Appellant:	Michael Bice
Subject:	Application to amend the Zoning By-law – Refusal
Description:	To permit a detached dwelling and accessory buildings and structures on part of the Subject Lands
Reference Number:	Z23-23
Property Address:	65 Dayeo Drive
Municipality/UT:	Georgian Bay/Muskoka
OLT Case No.:	OLT-26-000053
OLT Lead Case No.:	OLT-26-000037
OLT Case Name:	Bice v. Georgian Bay (Township)

Heard: April 24, 2026, by Video Hearing

APPEARANCES:

<u>Parties</u>	<u>Counsel/Representative</u>
Michael Bice	None
Township of Georgian Bay	<i>Did not attend</i>

MEMORANDUM OF ORAL DECISION DELIVERED BY A. SAUVE ON APRIL 24, 2026 AND ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL

INTRODUCTION

[1] The Tribunal convened a first Case Management Conference (“CMC”) in respect to the Appeals filed by Mr. Michael Bice pursuant to s. 34(11) and s. 22(7) of the *Planning Act*, concerning the Municipality’s refusal of Zoning By-law Amendment (“ZBA”) and Official Plan Amendment (“OPA”) applications. The amendments are necessary for Mr. Bice to construct a backlot residential detached dwelling and accessory buildings, prohibit land division, and to conserve most of the land in its natural state on the subject land.

[2] The subject land is in a forested area with wetlands, watercourses, public and private open space, and cottage development associated with Myers Lake. Access is provided by a private road. The subject property is designated as Rural in the District of Muskoka Official Plan and Township of Georgian Bay Official Plan. The subject property is zoned as “OS1 Open Space” and adjacent waterfront lots are zoned “Shoreline Residential”.

[3] The Tribunal received and marked the Affidavit of Service of the Notice of CMC sworn by Mr. Bice as **Exhibit 1**. There were no issues with the Service of Notice of the CMC, and as such no further Notice is required.

[4] The municipality advised the Tribunal that they would not be participating in the appeal.

REQUEST FOR STATUS

[5] The Tribunal received one request for Party Status from Mr. Peter Solala, who lives on Myers lake about 3 km from the subject land. Mr. Solala advised that he was also representing several other neighbours who opposed the applications. Mr. Solala did not have representation and was not familiar with the Tribunal practice and procedures.

[6] After a brief discussion concerning the duties and responsibilities of a Party, it was determined that the Party status request should be adjourned to a further CMC for Mr. Solala, to contemplate hiring a representative and/or a professional planner.

[7] Mr. Bice opposes the request as the issues Mr. Solala are raising were already addressed in the Staff Report which supported the applications.

MEDIATION

[8] The Tribunal notified the Parties that Tribunal-led mediation is an available option and that additional information can be obtained through the Case Coordinator.

CMC HEARING

[9] A second CMC was determined to be necessary for both Mr. Bice and Mr. Solala to decide if they want to retain counsel or a professional planner to assist them.

[10] The Tribunal scheduled a second CMC to commence on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 10 a.m.** by Video Hearing.

[11] Parties and/or Observers are asked to log in to the event at least 15 minutes before it begins to test their video and audio connections:

GoTo Meeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/442599157>

Access code: 442-599-157

[12] Parties are asked to access and set up the application well in advance of the event to avoid unnecessary delay. The desktop application can be downloaded at [GoTo Meeting](#) or a web application is available: <https://app.gotomeeting.com/home.html>

[13] Persons who experience technical difficulties accessing the GoTo Meeting application or who only wish to listen to the event can connect to it by calling in to an audio-only telephone line: **+1 (647) 497-9391 or (Toll Free) 1-888-455-1389**. The access code is: **442-599-157**.

[14] Individuals are directed to connect to the event on the assigned date at the correct time. It is the responsibility of the persons participating in the event to ensure that they are properly connected at the correct time. Questions prior to the event may be directed to the Tribunal's Case Coordinator.

[15] As of March 30, 2026, all hearing events are governed by the Tribunal's [Artificial Intelligence Practice Direction](#). This Practice Direction requires a party, participant, or witness to include a declaration within each submitted document if generative AI was used to create or generate content.

ORDERS

[16] **THE TRIBUNAL ORDERS** its directions in this Decision.

[17] This Member is not seized.

[18] No further Notice will be given.

“A. Sauve”

A. SAUVE
MEMBER

Ontario Land Tribunal

Website: www.olt.gov.on.ca Telephone: 416-212-6349 Toll Free: 1-866-448-2248

The Conservation Review Board, the Environmental Review Tribunal, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal and the Mining and Lands Tribunal are amalgamated and continued as the Ontario Land Tribunal (“Tribunal”). Any reference to the preceding tribunals or the former Ontario Municipal Board is deemed to be a reference to the Tribunal.

April 30, 2026

**RE: Oxford County Resolution re: Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS)
Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety**

At its meeting held April 8, 2026, Oxford County Council passed the following Resolution:

Moved By: Phil Schaefer
Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that Correspondence Item 7.1 on the Open meeting Agenda of April 8, 2026 be received;

And further, be it resolved that Oxford County Council supports the resolution from Township of Oro-Medonte regarding the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors request for Provincial Legislation Amendments to strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors.

And that a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

1. The Premier of Ontario
2. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
3. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
4. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
5. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation
6. MPP Ernie Hardeman
7. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
8. Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)
9. Ontario municipalities

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Enclosed herein you will find a copy of Correspondence Item 7.1 (Township of Oro-Medonte) from the April 8, 2026 Agenda for ease of reference.

Thank you,



Lindsey A. Mansbridge
County Clerk

March 13, 2026

Hon. David Piccini
Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
14th Floor, 400 University Ave
Toronto ON M7A 1T7

Re: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns

Dear Minister Piccini,

At its meeting of Council on March 11, 2026, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte received correspondence from Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the above-mentioned request for support.

The Township of Oro-Medonte fully supports AORS in their request, as our staff have, on numerous occasions, been subjected to abusive and aggressive behaviour from members of the public. We respectfully request your support in advancing measures that will strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors. With provincial partnership, municipalities can better safeguard the individuals who work tirelessly to maintain critical services and keep our communities functioning safely.

Sincerely,



Mayor Randy Greenlaw

Cc: Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation
Hon. Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure
Doug Downey, MPP Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)
Ontario Municipalities
Members of Oro-Medonte Council



Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini
14th Floor, 400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

Walid Abou-Hamde, Ontario Road Builders' Association Chief Executive Officer



Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner
George Drew Building, 25 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise serious concerns regarding the safety of municipal workers and subcontractors who are increasingly facing harassment, threats, and dangerous interference from members of the public while delivering essential municipal services - particularly during winter maintenance and emergency operations.

Across Ontario, municipal public works teams are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure that residents depend on every day, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, and drainage systems. During significant weather events, these workers are frontline responders, ensuring emergency vehicles can travel safely and that communities remain connected and accessible. However, the behaviour directed at them has escalated well beyond routine complaints and has become a direct threat to both worker safety and public safety.

Through consultations with AORS members province-wide, we continue to receive troubling reports that illustrate the seriousness of this issue. These include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snowplow and refusing to get off until the driver agreed to plow his road next.
- Two staff members confronted and aggressively accosted in public - one at a gas station and another while simply waiting in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions and a mailbox strike that were not even related to that municipality.
- A voicemail threatening to shoot a plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident jumping in front of an active plow during a major snow event and refusing to move, delaying operations for over an hour and jeopardizing service levels and overall emergency response.

These examples represent only a small sample of the experiences municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are facing across the province. What was once occasional frustration has escalated into intimidation, threats of violence, and direct interference with equipment and operations.

Equally concerning is that municipalities do not always receive consistent enforcement support when these incidents occur. We have heard directly from members who contacted the Ontario Provincial Police for assistance and were advised that, unless a physical assault had already taken place, the situation was "not a police matter." Waiting until a worker has been physically harmed before intervention is neither preventative nor acceptable.

This gap leaves municipalities and workers vulnerable and sends an unintended message that threatening or obstructive behaviour toward municipal staff carries little consequence. It also places supervisors and by-law officers in situations that may exceed their authority or capacity to manage safely.

We believe a proactive and coordinated response is needed. Municipal workers and their subcontractors should not have to choose between their personal safety and providing critical services during storms and emergencies.

We respectfully ask that the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police take a clear and strong stance that interference, threats, and harassment directed at municipal public works staff will not be tolerated. Specifically, we would welcome:

- Clear direction and guidance to police services, including the OPP, that threats, intimidation, and obstruction of municipal workers performing essential duties warrant timely enforcement and support.
- Recognition that interference with winter maintenance and emergency public works operations presents a broader public safety risk, not merely a municipal operational issue.
- Enhanced coordination between municipalities and local police services during significant weather events and emergency responses to ensure worker safety and continuity of service.
- Consideration of legislative or policy tools that provide stronger deterrence and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal staff and contractors.

Municipal public works professionals are essential workers. They keep roads open for ambulances, fire trucks, school buses, and the travelling public. Their safety should be treated with the same seriousness as that of other frontline responders.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns and explore practical steps to ensure consistent enforcement support and stronger protections for municipal workers across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued leadership in public safety.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



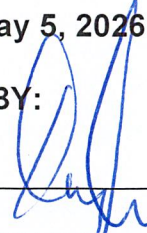
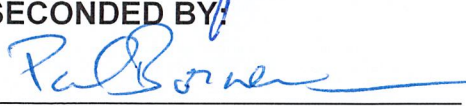
Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)
Premier Doug Ford



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 - 056

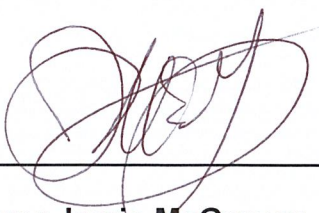
DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: May 5, 2026
Councillor G. ASHFORD	_____	_____	MOVED BY: 
Councillor J. BELESKEY	_____	_____	
Councillor P. BORNEMAN	_____	_____	SECONDED BY: 
Councillor B. KEITH	_____	_____	
Councillor D. McCANN	_____	_____	
Councillor C. McDONALD	_____	_____	
Mayor J. McGARVEY	_____	_____	

CARRIED: **DEFEATED:** _____ **Postponed to:** _____

That Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports Northumberland County Resolution attached as Schedule A which

1. Calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) and its contractors provide fair, consistent and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario; and
2. Requests the province to establish, enforce and publicly report on consistent province wide standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times and contractor performance; and

That this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Circular Materials Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

April 24, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario),
Honourable Todd McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks),
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
Circular Materials Ontario,
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Regional Municipality of York
'Circular Materials Ontario'**

At a meeting held on April 15, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved the following Resolution # 2026-04-15-251 adopting the below recommendation from the March 30, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee receive the correspondence from the Regional Municipality of York regarding 'Circular Materials Ontario', for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council:

- Support the correspondence and call upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) and its contractors provide fair, consistent and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario; and
- Request the province to establish, enforce and publicly report on consistent province wide standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times and contractor performance; and

- Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable, Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Todd J., McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Circular Materials Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2026-04-15-251

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at bennett@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,



Tonia Bennett
Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hankivsky

Agenda Resolution Number
Item 10.a 2026-04-15- 251

Seconded By J. Logel


Council Date: April 15, 2026

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 30, 31 and April 1, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Social Services Committee, Item 9.a, 310 Division Street Community Liaison Committee Meeting - Minutes – Held by Councillor Cleveland; and

Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried  _____
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: March 30, 2026

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2026-03-30- 224

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: B. Crato

Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2026

"That the Public Works Committee receive the correspondence from the Regional Municipality of York regarding 'Circular Materials Ontario', for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council:

- Support the correspondence and call upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) and its contractors provide fair, consistent and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario; and
- Request the province to establish, enforce and publicly report on consistent province wide standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times and contractor performance; and
- Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable, Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Todd J., McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Circular Materials Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Circular Materials Ontario
Date: March 6, 2026 8:12:57 AM

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CAUTION: External E-Mail

On February 26, 2026 Regional Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Province of Ontario has implemented the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, transferring responsibility for municipal recycling to producer responsibility organizations and their contractors, including Circular Materials Ontario;

And Whereas Circular Materials Ontario has engaged multiple private collection contractors to deliver recycling services to municipalities across Ontario, including those within the Regional Municipality of York;

And Whereas municipalities throughout Ontario are experiencing inconsistent recycling collection service levels under the new EPR model, including differences in collection frequency, missed collections, accepted materials, cart provision, contamination management, customer service response times, and contractor accountability;

And Whereas residents in some municipalities are receiving reduced or inferior recycling collection services compared to others, despite participating in the same provincial Blue Box program;

And Whereas these service level inequities have resulted in increased resident complaints, confusion, reduced participation in recycling programs, and declining public confidence in Ontario's recycling system;

And Whereas upper- and lower-tier municipalities, including York Region, no longer have direct operational control over Blue Box recycling collection, yet continue to experience the impacts of service disruptions and resident dissatisfaction;

And Whereas the intent of Extended Producer Responsibility was to improve environmental outcomes, efficiency, and accountability, not to create unequal treatment of Ontario residents based on municipal boundaries;

And Whereas access to reliable and effective recycling collection is an essential public service and should be fair, consistent, and equitable for all residents of Ontario, regardless of where they live;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of The Regional Municipality of York calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario and its contractors provide fair, consistent, and equitable

recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario;

And That the Province be requested to establish, enforce, and publicly report on consistent province-wide service standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed-collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times, and contractor performance;

And That the Province require Circular Materials Ontario to promptly address collection service level inequities and performance gaps between municipalities, including those impacting York Region;

And That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

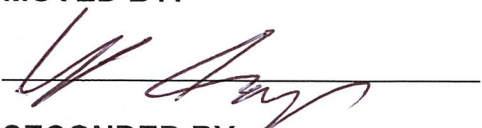

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 - 054

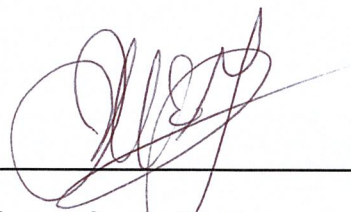
DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: May 5, 2026
Councillor G. ASHFORD	_____	_____	MOVED BY: 
Councillor J. BELESKEY	_____	_____	
Councillor P. BORNEMAN	_____	_____	SECONDED BY: 
Councillor B. KEITH	_____	_____	
Councillor D. McCANN	_____	_____	
Councillor C. McDONALD	_____	_____	
Mayor J. McGARVEY	_____	_____	

CARRIED: **DEFEATED:** _____ **Postponed to:** _____

That Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the City of Peterborough's Resolution attached as Schedule A which

1. urges the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to collaborate on the design, funding, and implementation of a Guaranteed Basic Income for all Canadian residents;
2. calls upon the Province of Ontario to reinstate a basic income pilot with a view to province-wide implementation; and

That this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, our local MPP and MP, relevant federal and provincial Ministers, AMO, FCM, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey



Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
500 George Street North
Peterborough, Ontario
K9H 3R9

April 24, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario;
MP Emma Harrison;
Paul Thompson, Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Rob Wright, Deputy Minister of Labour and Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Cliff Groen, Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
MPP Dave Smith;
Daniele Zanotti, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services;
Cordelia Clarke Julien, Assistant Deputy Minister Social Assistance Program Branch;
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and
All Ontario Municipalities

Subject: Guaranteed Basic Income Resolution

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 30, 2026, is forwarded for your consideration.

WHEREAS:

- 1. Poverty and income insecurity continue to negatively impact the health and well-being of residents in Peterborough and across Ontario;**
- 2. Municipal governments bear significant costs from the downstream effects of poverty, including increased demand for social services, emergency shelters, and community programs;**
- 3. Evidence from the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (2017–2019) and comparable programs demonstrated meaningful improvements in health, housing stability, and food security among participants;**



City of
Peterborough

4. A Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) requires collaboration between the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to design, fund, and implement effectively; and
5. Municipalities, as the order of government closest to residents, are well-positioned to advocate for income security policies that reflect local needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council urges the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to collaborate on the design, funding, and implementation of a Guaranteed Basic Income for all Canadian residents;
2. Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to reinstate a basic income pilot with a view to province-wide implementation; and
3. The Clerk be directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, our local MPP and MP, relevant federal and provincial Ministers, AMO and FCM, and to share it with all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kennedy".

John Kennedy
City Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 – 055

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: May 5, 2026

Councillor	G. ASHFORD	_____	_____
Councillor	J. BELESKEY	_____	_____
Councillor	P. BORNEMAN	_____	_____
Councillor	B. KEITH	_____	_____
Councillor	D. McCANN	_____	_____
Councillor	C. McDONALD	_____	_____
Mayor	J. McGARVEY	_____	_____

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

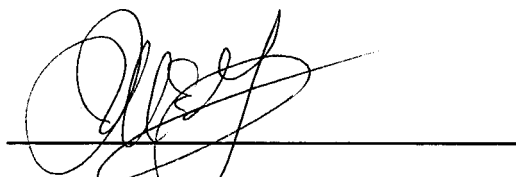
CARRIED: DEFEATED: Postponed to: _____

That Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the Municipality of Wawa's Resolution attached as Schedule A which

1. Calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. Requests the Province to index the total annual OCIF envelope-and each individual municipal allocation-to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. Calls upon The Ministry of Infrastructure to establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. Calls upon the Province to undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics, and rural equity considerations.

5. Calls upon the Province to create a dedicated contingency reserve equal to five percent (5%) of the annual OCIF envelope within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs, or project overruns without reallocating core funding.
6. Calls upon The Ministry of Infrastructure to publish an annual OCIF performance report-including program disbursements, allocation adjustments, and reserve expenditures in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard; and

That this Resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Resolution # RC26077	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—including roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality, and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities; and

WHEREAS in 2022, the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026; and

WHEREAS fixed funding levels, amid rising labour, material, and climate resilience costs, have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities’ ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt; and

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance, and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs, and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability, and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics, and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to five percent (5%) of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs, or project overruns without reallocating core funding.
6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments, and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the April 15, 2026 resolution of the Township of Shuniah regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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

Sent by Email

May 1, 2026

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
MPP Pickering-Uxbridge
1550 Kingston Road, Suite 213
Pickering, ON L1V 1C3
Peter.BethlenfalvyCo@pc.ola.org

Subject: Corr. 06-26
Tracy Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees, Durham District School Board
Re: Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on April 27, 2026 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 06-26, from Tracy Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees, Durham District School Board, dated March 26, 2026, regarding a Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region MP's, Durham Region MPP's, John Henry, Regional Chair, The Regional Municipality of Durham, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), all Ontario Municipalities, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, and all Durham District School Board Trustees.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your information.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: Juanita Nathan, MP Pickering-Brooklin
Jennifer McKelvie, MP Ajax
Ryan Turnbull, MP Whitby
Rhonda Kirkland, MP Oshawa
Jamil Jivani, MP Bowmanville-Oshawa North
Jacob Mantle, MP York-Durham
Hon. Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham
Rob Cerjanec, MPP Ajax
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby
Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
John Henry, Regional Chair, The Regional Municipality of Durham
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
All Ontario Municipalities
Ontario Public School Boards' Association
Durham District School Board Trustees

Chief Administrative Officer



Durham District School Board

400 Taunton Road East, Whitby, Ontario L1R 2K6

Phone: 905-666-5500; Toll Free: 1-800-265-3968

March 26, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Premier's Office
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

And

The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
Ministry of Education
315 Front Street West, 14th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 0B8

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca; minister.edu@ontario.ca

Re: Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board, I am writing to request that a province-wide consultation process take place before making any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees.

The potential elimination of trustees is concerning and represents a significant shift in Ontario's education governance. Trustees serve as a longstanding, essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system. Any change of this magnitude should not be considered without seeking input through evidence-based research and meaningful public engagement.

It is essential that communities have an opportunity to fully understand and respond to the implications of a proposal that would remove school board trustees, which may have unintended negative consequences on the communities that we are elected to serve. We understand you have recently heard from a number of other boards across the province, and we strongly agree with the statement from our colleagues at Avon Maitland DSB that *"transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of this proposal is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue."*

Durham Region includes diverse, urban, suburban, and rural communities, all with vastly varying histories and needs. Local representation ensures the unique needs of each of our communities are considered and met. As a Board of Trustees, we are firmly and proudly



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committed to promoting meaningful learning, connected communities, and well-being, being responsive to the priorities of the local community in carrying out our duties and responsibilities.

In parallel to this letter, we are also writing to the Ombudsman's Office to request an immediate review of the potential impacts of removing school board trustees with respect to fairness, openness, transparency, and accountability.

We thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Tracy Brown
Chair, Board of Trustees
Durham District School Board

cc.

Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) for Durham Region
Members of Parliament (MPs) for Durham Region
Regional Chair, Mayors and Council for Durham Region Municipalities
Ontario Public School Boards' Association and Members Board
DDSB Board of Trustees



Ontario's Tax Freeze: Costing Jobs, Raising Prices

Unfair property tax policies are placing a hidden tariff on consumers, driving up the cost of goods and putting immense pressure on small businesses. Local retailers, the backbone of our communities, are overtaxed, threatening jobs and economic stability across Ontario.



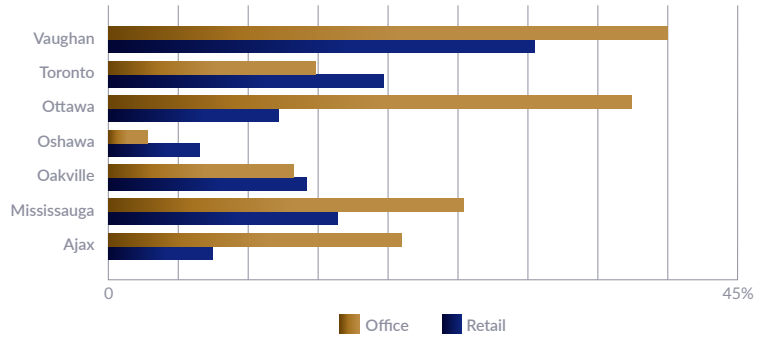
Who's Bearing the Hidden Consumer Tariff in Ontario?

Local Businesses, Unfairly Taxed

Unfair taxation is placing a hidden burden on local communities across Ontario. Independent businesses are overtaxed, driving up prices for consumers and putting jobs and livelihoods at risk. Residents are paying the price while trying to support their local retailers.

Residents want to support local businesses but are facing higher prices due to an outdated tax system that favors large properties. This province-wide issue is putting undue pressure on communities and demands immediate action.

Median Overtaxation



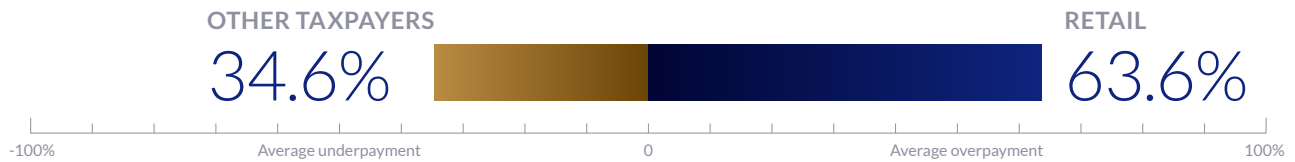
Retail and Office Tenants Overpay While Others Get a Pass

Ontario's outdated assessed values are putting jobs and local businesses at risk. Retail and office tenants are taxed based on inflated values, while other businesses get a pass—leaving everyday residents to make up the difference through higher prices.

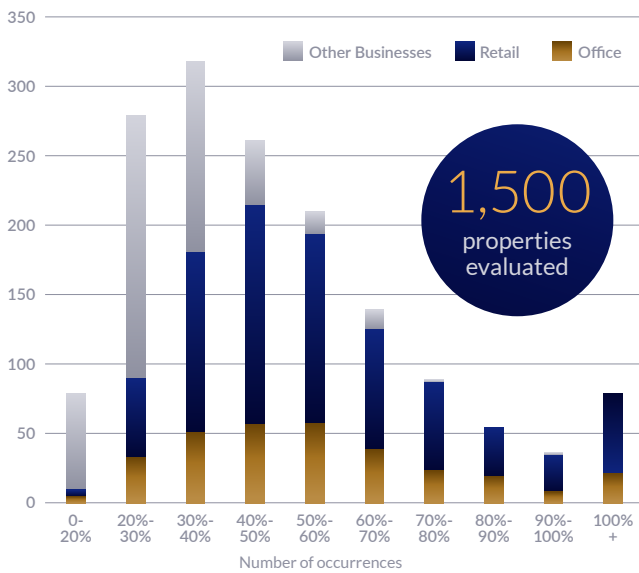
It's time to reassess and restore fairness.



% Under/Over Taxation

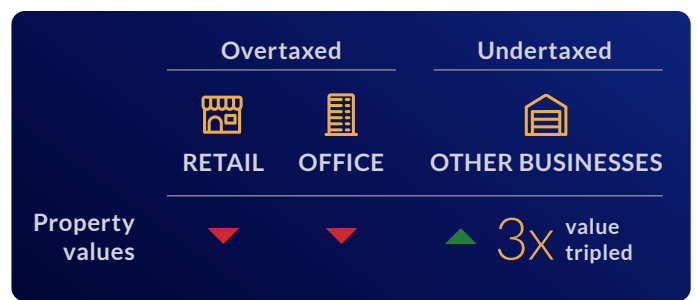


Assessed Value as % of Sale Price



Property Taxes Out of Sync with Reality

Ontario's property tax system is out of sync with market reality. Retail and office properties have declined in value, yet remain overtaxed, while other businesses—whose values have tripled—are undertaxed.



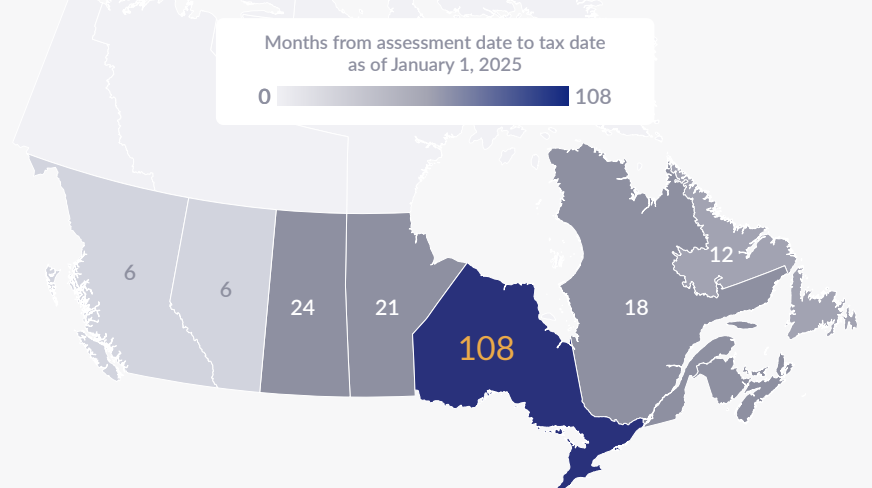
Without reassessment, struggling retail and office sectors face rising costs, lower occupancy, and mounting pressure.

The Only Province Without Reassessment Since the Pandemic

Ontario is the only province that hasn't reassessed property values since the pandemic. As of January 1st 2025, Ontario taxes were based on values that are 108 months in the past, while in the rest of Canada assessed values are 6-24 months in the past.

Regular reassessments give businesses the stability to plan and invest. Without it, struggling sectors like retail and office face uncertainty and discouraging costs.

How out of date are Ontario assessments?



It's Time to Reassess and Restore Fairness

Reassess Ontario's Properties:
Support Local Jobs and Economic Balance

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We kindly request that that Council call on the Government of Ontario to promptly move to update property assessments in the Province.

The following resolution has been drafted for Council's consideration at its next meeting:

- **WHEREAS** a well-functioning and up-to-date assessment system supports strong communities and makes the province an attractive place to invest; and
- **WHEREAS** property assessments in Ontario have not been updated in over a decade, making them the most outdated in Canada, while provinces such as Alberta and British Columbia update assessments annually to reflect current market conditions; and
- **WHEREAS** the prolonged pause in the reassessment cycle has created significant distortions in assessed values, resulting in inequities among property classes; and
- **WHEREAS** outdated assessments negatively impact investment decisions, economic competitiveness, municipal planning, and disproportionately affect independent small businesses; and
- **WHEREAS** reassessments are designed to be revenue neutral for the municipality, ensure fairness in taxation, maintain public confidence in the property tax system, and support long-term municipal financial planning; and
- **WHEREAS** a coalition of municipalities, chambers of commerce, tourism organizations, small businesses, and major property owners have called upon the Government of Ontario to update property assessments;
- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of **[Name of Municipality]** hereby calls upon the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Finance to direct the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to promptly resume the regular property assessment cycle; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation for their consideration and timely action.



City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

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May 11, 2026

Sent by email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

Legislative Building, Queen's Park

Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

At the April 27, 2026, Regular meeting, Stratford City Council heard a presentation by Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner regarding Bill 21, Protect Our Food, 2025.

At the meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution in support:

R2026-176

THAT the Council of the City of Stratford support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner, Perth Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution supported by Stratford City Council.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk
tdafoe@stratford.ca
519-271-0250 extension 5329

Cc: The Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness;
The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation, and
Parks;
Mike Shreiner, Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph;
Bobbi Ann Brady, Member of Provincial Parliament for Haldimand-Norfolk;
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament for Perth – Wellington;
The Ontario Federation of Agriculture;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
All Ontario municipalities.

WHEREAS Private Member's Bill 21 has been introduced into the legislature, a bill to protect Ontario's future food sovereignty; and

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and

WHEREAS Ontario has lost 2.8 million acres of farmland in the last three decades and Ontario currently loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and

WHEREAS Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond; and

WHEREAS Perth County holds some of the best farmland in Ontario and is facing pressures to increase sprawl into important agricultural lands. While we need housing, sacrificing our food security can cause issues for our local economies and communities and undermine our ability to provide food for our local communities.

WHEREAS the Bill is supported by the Ontario Farmland Trust, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Christian Farmers and the National Farmers Union, reflecting broad support within the farming community on an exploratory basis; and

WHEREAS the Bill will encourage farmers to create succession plans and to reinvest in their farms;

WHEREAS a significant portion of Ontario's food supply comes from the US, where current protectionism practices are creating ambiguity and uncertainty in the food supply chain;

AND WHEREAS the City of Stratford encourages the Province to continue to use all available tools and supports, including incentives, grants, infrastructure investment, and innovation programs to promote and expand local food production, enhance on-farm viability, and strengthen Ontario's food security;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Stratford support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner, Perth Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Resolution # RC26092	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>J. Roberts</i>

WHEREAS housing affordability remains a critical issue in Ontario and across Canada, with the national average home sale price at approximately \$675,000, making homeownership increasingly difficult for first-time buyers; and

WHEREAS under the current Ontario Land Transfer Tax regime, first-time home buyers may receive a rebate of up to \$4,000 toward provincial land transfer tax, which fully offsets the tax only on homes valued up to approximately \$368,000, a level substantially below the current average home price; and

WHEREAS at a home purchase price of \$675,000 the provincial land transfer tax before any rebate can exceed \$8,000, meaning that even with the current maximum \$4,000 rebate first time buyers must pay a significant tax burden at closing that undermines housing affordability; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa acknowledges and applauds recent efforts by the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to improve housing affordability, including measures to reduce or rebate GST/HST on new housing construction and purchases; and

WHEREAS the vast majority of residential real estate transactions in Ontario, including both resale and new homes, are subject to provincial Land Transfer Tax, meaning that enhancements to the Land Transfer Tax rebate would provide broader and more immediate financial relief to first-time homebuyers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa formally requests that the Province of Ontario consider amending the Land Transfer Tax Act to:



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

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- 1. Increase the value threshold at which the first-time home buyer rebate fully offsets provincial Land Transfer Tax to a level that reflects current housing market realities (for example, to no less than \$675,000, aligning with the 2025 national average home price); and
2. Increase the maximum rebate amount available to first time home buyers accordingly (such as to a minimum of \$8,000, or a proportional figure tied to the new threshold) to meaningfully reduce upfront tax costs for first-time purchasers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such amendments be designed to enhance housing affordability and access to homeownership for first-time buyers in urban, suburban, and rural communities alike; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for consideration and advocacy.

Table with 4 columns: RESOLUTION RESULT, RECORDED VOTE, YES, NO. Rows include CARRIED (checked), DEFEATED, TABLED, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and WITHDRAWN.

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: _____

Table with 2 columns: MAYOR - MELANIE PILON, DEPUTY CLERK - HEATHER RAINVILLE. Contains handwritten signatures.



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April 28, 2026

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RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on April 28, 2026:

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering a resolution passed by the Town of Lincoln regarding extending the deadlines for notices of intention to designate listed heritage properties, endorse the resolution:

WHEREAS amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

WHEREAS municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS many municipalities, including the Town of Lincoln, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Town of Lincoln endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and
2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and
3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Should you have any questions, please contact Julia Wushke, by email at jwushke@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
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Township of Woolwich

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