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## The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

**Title:** Township of Southgate Resolution  
**Date:** Monday, March 9, 2026  
**Time:** 3:40 PM

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**Moved by:** Councillor Ardiel  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Maxwell

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and supports the February 20, 2026, Resolution from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025;

AND THAT Council directs staff to provide a copy of the resolution to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Saunderson, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario

**YES: 6**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

**The motion is Carried**

**YES: 6**

Deputy Mayor Bordignon	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope	Councillor Maxwell
Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter		

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

Mayor Matrosovs

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February 20, 2026

**Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025**

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073

**Moved By** Councillor Shipston

**Seconded By** Councillor Ferguson

**WHEREAS** arable land is a critical finite resource; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario 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;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Southgate 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, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

*Lindsey Green*

Lindsey Green, Clerk  
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness  
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs  
Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade  
MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound  
Senator Rob Black  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Municipalities in Ontario



## The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

**Title:** Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Resolution  
**Date:** Monday, March 9, 2026  
**Time:** 3:47 PM

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**Moved by:** Councillor Ardiel  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and supports the September 29, 2025 Resolution from the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal regarding Support Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund;

AND THAT Council direct staff to circulate the attached resolution of support to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Francois-Phillippe Champagne, Minister of Finance, MPP Paul Vickers, MPP Brian Saunderson, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Small Urban Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario Municipalities

**YES: 6**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

**The motion is Carried**

**YES: 6**

Deputy Mayor Bordignon	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope	Councillor Maxwell
Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter		

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

Mayor Matrosovs

# TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

Resolution Number 2025-253

September 29, 2025

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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;

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;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials 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;

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;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal 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 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal 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. 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,

# TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

September 29, 2025

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demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.

5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent 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.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
  - o The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
  - o The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
  - o The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - o The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
  - o Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
  - o Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
  - o Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
  - o The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
  - o All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

Carried    Defeated    Unanimous

Mayor: 

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		

March 17, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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Room 281, Main Legislative Building  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education  
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[minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca)

**RE: Request for Provincial Consultation and Transparency Regarding Potential Changes to English Public School Board Governance**

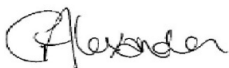
Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

At their regular scheduled meeting of March 16, 2026, Council of the Municipality of Bluewater received correspondence from Michael Bannerman, Board of Trustees Chair for the Avon Maitland District School Board regarding the potential changes to the English Public School Board Governance and passed the following resolution:

**MOVED:** Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Walden  
THAT Council of the Municipality of Bluewater supports the Avon Maitland District School Board in their request to the Government of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process before moving forward with any changes to the governance structure of English public school boards; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, MPP Lisa Thompson all Ontario municipalities. **CARRIED.**

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander  
Acting CAO/Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

Encl: Letter from Avon Maitland District School Board Trustee Chair

cc: Michael Bannerman, Chair, Board of Trustees  
MPP Lisa Thompson  
All Ontario Municipalities



March 2, 2026

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

And

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

Re: Request for Provincial Consultation and Transparency Regarding Potential Changes to English Public School Board Governance

Dear Premier Doug Ford and Minister Paul Calandra,

On behalf of the Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board, I am writing to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process before moving forward with any changes to the governance structure of English public school boards.

Recent public statements indicating that the Ministry is considering eliminating the role of democratically elected English public school trustees have generated significant concern among school boards, families, and communities across the province. Trustees serve as an essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system. Any proposal to fundamentally alter or remove this role would represent a major shift in the governance of education in Ontario and warrants careful study, thoughtful analysis, and open dialogue.

Given the magnitude of this potential change, we respectfully ask the government to clearly demonstrate how it has arrived at its current thinking. Specifically, we request that the Ministry make public the research, evidence, data analysis, policy reviews, stakeholder input, and performance evaluations that have informed its consideration of altering or eliminating the role of elected trustees. Transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of this proposal is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue.

The Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board believe that decisions of this significance must be supported by transparent research and meaningful engagement with stakeholders. We respectfully request that the government initiate a formal consultation process that includes school boards, parents, educators, students, First Nations representatives, and the broader public. Such a process would help ensure that any future governance model is grounded in evidence and reflects the needs and priorities of Ontario's diverse communities.

As a board serving a large and predominantly rural geographic area, we also wish to emphasize the critical importance of the democratically elected trustee role in ensuring that rural perspectives are represented in education decision-making. Trustees provide an essential local voice for communities whose priorities and challenges may differ significantly from those experienced in larger urban centres. Issues such as student transportation, long travel distances, rural school viability, access to programming, and community connectivity are often best understood by locally elected representatives who live and work in those communities. Preserving avenues for rural representation helps ensure that provincial education policies reflect the realities of students and families across all regions of Ontario.

We are also concerned that removing English public school trustees could have unintended consequences for representation and accountability within the system. In many boards, legislated First Nations representation and student trustees play an important role in ensuring diverse voices are heard in decision-making. The loss of elected trustees could impact these mechanisms that currently provide important perspectives at the governance table.

We are aware that the Waterloo District School Board has written to the Ombudsman's Office to request an investigation into the fairness, transparency, and accountability of the process used to implement changes to the school board governance model, and we are in full support of this request.

The Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board remain committed to working collaboratively with the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Government of Ontario to support a strong, transparent, and responsive public education system. We believe that transparency, evidence-based decision-making, and meaningful consultation will best serve students, families, and communities across the province.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We would welcome the opportunity to participate in any consultation process or discussion regarding the future governance of Ontario's public education system.

Sincerely,



Michael Bannerman  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Avon Maitland District School Board

cc: AMDSB Trustees  
MPP Lisa Thompson  
MPP Matthew Rae  
Local Municipalities  
Local Media Outlets  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association and Member Boards  
AMDSB Parent Involvement Committee  
AMDSB Special Education Advisory Committee  
AMDSB Parent Councils Chairs



March 17, 2026

**RE: Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box**

The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution at their March 16, 2026 regular meeting:

**MOVED:** Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Hessel

**WHEREAS** under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only; and

**WHEREAS** 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include industrial, commercial, and institutional locations (IC & I) such as businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks; and

**WHEREAS** failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources; and

**WHEREAS** should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling; and

**WHEREAS** changes may result in many small businesses and not-for-profit organizations losing access to comparable recycling services and force them to seek providers at a much higher cost than the previous services rendered through the Blue Box collection system; and

**WHEREAS** the rising costs of collection of recycling for industrial, commercial and institutional recycling may lead to the abandonment of recycling entirely, increasing environmental damage; and

**WHEREAS** landfilling needs throughout the Province of Ontario are already at capacity in many communities; and

**WHEREAS** The Municipality of Bluewater has approximately 150 or more "non-eligible" sources that will not be provided service from the Producer Responsibility Organization;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipality of Bluewater Council hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from small businesses and not-for-profit organizations within the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

**FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs and the local MPP for Huron-Bruce.

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chandra Alexander  
Acting CAO  
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk



**TOWNSHIP OF  
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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March 4, 2026

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

**RE: Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario**

Dear: Honourable Doug Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from Tay Valley Township.

**Resolution No:** 2026-03-04-05  
**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 Tay Valley Township's resolution regarding Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario, as attached.**

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Party and all municipalities in Ontario."**

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



# Tay Valley Township

October 24, 2025

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

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

**RE: Municipality of Tweed – Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario.**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-10-22**

**MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie**  
**SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas**

**"WHEREAS**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township Support the Municipality of Tweed's resolution regarding waste incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

**AND WHEREAS**, It is incumbent upon the members of council, MPP's and MPs to make the decisions that will result in the most positive outcomes for now and future generations;

**AND WHEREAS**, with large urban centres now looking in rural areas of our province and entire country for lands to bury their garbage waste;

**AND WHEREAS**, a large landfill site owned by a large urban centre which receives 50% of their garbage at the present time is expected to be full by 2029 creating more environmental impacts;

**AND WHEREAS**, continuing to bury garbage in the ground will result in our future generations having lost potable groundwater as a result of garbage leachate rendering it unusable;

**AND WHEREAS**, burying garbage, particularly organic waste in landfills, leads to the production of methane a greenhouse gas, which escapes into the atmosphere and contributes to climate change causing more environmental destruction;

**AND WHEREAS**, we continue to destroy our environment jeopardizing our future generations;

**AND WHEREAS**, we have worldwide technology that will allow us the use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy;

**AND WHEREAS**, the incineration of household and other municipal waste has a long tradition in Germany, which currently has 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of around 25 million tons;

**AND WHEREAS**, with a strong focus on community involvement, innovative infrastructure, and sustainable practices, Germany has set a high bar for municipal recycling programs that the rest of the world can learn from and emulate;

**AND WHEREAS**, at the present time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its garbage waste at a municipal level. This places the country as the most effective and prominent country when it comes to recycling in the entire world. This highlights the citizen's strength and motivation to deal with environmental issues on a daily basis;

**AND WHEREAS**, German schools often integrate recycling education into their curriculum. This early exposure to the importance of recycling instills a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, creating a culture of sustainability that transcends generations;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Council of Tay Valley Township support the Municipality of Tweed in investigating the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments and manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices, so that future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement;

**AND THAT**, this support be sent to Premier Ford, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party, and all Ontario Municipalities."

**ADOPTED**



If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or [deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca](mailto:deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party,  
All Municipalities in Ontario



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March 4, 2026

**RE: OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68**

Dear Honourable Rob Flack and Honourable Peter Bethenfalvy,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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:** 2026-03-04-04  
**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 Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution regarding OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68, as attached.

**And further that** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Minister of Finance, EOWC MPPs, and AMO."

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

**Resolution: OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68**

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**Moved by: Warden Jennifer Murphy, Renfrew County**

**Seconded by: Warden Mario Zanth, United Counties of Prescott and Russell**

**“WHEREAS** the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children’s aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

**WHEREAS** the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

**WHEREAS** these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model,

with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to:

- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs;
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
- EOWC regional MPPs: Billy Denault, Dave Smith, David Piccini, John Jordan, Laurie Scott Nolan Quinn, Ric Bresee, Steve Clark, Stephane Sarrazin, Ted Hsu, Tyler Allsopp; and
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)."

**CARRIED**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a long, sweeping underline.

Signed by: **Bonnie Clark, EOWC Chair**  
Warden of Peterborough County

[Info@eowc.org](mailto:Info@eowc.org)

January 8, 2026

# TOWN OF ENGLEHART

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February 25, 2026

## RESOLUTION

**Resolution # 2026-35**

**Agenda Item # 5.3** Committee of the Whole followed by the Regular Meeting

**Moved By :** Jo-Anne Farmer

**Seconded By :** Pam Bannink

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Englehart does not support the legislative changes to the OMERS Act contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes; FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Englehart supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP Paul Vickers, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**

This is a certified and true copy of the original document Amy Vickery, CAO/Clerk.



# OMERS Governance Changes & Bill 68



Association of  
Municipalities  
of Ontario



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# OMERS: Current Governance Model

- Prior to 2006, OMERS was fully controlled by the provincial government, as its sole sponsor: decisions regarding pension benefits and contributions were the responsibility of the provincial government
- In 2006, the provincial government removed itself from plan oversight and devolved the plan's sponsorship to the employers and employees who contribute to the plan.
- Now, OMERS is a defined benefit jointly sponsored pension plan where employee and employer sponsors are jointly responsible for funding the plan and making decisions around plan design.
- OMERS is governed by two corporate boards, each made up of members appointed by employee and employer sponsor groups:
  - The **Sponsors Corporation** determines plan design, contribution rates, and appointments to the Administration Corporation Board.
  - The **Administration Corporation** is responsible for the overall administration of the Plan, including making investment decisions and paying pension benefits to retirees.

***The current OMERS governance model of two corporate boards with distinct responsibilities works because it balances independence, accountability, and fairness across the many different employers and employees.***

# OMERS: Sponsor Organizations

Employer Sponsors	Employee Sponsors
Association of Municipalities of Ontario	CUPE Ontario CUPE 416/79
City of Toronto	OPSEU
Ontario Public School Boards Association & Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association	Police Association of Ontario
Ontario Association of Police Services Boards	Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies	Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation
Electricity Distributors Association	Retirees Group

\*Sponsor organizations currently appoint members to the Sponsors Corporation and *nominate* members to the Administration Corporation (Sponsors Corporation reviews nominations and appoints to AC).

# What happened?

- In 2024, the OMERS Sponsors Corporation conducted a regular review of contribution rates
  - Identified that lower-paid plan members were in effect subsidizing the retirement benefits of higher-paid plan members; adjusted rates to reallocate the financial burden in a more equitable way
- Following the release of this decision, the Police Association of Ontario, Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, and Metrolinx wrote to the Premier requesting a governance review
  - The government launched a review in 2024
- AMO/MEPCO has consistently stated that the current OMERS governance structure functions well and does not require structural change.
- In November 2025, the government:
  - Released the Report of the Special Advisor, containing recommendations for significant governance change
  - One day later, tabled legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* as part of Fall Economic Statement omnibus legislation
  - Passed legislation in early December

# Why does this matter?

Report recommendations and legislation mean significant changes to OMERS governance that:

- Shifts from a stewardship model focused on long-term sustainability and affordability to one focused more on advocacy and interest-based bargaining
- Weakens sponsor and municipal employer oversight by shifting power to the administrator (Administration Corporation) with respect to appointments and resources
- Provides significant authority to the Minister to prescribe rules and regulations related to Sponsors Council business, which risk interference in the plan design and potential new costs without the say of sponsors, employers, or employees

***This is another example of provincial overreach into areas of municipal responsibility without a clear rationale or a full understanding of impacts.***

# Why municipalities need to care?

- Municipalities have less of a voice in the pension plan that we fund
- Province will be able to make decisions about the plan through regulation, and municipalities and employees will have to cover any new costs
- An interest-based approach to benefits and contributions decisions creates greater financial risks for municipalities (e.g. decisions that could lead to higher contribution rates or lower benefits)
- Less sponsor control over the Administration Corporation makes it harder to hold administrators responsible for plan performance

***Ultimately, municipal governments are the default funder of the pension plan. This new model creates a greater risk of funding shortfalls, which will need to be covered by municipal taxpayers.***

# What can we do?

- Tell government and local MPPs that pension governance matters, and that municipalities should have control over their own plan by:
  - Passing a resolution
  - Sending a letter
  - Meeting with your local MPP
  - Raising this issue in delegations at ROMA (key messages on next slide)

# Key messages

- The OMERS pension plan is important to municipalities: it is a recruitment and retention tool and a valuable benefit for our employees.
- We are concerned about the OMERS governance changes because:
  - Municipalities have less of a voice in the pension plan that we fund and rely on
  - These changes could lead to higher costs for municipalities. We cannot afford new costs without increasing taxes or cutting services.
- We believe that the current OMERS structure with two corporate boards is working; it provides predictability and stability.
- Pensions need to stay independent and accountable. They cannot be politicized.
- We are asking you to work with AMO and the other plan sponsors to chart a path forward that limits major changes and protects the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.



# Appendix

# Poirier Report Summary

	Recommendations
<b>Sponsors Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wind down Sponsors Corporation and replace with a Sponsors Council</li><li>• Maintain current composition with the addition of five (5) non-voting members</li><li>• Re-establish employer/employee co-chair model and employer/employee sponsor caucuses</li></ul>
<b>Appointments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extend current Independent Board Chair term for three (3) years</li><li>• Sponsors to directly appoint members to Administration Corporation Board</li><li>• Give Administration Corporation Board veto (2/3 majority vote) over sponsor appointments</li></ul>
<b>Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• End corporate structure for Sponsors Corporation and access to independent resources</li><li>• Administration Corporation to reimburse Sponsors Council for “reasonable costs”</li><li>• Costs of arbitration be borne exclusively by sponsor organizations</li></ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legislate normal retirement age (NRA) 60/65 flexibility within plan text</li></ul>

# Bill 68 Summary

- As part of Fall Economic Statement, Government introduced Bill 68 legislation to enact several (but not all recommendations)
- Provides authority to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing to:
  - Dissolve Sponsors Corporation at a date determined by Ministerial order
  - Establish a Sponsors Council, subject to any rules Minister deems appropriate
  - Make regulations governing any elements of the Sponsors Council by-laws
  - Approve Sponsors Council by-laws, as established initially by the Administration Corporation
- Prohibits Sponsors from appointing:
  - to the Sponsors Council anyone who has been a member of the Administration Corporation Board or the Sponsors Corporation Board
  - to the AC anyone who has been a member of the Sponsors Corporation Board or the Sponsors Council



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March 16, 2026

To Whom It May Concern;

This letter is to formally inform you that at the Regular Council Meeting of February 9, 2026, the following oral motion was carried by Mayor and Council:

Oral Motion:

THAT Council provide a resolution of support for the City of Sarnia letter regarding Mayoral Authority and Municipal Police Budget Sustainability;

AND THAT the resolution of support be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities, the Honourable Doug Ford and all those cc'd in the City of Sarnia letter.

**Mover:** Kaleb Firth

**Seconder:** Bill Morrison Jr

**Result:** CARRIED

Thank You / Merci / Miigwech,

Ally Lewis  
Deputy Clerk

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

February 19, 2026

**Re: Mayoral Authority and Municipal Police Budget Sustainability**

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to express concern regarding the province's current position that limits a mayor and council's ability to meaningfully reduce or amend police service budget proposals once they have advanced through local police governance structures.

Municipal leaders across Ontario are operating within an increasingly constrained fiscal environment. Escalating administrative costs, combined with sustained growth in police budgets, are placing significant pressure on municipal finances. Without the tools to influence or moderate these expenditures, municipalities are left financially vulnerable, undermining long-term stability and responsible budget planning.

Mayors and members of council are accountable to residents for overall municipal fiscal health. However, under the province's current interpretation, they lack sufficient authority to address one of the fastest-growing areas of local spending. This creates a clear imbalance in accountability, where elected leadership bears responsibility for budget outcomes without the ability to manage risk, respond to local conditions, or ensure alignment with broader municipal priorities.

You have recently noted that education costs have become unsustainable, and the Minister of Finance has expressed similar concerns regarding health care expenditures. Policing costs present the same challenge, with the added constraint that mayors are now unable to intervene. This limits a municipality's capacity to balance competing service demands, invest in preventative and social supports, and respond flexibly to emerging community priorities, including housing. Over time, this approach risks crowding out essential services and capital projects while placing increased pressure on taxpayers.

In Sarnia, veto authority was used for the first time, and only with respect to capital funding. The operational police budget, which has increased by 40% over the past four years, was left untouched. The mayoral veto removed a proposed \$5 million capital item that would have committed the municipality to a long-term financial obligation estimated to reach \$120 million. Allowing such exposure without intervention would have been fiscally irresponsible and inconsistent with the principles of responsible municipal governance. The existing building was reported to be suitable for upgrades and maintenance at a cost of approximately \$5 million; however, the Sarnia Police Board and Chief have insisted that the Cadillac of all buildings is required. Proceeding with this option would saddle the taxpayers with substantial long-term debt and sustained tax increases for decades to come.

After 21 years of carrying municipal debt, the City of Sarnia has just recently achieved the distinction of being one of the few debt-free cities in Ontario. Under the current framework, renewed debt will become unavoidable, with financial impacts extending to future generations.

While this issue may not yet have arisen in every municipality responsible for funding and overseeing its own police service, the experience in Sarnia illustrates a challenge that other mayors may reasonably face in future budget years. As policing and capital costs continue to escalate, circumstances will emerge where elected municipal leaders are required to intervene to protect long-term fiscal sustainability. This is a critical issue that warrants careful reconsideration. I have therefore copied Heads of Council for municipalities across Ontario to unite in encouraging an approach that better aligns accountability with decision-making and supports more sustainable municipal governance across Ontario.

Given the practical implications for municipal budget deliberations and fiscal planning, I believe this matter should be addressed in advance of the next municipal council taking office. I respectfully urge the province to engage with municipalities on this issue and to explore legislative or policy adjustments that would provide local elected leaders with the tools necessary to manage fiscal pressures responsibly, transparently, and in the best interests of their communities.

I appreciate your attention to this issue and look forward to the province's consideration of next steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mike Bradley', written in a cursive style.

Mike Bradley  
Mayor, City of Sarnia

Cc: The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General  
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Heads of council for municipalities across Ontario  
Bob Bailey, MPP for Sarnia-Lambton  
Sarnia City Council

Encl.: [CBC News February 18, 2026 - Province tells Ontario mayors they can't use 'strong powers' on police budgets | CBC News](#)

[CTV News February 18, 2026 - Sarnia Police Board weighing options in efforts to build new headquarters](#)

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## Province tells Ontario mayors they can't use 'strong powers' on police budgets

Finance expert says province needs to review fiscal relationship with municipalities to keep up with costs

Isha Bhargava · CBC News · Posted: Feb 18, 2026 5:00 AM EST | Last Updated: February 18



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A file photo of a police officer walking in downtown Hamilton, Ont. (Bobby Hristova/CBC)

The Ontario government is reminding municipal leaders that they cannot use their provincially granted "strong mayor powers" to challenge or limit police budgets.

This comes two months after Sarnia's mayor vetoed his city's police budget request of \$5 million for a new police headquarters, in what's led to an ongoing battle over the city's police funding.

In a letter sent to mayors and police board chairs in January, the province reiterated that municipalities are required to provide police boards with "sufficient funding" to comply with the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA).

"The Head of Council's strong mayor budget powers do not include the power to limit police service board budget increases or veto estimates submitted by police service boards," Solicitor General Michael Kerzner and Municipal Affairs Minister Rob Flack wrote in their Jan. 12 letter.

"Although municipalities are not required to adopt the board's estimates as submitted, they cannot approve or reject specific line items within the estimates."

- **Less than half of 'strong mayors' were using powers before Ontario expanded system: reports**

Municipal budgets include estimates of amounts required during the year and includes various boards, the letter explains. A police service board must submit their operating and capital costs to municipalities, which then establish the service's overall budget.

Premier Doug Ford's government created the strong mayor system in 2022 and it now applies to 216 mayors. The powers give the leaders control over appointments, the ability to hire and fire most city staff, vetoes over some council votes and the ability to pass some bylaws with support of only a third of council support.

## **'We can't chop public safety' says Premier**

When asked by CBC about the issue of strong mayor powers relating to police budgets on Tuesday, Ford said investments in public safety need to be a top priority.

"We can't chop safety and protecting communities," Ford told reporters. "We need to make sure our priority is keeping our community safe because right now people don't feel safe. So we have to continue investing in our police, give them the tools they need to keep our community safe."

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley disagrees arguing the legislation prevents municipalities from balancing the needs of police and taxpayers. He said Sarnia police has received a 45 per cent operational increase over the last four years, and he only vetoed one capital spending item which the city cannot afford this year.



Sarnia's Mayor Mike Bradley says police budget increases in recent years have led to spending cuts in other city projects. (Facebook)

"The province has just wiped out our ability to control spending in our own communities. In most cases [police budgets] run from 30 to 40 per cent of the

municipal budget, so what the Ford government is saying is that councils and mayors cannot touch it," he said.

"So the message is, police boards who are unaccountable, can now just set the budget and the taxpayers have to pay. That's a pretty shocking statement from Queens Park."

Bradley argues he has supported increasing police budgets for frontline services, which have been substantial over the years and have led the city to cut back on spending for other projects.

In its letter, the province clarifies that there are dispute resolution mechanisms under the CPSA, namely arbitration, when a council disagrees with a police board's budget request.

## **Municipalities limited in challenging police budgets**

However, proving a case against the police can be difficult for municipal councils who don't often have the capacity or technical knowledge to offer a challenge, said Nigel Bellchamber, a London, Ont., consultant specializing in municipal finances.

"It's a high bar that the municipality has to meet in order to succeed in an arbitration," he said, noting that municipalities are tasked with funding a variety of services whose costs outpace inflation.

"As a result, there are some significant challenges and tough decisions being made as to prioritizing capital expenditures in municipal budgets. So councils and municipal staff, whether you're in a strong mayor situation or not, they're all caught in a very difficult situation."



Nigel Bellchamber is a consultant in London, Ont., who specializes in municipal finances (Nigel Bellchamber/LinkedIn)

Bellchamber said the provincial and municipal fiscal relationship hasn't been properly reviewed in about 25 years and it needs to be revisited to respond to changing economic demands.

London's Mayor Josh Morgan agrees. His council approved a historic \$672-million investment in police spending during the last four-year budget, and while he's satisfied with the results of crime trending lower in the city, ballooning police budgets are a concern for municipalities, he said.

"Obviously when the largest portion of your budget is increasing by a fair amount, that's concerning in multiple ways," said Morgan.

"It's difficult for a municipality to shoulder all of the necessary investments in public safety that we need to make with all of the other things that we're obligated to do, and with the revenue streams we have available to us."

Morgan said it's important for municipalities to partner with provincial and federal governments to seek "broad-based, stable multi-year support for public safety funding."

In London's case, Morgan notes the police returned more than \$2.3 million to city coffers in the budget's first two years.

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## Questions of 'strong mayor' veto powers remain after province attempts to clarify police budgets

By [Bryan Bicknell](#)

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The provincial government says municipalities can't use strong mayor powers to limit police budgets. CTV's Bryan Bicknell with local reactions.

The chair of the Sarnia Police Service Board says the board is still weighing options in its bid to build a new police headquarters.

The comments follow a letter from Ontario's Solicitor General to municipalities that mayors cannot use so-called strong mayor powers to challenge police budgets.

"We sent the letter to council requesting that the veto to be vetoed, basically, and that the five million [dollars] be added back into the budget," explained Board Chair Kelly Ash. "We are re-evaluating, looking to see what we can get accomplished with the funds that we do have, while still hoping that council does deliberate over the \$5 million so that we can get started."



Sarnia Police Board Chair Kelly Ash speaks to CTV News via Zoom on Feb. 18, 2026. (Bryan Bicknell/CTV News London)

Late last year Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley vetoed the city's police budget request of \$5 million to begin work on a new police headquarters. Bradley insists he's not about to re-open the city budget.

"This idea that police boards now, without any accountability, they're not elected and they don't report to the public and you can't remove them, will now be able to say to any town, 'This is how much money we want each year, and govern yourself accordingly. You're going to have to find money or kill other projects that are really important to your community because we're number one,'" he said.

In London, the police budget has also been a sensitive item.



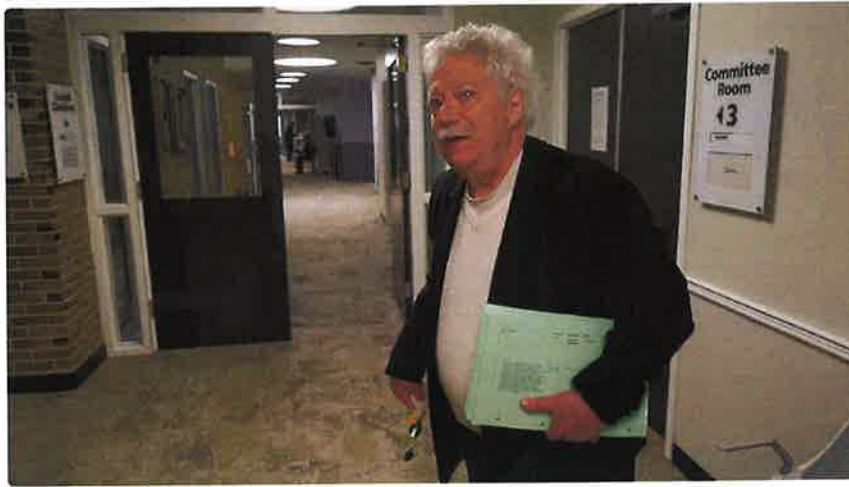
London, Ont. Mayor Josh Morgan speaks to CTV News on Feb. 18, 2026. (Bryan Bicknell/CTV News London)

The most recent police budget passed two years ago in the city's four-year budget cycle increased police spending by \$672 million.

The London Police Service has since returned \$2.3 million in a bid to keep municipal property taxes at bay, explains London Mayor Josh Morgan.

"It's a pretty high bar to set for a municipality to not supply the budget, which is why my approach has been to work closely with the police board as a member of the board. And this board has returned dollars for the past two years," Morgan said.

Introduced in 2022 for Ontario's largest urban centres, strong mayor powers were expanded last year to include all 216 Ontario mayors. At least one legal opinion suggests this was when questions of interpretation began to arise.



London, Ont. Coun. Sam Trosow speaks to CTV News on Feb. 18, 2026. (Bryan Bicknell/CTV News London)

London Coun. Sam Trosow is a retired Western University law professor. He believes the strong mayor legislation was rushed.

"I think if it was the intention of the legislature to categorically exempt police services matters from the act they would have or they should have said so. And they probably rushed this through so quickly, maybe they didn't even bother to think about it," he explained.

"But I think that the mayor of Sarnia is within his rights to challenge this part of the budget," Trosow said.



Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley speaks to CTV News via Zoom on Feb. 18, 2026. (Bryan Bicknell/CTV News London)

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Georgian Bay Geopark – Spring 2026 Outreach & Council Conversation

Dear Mayor Koetsier and Members of Council,

As fellow members of the Georgian Bay and North Channel community, we are reaching out to share a brief update and to let you know that we are beginning the next phase of our outreach and engagement this spring.

Over the past several years, this volunteer-led initiative — built by people from across the region — has continued to develop research, partnerships, and practical tools focused on stewardship, learning, and sustainable community benefit. Together with municipal leaders, Indigenous advisors, tourism partners, and local organizations, we have advanced work in geological education, Indigenous knowledge collaboration, responsible geotourism, and geospatial planning.

We have now launched our new digital platform, **GeorgianBayGeopark.com**, which brings this work together in one place. The site is intended to provide clear, accessible information about what the initiative is — and is not — and how it may support local priorities and complement existing plans and strategies.

This next phase is about listening and dialogue. We would very much welcome the opportunity to meet with your Council this spring — virtually or in person — to:

- Provide a brief overview of the platform and progress to date
- Outline the goals of the 2026 outreach and listening phase
- Hear your perspectives and discuss how this initiative might best serve your community

We see this as a collaborative regional conversation. Your insight, guidance, and leadership are important as we consider next steps together.

We will follow up shortly to coordinate a suitable time and look forward to connecting.

With thanks for all you do for your community and the region,

Sincerely,

**Mike Robbins**  
Chair  
Georgian Bay Geopark

# Notice of Public Meeting – Amendments to Hobby Farm Provisions

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
**Meeting Time:** following the Committee of Adjustment meeting at 9:00 am  
**Location:** Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, Council Chambers  
 1012 Dwight Beach Road, Dwight, Ontario

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council (Planning Matters) public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. **This public meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format in-person or via ZOOM following the Committee of Adjustment meeting at 9:00 a.m.** (see Page 2 for more details).

File Type & Number	Township-wide Amendments to the Hobby Farm Provisions in the Community Planning Permit By-law 2021-111 – Z 35-24 LOB
Owner/Applicant(s)	Township of Lake of Bays
Property Location	Township-wide
Purpose & Effect of the Proposed By-law	<p>The Township of Lake of Bays has initiated a targeted housekeeping amendment to the Township of Lake of Bays Community Planning Permit By-law 2021-111 with respect to the regulation of Hobby Farms.</p> <p>The purpose of the proposed amendment is to address implementation challenges associated with the current Hobby Farm provisions, including clarity around how the use is defined, scaled, and assessed for land use compatibility.</p> <p>The proposed amendment is intended to maintain the existing permission for Hobby Farms while improving clarity, consistency, and enforceability. The proposed amendment applies Township-wide. In general terms, the amendment includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An updated definition of “Hobby Farm”;</li> <li>• The introduction of Hobby-Farm-specific provisions, including minimum lot standards and setbacks;</li> <li>• The establishment of clear variation thresholds identifying when a Class 1 or Class 2 Planning Permit, or an amendment to the By-law, is required; and</li> <li>• The introduction of a Hobby Farm Siting Assessment requirement, where appropriate, to address land use compatibility and potential impacts.</li> </ul>
Written Information Available	Staff Report available on the Township’s website at <a href="http://www.lakeofbays.on.ca">www.lakeofbays.on.ca</a> or from Planning Services on or after March 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2026

Additional Information and Materials are available at the following:	Website: <a href="https://www.lakeofbays.on.ca/invest-and-build/zoning/">https://www.lakeofbays.on.ca/invest-and-build/zoning/</a>
Planning Contact	Craig Mathieson, Consultant Planner, Skelton Brumwell & Associates Inc. Ph. 705-726-1141 ext. 125 Email: <a href="mailto:cmathieson@skeltonbrumwell.ca">cmathieson@skeltonbrumwell.ca</a>
To receive notice of future meetings	If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township on the proposed by-law amendments, you must make a written request to the planning contact above.
<p>If a specified person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Township to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the specified person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Lake of Bays before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.</p> <p>If a specified person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township before the by-law is passed, the specified person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.</p>	
Personal information collected in response to this planning notice will be used to assist staff and Council to process this application and will be made public	
Date of this Notice	March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2026

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION**

Although this is a public hearing, you are not required to attend unless you wish to speak to the application.

To participate in the virtual planning meeting, you will need access to a computer, tablet or telephone with internet service or a telephone. For information on how to register for the meeting or if you have specific comments regarding this application please contact the planning contact listed on the first page.

#### How to Submit Written Comments to be considered

Applicants, agents and members of the public can provide written comments to the planning contact listed on the notice, to be read aloud at the public meeting. All written comments related to a planning application must be received by the Planning Department prior to the start of the public meeting to be considered.

#### Where to Watch a Meeting

All Council (Planning Matters) meetings will be streamed live and available on the Township of Lake of Bays YouTube page (link will be provided on the agenda posted one week prior to the meeting).

#### If you cannot Participate Virtually

Where applicants, agents and members of the public are not able to utilize virtual conferencing (ie. Zoom), existing participation measures outlined in the *Planning Act* will continue to be available, these include telephone communication with planning staff and written correspondence, via e-mail, fax or letter, to express land use planning information related to an application before Council (Planning Matters) for decision as outlined above.



—The TOWNSHIP of—  
**NORTH DUMFRIES**

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March 11, 2026

Sent via Email:

Premier of Ontario, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario

**RE: Resolution – Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025**

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on March 9, 2026 the Township of North Dumfries Council considered the enclosed resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

*“THAT the Resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 be received;*

*WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and*

*WHEREAS Ontario 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;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Dumfries 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, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.”*

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Good". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Good, Clerk  
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February 20, 2026

**Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025**

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073

**Moved By** Councillor Shipston

**Seconded By** Councillor Ferguson

**WHEREAS** arable land is a critical finite resource; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario 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;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Southgate 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, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

*Lindsey Green*

Lindsey Green, Clerk  
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness  
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs  
Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade  
MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound  
Senator Rob Black  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Municipalities in Ontario



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

March 19, 2026

All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Town of Cobourg 'Elbows Up for Climate Action'**

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At a meeting held on March 18, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved the following Resolution # 2026-03-18-212 adopting the below recommendation from the March 2, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting

**Moved by** Councillor Mandy Martin

**Seconded by** Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Town of Cobourg regarding 'Elbows Up for Climate Action', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2026-03-18-212

**Carried**

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tonia Bennett".

Tonia Bennett  
Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

# Council Resolution

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Moved By M. Martin

Agenda  
Item 10

Resolution Number  
2026-03-18- 212

Seconded By J. Logel

Council Date: March 18, 2026

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 2, 3 and 4, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Public Works Committee, Item 7.a, Correspondence, Brenda Quin 'Proposed Charge for all Yard Waste Delivered to Transfer Stations' – **Held by Deputy Warden Martin**
- Public Works Committee, Item 8.c, Report 2026-036 'RFQ 25-40 Demolition of 9 Second St., 109 Saskatoon Ave. and 120 Grand Rd. Campbellford Contract Award' – **Held for Administrative Reasons**
- Public Works Committee, Item 8.e, Engineering Department Quarter 4, 2025 Update – **Held by Deputy Warden Martin**
- Economic Development, Tourism, and Land Use Planning Committee, Item 7.c Correspondence, Alto 'Alto Corridor Map and Virtual Engagement'- **Held by Councillor Logel**
- Corporate Support Committee, Item 8.a, Corporate Services Report 2026-042, '2025 Council Remuneration Review- **Update- Held by Councillor Hankivsky**

**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

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**Committee Meeting Date:** March 2, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 7.c

**Resolution Number:** 2026-03-02- 164

**Moved by:** B Crate

**Seconded by:** J Logel

**Council Meeting Date:** March 18, 2026

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"That the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Town of Cobourg regarding 'Elbows Up for Climate Action', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to all Ontario Municipalities."

**Carried**   
Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature



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December 24, 2025

RE: Correspondence from David Miller regarding Elbows Up for Climate Action Letter

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on November 26, 2025, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council support the correspondence from C40 Centre for City Climate Policy and Economy regarding Elbows Up for Climate Action; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to send a copy of this resolution to all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services



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# Elbows Up For Climate Action

## An open letter from Canada's local leaders

### **Messrs. Blanchet, Carney, Pedneault, Poilievre, Singh, and Ms. May:**

We are mayors and councillors from across Canada, where we represent and serve millions of residents of all political backgrounds. Like so many of you, we are already feeling the effects of U.S. trade attacks in our communities through lost jobs, uncertainty for businesses, and increased costs of daily living.

Increasingly, we are also guiding our communities through another kind of crisis: recurring wildfires, floods, storms and deadly climate events. **We believe this is the moment for Canada to fight back, by investing in national projects that will connect and protect our country from the dual threats of tariffs and climate change.**

**Leading through a climate emergency changes you.** You can't witness elderly neighbours overheating in low-income apartments during a heat wave, and not recognize the critical role of well-insulated, affordable housing. You can't comfort people who have lost everything in floods and fires, and not wonder how we will afford to rebuild. You can't watch your kids and loved ones choke on toxic wildfire smoke without **knowing the time to act boldly on climate change is right now – because later is too late.**

Over the past decade, we've watched wildfires rip through nearly every part of our country. Just like you, we were stunned when Lytton disappeared off the map. Then parts of Halifax went up in flames. Last year, wildfires engulfed the iconic and beloved Jasper. What's next? Who's next?

**We can't keep watching our homes, towns and forests burn to a crisp, and pretend the status quo is working or safe.** We can't adapt our way out of this problem.

**It is time for us to get to work.** We are proposing five bold and achievable ideas the next federal government can implement as soon as it is elected, to tariff-proof our economy and create a jobs boom in every community:

- **create a national East-West-North clean electric grid**, delivering affordable energy to urban, rural and Indigenous communities across the country;
- **build a national high-speed rail network**, and extend it with locally-made electric buses to reach every community in this country;
- **build at least two million non-market, energy-efficient homes**, creating more affordable, transit-linked communities;
- **make our homes and buildings warmer in winter, cooler in summer** with retrofits and heat pump installations across the country, that will cut energy bills and pollution;
- **.... and fund a national resilience, response and recovery strategy** so our communities can prepare for the climate disasters we know are coming, respond when they hit, and rebuild afterwards.

**These projects would create hundreds of thousands of good local jobs in cities, rural and Indigenous communities, using Canadian steel, aluminum and lumber.** They would bolster our economy and make daily life safer and more affordable for all of us. We *can* afford to pay for them now: by redirecting billions of dollars in fossil fuel subsidies, and strengthening the polluter pays principle, for example.

**This is the kind of action that this moment calls for.** That is why it has been so disappointing to hear voices following Donald Trump's lead and using this crisis to revive long-dead and unpopular pipeline projects. Let's be honest: new pipelines require massive public handouts, trample on Indigenous sovereignty, and mean more climate disasters hitting our cities and towns in years to come.

As local leaders, we know that whatever their political backgrounds, our constituents are worried about the same things: good jobs; a safe and affordable place to live; and confidence that their leaders have a plan for the next crisis we face, whether a climate disaster – or an economic sucker punch from our closest ally.

**We are facing a growing climate threat, and an attack on our economic sovereignty. We can and must take them both on at once.** This federal election, let's put our elbows up for climate action, and commit to truly national projects to protect and connect our country.

## Signed

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# Join Us



March 13, 2026

Hon. David Piccini  
Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
14<sup>th</sup> 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  
14<sup>th</sup> 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)

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

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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  
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Cc (via e-mail)  
Premier Doug Ford



# *The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan*

March 9, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria  
Minister of Transportation

**Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems**

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, at its meeting on March 2, 2026 passed the following resolution:

**R52-2026**

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes  
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

That the correspondence from the Township of Larder Lake regarding School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems is received for information;  
AND FURTHER that the Council for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan hereby supports the Township of Larder Lake's call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

**CARRIED.**

A copy of the original correspondence from the Mayor of the Township of Larder Lake is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,  
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Liz Ross  
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Township of Larder Lake  
All Ontario Municipalities



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE**

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**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**The Honourable Doug Ford**

Premier of Ontario

**The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria**

Minister of Transportation, Province of Ontario

**Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Municipality of Larder Lake, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

The Municipality of Larder Lake supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

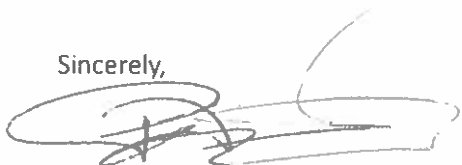
We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Patricia Quinn', written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Patricia Quinn, Mayor, Municipality of Larder Lake

cc:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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February 26th, 2026

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By electronic submission

**Re: Proposed New Regulation under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act**

Dear Solicitor General,

Please be advised that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of February 25, 2026, considered and approved the following motion:

#### **MOTION**

Moved by / Motion de: Councillor S. Plante  
Seconded by / Appuyée par: Mayor M. Sutcliffe

**WHEREAS the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025* (RPCISA) was brought into force on June 5, 2025; and**

**WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) is considering regulatory amendments to the RPCISA to prescribe special constables employed by authorized public transit agencies, including OCTranspo special constables for the purpose of the Act, thereby granting them the same enforcement powers as police officers, and is seeking public input on this proposal until March 1<sup>st</sup>; and**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has invested significant resources to improve public safety in the downtown core and the ByWard Market; and**

**WHEREAS OC Transpo deploys on average approximately 4 special constables in the downtown daily, and 13 deployed across the city-wide transit network, who are already present in high-traffic transit environments, including stations, platforms, and bus stops throughout the downtown core and across the city; and**



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**WHEREAS public transit riders include workers, students, seniors, people with disabilities, youth, and low-income residents who rely on transit as their primary or only mode of transportation and require a safe environment at all times; and**

**WHEREAS restoring ridership is essential to the financial sustainability of Ottawa's public transit system, to achieving the City's climate and transportation goals, and to ensuring equitable access to employment, education, healthcare, and community services; and**

**WHEREAS enabling OCTranspo special constables to enforce the RPCISA would allow for timely, proportionate, and location-specific interventions focused on transit spaces, while reducing reliance on police response for matters that occur primarily within the transit system; and**

**WHEREAS any extension of authority under the RPCISA would be accompanied by appropriate training and would operate alongside existing public health, outreach, and harm reduction services, recognizing that enforcement alone does not address substance use but that clear rules and safe public spaces remain necessary;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa endorse the proposed regulatory amendments under the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025*; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Solicitor General of Ontario in support of the proposal before March 1st, 2026; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk share this motion with other Municipalities in Ontario, prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026; and,**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write the Solicitor General of Ontario to renew or extend the funding associated with the Ontario-Ottawa agreement.**

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Mark Sutcliffe  
Mayor  
City of Ottawa

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



February 6, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 29, 2026 the following resolution regarding support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO.** 2026-32

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Prinzen

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor MacNaughton

**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

**WHEREAS** Ontario 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;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the County of Prince Edward 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, Haldimand-Norfolk MPP Bobbi Ann Brady, Bay of Quinte MPP Tyler Allsopp, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Prinzen, Councillor Branderhorst



**The Corporation of the  
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 078

**Moved By:** Joe Lumley **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

**Whereas** public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

**And whereas** interlibrary loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

**And whereas** reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

**And whereas** recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

**And that** Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;





## TOWNSHIP OF JOLY

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February 10, 2026

### RESOLUTION

**Resolution # 2026-062**

**Agenda Item # 5.3** Support Opposition to consolidation of Conservation Authorities

**Moved By :** Tom Bryson

**Seconded By :** Chris Nicholson

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby support the Town of Kingsville Resolution number 195-11172025.

**Whereas** the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the “Act”), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

**And whereas** there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

**And whereas** on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government’s intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario’s 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

NOW Therefore Be It Resolved Council for the Corporation of The Township of Joly:

- Wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario’s conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities; and,
- Directs the Municipal Administrator to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**

**Original copy Signed**

**Mayor**

**Township of Joly**

March 13, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of March 10, 2026 the following resolution regarding OPP - Sustainable Police Services Funding was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-111**

**DATE: January 29, 2026**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch**

**WHEREAS** Ontario municipalities are required to maintain a police service or detachment board; and

**WHEREAS** policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of rising costs to implement provincial mandates;

**WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has asserted that the fiscal framework enabling municipalities provided critical policing and public safety services is broken, and AMO requests an urgent update of the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship;

**WHEREAS** double digit increases in municipal annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) budgets are unsustainable, especially as Ontario municipal police services tackle provincial responsibilities such as mental health, addictions, and homelessness challenges that place police resources under enormous financial strain;

**WHEREAS** municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (the Act);

**WHEREAS** the costs of other measures such as providing provincial court security are increasing and are not part of providing core, adequate and effective municipal policing; and

**WHEREAS** rural municipalities are especially negatively impacted by these developments;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the County of Prince Edward (Council) requests that the Province provide financial assistance to municipalities to offset all additional costs directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Act and not general increases to police budgets; and

**THAT** Council urges the Province of Ontario to expeditiously review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities, so that communities with changing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and



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**THAT** this resolution of Council be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Hirsch





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March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

RE: Township of Puslinch Support Resolution No.2026-059 Regarding Consent item 6.7  
Township of Perry Support Resolution Regarding Reduced Rate Distribution of Library  
Resources

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2026-059:**

Moved by Councillor Bailey and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.7 listed for March 4, 2026 Council meeting be received  
for information; and**

**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: All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of the  
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 078

**Moved By:** Joe Lumley **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

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**And that** Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;

**And that** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried:  Defeated:

  
Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
<b>Councillors</b> Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
<b>Mayor</b> Norm Hofstetter		



# Rideau Lakes

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March 10, 2026

Dear Senator,

Re: Rideau Lakes Concerns re Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget)

We in Rideau Lakes Township are writing this letter because of major concerns about the Alto High Speed Rail Project (HSR), as well as a request to fully evaluate our concerns of Bill C-15 in relation to Alto HSR and expropriation of land.

The Alto HSR is lacking full and meaningful consultation of critical information for the early design and development phase. We recognize that having this information is important to the engineers in determining routes that minimize disruptions to the communities, residents, businesses, farmland, waterways, environment, and ecosystems that they pass through. What we have experienced is less than adequate information upon which to base our ability to conduct impact assessments involving our rural communities, agriculture, businesses, and countless heritage buildings and monuments. Alto's recently proposed Southern Ontario route included a 10 km wide corridor, and they provided high-level maps which are not useful in determining the impacts which more detailed route maps would give us and that are vital to our informed feedback. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our more local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

HSR will divide communities. There will be a major impact on our roadways for school buses, public transportation and emergency vehicles given the many closed roadways when fences are erected along the HSR route. This will increase mortality and morbidity as it will take longer to receive timely care. Farther to travel will also increase emissions and costs for plowing and road maintenance. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

The Southern route would traverse the UNESCO recognized Frontenac Arch Biosphere Region, the ancestral lands of the Haudenosaunee (Kanien'kehá:ka) and Anishinaabeg (Algonquin); where a land bridge of the Canadian Shield connects the Algonquin and Laurentian Highlands to the Adirondack Mountains in the USA. Many animals use this migration route in both directions every year, and unless wildlife corridors are included in the ALTO plans, this would cut off their migration.

This does not begin to speak to the negative impact on tourism which is estimated in the order of \$30 million for the UNESCO Rideau Canal system from Ottawa to Kingston.

Another major concern is that the government proposes to grant Alto, as a Crown Corporation, the right to 3 methods of property expropriation! Until now the government itself held the right to a single method of property expropriation. This causes our residents varying degrees of stress ranging to mental anguish if their properties are affected and they will not get full current market value if they decided to sell. Under the new proposed legislation, they would be forced to sell to the Corporation! This is of particular concern to many potentially affected property owners who are in the business of farming and feeding our population.

Cost analysis to build the railway in the northern and southern routes has not been done. We have also been told that a route parallel to the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario is not viable. We do not have enough information to understand why this option is not viable.

Rideau Lakes Township is asking you, and your Senate colleagues, to undertake your considered review of our concerns that are being sent to you for First Reading. We hope that you will see that this portion of Bill-C15 (HSR and expropriation) is premature, given that there are many unanswered questions and important issues have not been adequately addressed in the information provided. There has been inadequate public consultation to move to the development stage of this generationally important Canadian transportation project affecting so many lives along whatever corridor may eventually be approved. Should the Senate determine that a delegation to a Senate committee be appropriate with a view to consolidating recommendations for changes that would go back to the House of Commons, we would be available to participate, of course upon invitation.

Thank you for your attention in this very important matter affecting all of us here and across Ontario! It would be very much appreciated if I could receive a response in order to brief my Council.

Yours respectfully,



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All Members of Parliament  
All Provincial Cabinet Ministers  
MPP Steve Clark  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities



**Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc Council Resolution**  
**Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025**  
**Date: Monday, March 16, 2026**

**Moved by: Councillor Willsie**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Derbyshire**

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc is a community deeply rooted in agriculture, with a significant portion of our local economy and heritage dependent on the sustainability of farming and food production;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario is losing an estimated 319 acres of farmland daily to non-agricultural development, posing a significant threat to the province's long-term food security and the viability of the agri-food sector;

**AND WHEREAS** Bill 21, the *Protect Our Food Act, 2025*, currently before the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, seeks to preserve productive agricultural land by requiring Agricultural Impact Assessments before zoning changes can occur and by establishing a Foodbelt Protection Plan;

**AND WHEREAS** the protection of prime agricultural land is not only a matter of food sovereignty but also of fiscal responsibility, as low-density residential sprawl on farmland frequently incurs higher long term infrastructure and service costs for municipalities compared to agricultural land use;

**AND WHEREAS** providing certainty regarding the agricultural land base encourages long-term investment by farmers in their operations, soil health, and local businesses, thereby strengthening the rural economy of Strathroy-Caradoc;

**AND WHEREAS** low-density urban sprawl increases the per-capita cost of municipal infrastructure and service delivery—including roads, water, wastewater, and emergency services—creating a long-term financial burden on the Municipality that often exceeds the tax revenue generated by such development;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc hereby expresses its support for the principles and objectives of Bill 21, *Protect Our Food Act, 2025*,

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# MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHROY-CARADOC

The Corporation of the  
Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc  
52 Frank Street, Strathroy ON N7G 2R4

to ensure that Ontario's prime agricultural land is preserved for future generations;

**AND THAT** Council directs the Clerk to send a letter of support for Bill 21 to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs and the leaders of the Opposition parties;

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all municipalities within the County of Middlesex to encourage broader municipal support.

**Carried.**

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TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY  
Resolution of Council  
Council Meeting

Resolution Number

**Title:** For Info. 2/2026 - Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Township re: Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry – Councillor Sebben

**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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**Moved by:** Lori Sebben  
**Seconded by:** Shelley Wagner

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Wellesley supports the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's resolution regarding the call for reform and publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry and further,  
That the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Kitchener-Conestoga MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario for their information and consideration.

**CARRIED**

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Municipal Clerk, Amy Harron



**TOWNSHIP OF  
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February 4, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada  
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**RE: Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry**

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Brantford.

**Resolution No: 2026-02-04-06**  
**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 City of Brantford's resolution regarding a Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry.

**And further that** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario."

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



December 19, 2025

Honorable Mark Carney

Sent via email: [mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Honorable Mark Carney:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council, at its meeting held December 16, 2025 adopted the following:

**12.2.7 Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry - Councillor Samwell**

WHEREAS the community of Welland and the surrounding communities were deeply impacted by a recent heinous crime that highlighted critical gaps in Canada's criminal justice and offender-management systems; and

WHEREAS on September 4, 2025, Mayor Frank Campion of the City of Welland wrote to the Premier of Ontario urging comprehensive reform to strengthen sentencing, parole, and bail provisions for violent sexual offenders, and to enhance public safety protections; and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2025, Mayor Mat Siscoe of the City of St. Catharines wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada expressing strong support for these reforms and calling for immediate federal action to strengthen sentencing, parole, and accountability measures for violent sexual offenders; and

WHEREAS the City of Thorold, at its meeting of September 9, 2025, adopted Resolution 14.2 requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offenders Registry), 2000 to make Ontario Sex Offender Registry publicly accessible; and

WHEREAS several Niagara municipalities; including Grimsby, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and St. Catharines have subsequently endorsed this call for greater transparency and reform; and

WHEREAS municipal councils, though not responsible for criminal law or parole, play a vital role in advocating for the safety and well-being of their residents;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. THAT the Council of the City of Brantford hereby supports the City of Thorold's Resolution calling for the Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry and the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 4, 2025, calling for reform to sentencing, parole, and registry provisions concerning violent sexual offenders; and
- B. THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offender Registry), 2000 to make the Ontario Sex Offender

Registry publicly accessible, subject to appropriate privacy and safety safeguards; and

C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- i. The Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- ii. The Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
- iii. The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety;
- iv. The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- v. The Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
- vi. The Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario;
- vii. Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock;
- viii. Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Will Bouma;
- ix. The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- x. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- xi. All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



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TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY  
Resolution of Council  
Council Meeting

Resolution Number

**Title:** For Info. 5/2026 - Municipality of Wawa re: School Bus Safety and Stop Arm – Councillor Sebben

**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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**Moved by:** Lori Sebben

**Seconded by:** Shelley Wagner

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Wellesley hereby supports the Municipality of Wawa's resolution regarding enhanced school bus safety and the implementation of stop arm camera systems, and further

That the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario for their information and consideration.

**CARRIED**

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Municipal Clerk, Amy Harron

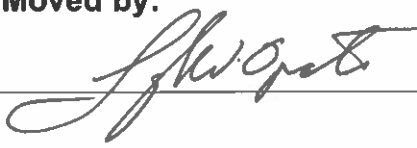
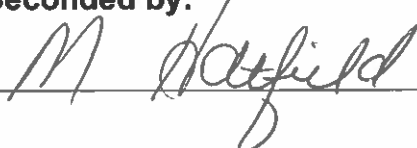


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 17th, 2026

Resolution # RC26028	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

**WHEREAS** illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the Province of Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day; and

**WHEREAS** these violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous and unlawful behaviour; and

**WHEREAS** Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act* authorizes the use of school bus stop-arm camera systems as an enforcement mechanism; and

**WHEREAS** such systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability; and

**WHEREAS** provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes are able to equitably deploy this technology; and

**WHEREAS** the "Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus" campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm, underscores the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and technological solutions to better protect children travelling to and from school;



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 hereby expresses its support for increased provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 of the Highway Traffic Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT protecting children on Ontario's roads is a shared responsibility, and that through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

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	DEPUTY CLERK – HEATHER RAINVILLE

March 13, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Re: Request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 9, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 41-26:

Whereas current provincial–municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining the Town of Whitby’s economic prosperity and the quality of life of its residents;  
Whereas nearly one third of all municipal spending in Ontario is directed toward services in areas of provincial responsibility, with expenditures outpacing provincial contributions by approximately \$4 billion annually;

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has emphasized that the ongoing requirement for municipalities to fund provincial responsibilities—such as social housing, health related capital obligations, and social services—results in at least \$1.5 billion annually in net municipal expenditures for social housing alone, a problem unique to Ontario;

Whereas municipalities are further required to contribute 10% of capital funding for new provincial hospitals, diverting local revenue away from essential municipal infrastructure;

Whereas municipal revenue sources, primarily property taxes, do not grow at the same rate as the economy or inflation, yet municipalities—including the Town of Whitby—are responsible for managing major growth related infrastructure such as roads, transit, water, sewer, fire, and parks;

Whereas only 34 cents of every residential property tax dollar collected in Whitby remains with the Town, while 55 cents flows to the Region of Durham and 11 cents to school boards;

Whereas AMO has highlighted that provincial housing related revenues—including \$5.8 billion in Land Transfer Tax revenues in 2021/22, which exceeded the provincial budget plan by \$2 billion, as well as billions in HST revenue from new home construction—are not currently shared with municipalities, despite being generated by housing activity that requires significant local infrastructure investment;

Whereas AMO has stated that allocating a portion of these housing related provincial revenues to municipalities would provide a predictable, growth linked revenue stream necessary to support housing targets and the expansion of critical public infrastructure;

Whereas AMO has cautioned that proposals to reduce or limit development charges shift costs away from growth and onto existing property taxpayers, threatening the ability of municipalities to finance essential infrastructure, given that most municipal reserves are already allocated to specific projects or required for responsible asset management practices; and,

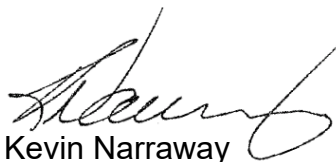
Whereas municipal staff have already identified \$2.5 million in expenditure reductions for 2026 and continue to identify efficiencies through the ongoing 2026 Core Services Review.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Council of the Town of Whitby once again calls upon the Province of Ontario to work collaboratively with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) to undertake a comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity Review to modernize and realign the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, ensuring that municipal revenues are aligned with the actual costs of today’s service delivery and growth;
2. The Town of Whitby requests that this review specifically address the \$4 billion annual gap where municipal property taxes are currently used to fund provincial responsibilities, including social housing, health, and transit, and further evaluate:
  - the \$1.5 billion annual municipal burden created by the provincial download of social housing costs;
  - the requirement for municipalities to fund 10% of provincial hospital capital projects; and,
  - the opportunity to allocate a portion of provincial Land Transfer Tax and HST revenues generated by housing activity to municipal infrastructure supporting growth.

3. The Province be urged to establish a predictable, housing linked revenue stream for municipalities that reflects the economic, social, and infrastructure demands associated with growth, including addressing the financial impacts of changes to development charges; and,
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
  - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
  - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
  - The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
  - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure;
  - The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
  - Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby);
  - The Region of Durham;
  - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
  - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and,
  - All Ontario Municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905.430.4300.



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**From:** Regional.Clerk <regional.clerk@york.ca>

**Sent:** March 6, 2026 8:05 AM

**Subject:** Regional Council Decision - Proposed Motion from Mayor Lovatt

On February 26, 2026 Regional Council adopted the following motion:

**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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