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Date: May 26, 2026

Motion # 2026-158

WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 are critical transportation corridors connecting Northern Ontario communities and supporting national trade, tourism, emergency response, and economic development; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario residents, travellers, commercial drivers, and emergency services rely on safe and accessible year-round highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS many stretches of Highways 11 and 17 lack sufficient rest areas, washroom facilities, truck parking, warming centres, fuel access, and safe pull-off locations, particularly in remote areas of Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS inadequate rest stop infrastructure contributes to driver fatigue, safety concerns, limited accessibility, and challenges for tourism and commercial transportation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour calls upon the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to prioritize the development of new and upgraded highway rest stops and traveller infrastructure along Highways 11 and 17 across Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such infrastructure include year-round washrooms, safe parking areas, commercial truck parking, warming shelters, electric vehicle charging stations, fuel access, tourism information, and improved emergency communication services where feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, FONOM, NOMA, Indigenous communities, and industry stakeholders to identify priority locations for investment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, and Ontario municipalities.

Moved by:	Blakelock, Rod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Seconded by:	Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Carried / Defeated _____ 

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded vote requested by: _____



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For	Opposed
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MOVED BY:

- Jason Cote
 Marc Lepine
 Ray Maltais
 Bert McDowell

SECONDED BY:

- Jason Cote
 Marc Lepine
 Ray Maltais
 Bert McDowell

RESOLUTION # 26 – 061

Date: April 13, 2026

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) provide policing services to both organized municipalities and unorganized territories across the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS organized municipalities receiving OPP policing services are billed under the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model, which includes a base service cost and additional costs related to calls for service;

AND WHEREAS unorganized townships and territories contribute to policing costs through provincial taxation mechanisms and pay only a base rate while receiving OPP policing services;

AND WHEREAS residents of unorganized territories receive comparable OPP policing services to those provided in organized municipalities;

AND WHEREAS recent increases in OPP policing costs have placed a growing and disproportionate financial burden on organized municipalities and their taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have limited revenue tools and must rely primarily on property taxation to fund essential services such as policing;

AND WHEREAS the current funding structure creates an inequitable situation in which organized municipalities are required to subsidize a larger share of policing costs while similar services are provided in unorganized territories at a significantly lower contribution level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin calls upon the Province of Ontario to conduct an immediate review of the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model and the policing funding structure for unorganized territories



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AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to implement a fair and equitable funding model that ensures all communities receiving OPP policing services contribute appropriately to the cost of those services;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to consult with municipalities, particularly those in Northern Ontario, regarding the financial impacts of OPP policing costs and the current inequities in the system;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Minister of the Solicitor General, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and neighbouring municipalities for their support.


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CAO/Clerk – Administrator/Treasurer
Holly Zahorodny

I DECLARE THIS RESOLUTION

- Carried
 Defeated
 Deferred



Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
	For	Against
V. Gorham	—	—
J. Cote	—	—
M. Lepine	—	—
R. Maltais	—	—
B. McDowell	—	—

From: Haylie Taylor
Sent: May 14, 2026 2:30 PM
Subject: Smile Cookie - THANK YOU!!

Hello Smile Cookie volunteers,

I wanted to send a **HUGE** thank you to every single one of you who came out to help Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe with the Smile Cookie campaign in Waubaushene and Port Severn!

With the help from all of you, and all the cookie lovers in Tay and Port Severn, we raised **\$27,360.76** for youth mentoring across North Simcoe!!

Again, thank you to everyone for decorating and boxing cookies, for standing in the drive thru and selling cookies/taking donations and for believing in the work that BBBSNS does with our local youth.

Without your support, we aren't able to serve the youth across North Simcoe!

Have a great long weekend!

Haylie Taylor

Fundraising and Community Development Coordinator

Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe

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Big Brothers
Big Sisters
OF NORTH SIMCOE



IGNITING POTENTIAL IN LOCAL YOUTH

May 14, 2026

Re: Item for Discussion – Endorsement of Resolution 38/2006 – District Municipality of Muskoka – Exemption from Appointment Provisions for the Better Regional Governance Act – District Chair

At its meeting of May 13, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #26-GC-043, regarding Endorsement of Resolution 38/2006 – District Municipality of Muskoka – Exemption from Appointment Provisions for the Better Regional Governance Act – District Chair, as follows:

- “1. That the District Municipality of Muskoka Resolution 38/2006, dated April 20, 2026, regarding an exemption from the appointment provisions for the Chair of the District Municipality of Muskoka under the Better Regional Governance Act, be endorsed.
2. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and all Muskoka municipalities.”

In accordance with Council’s direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference. I am also forwarding you a copy of the District Municipality of Muskoka Resolution 38/2006 for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly



Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

38/2026

Muskoka District Council
April 20, 2026

The District Municipality of Muskoka

Moved by: T. Sutherland

Seconded by: N. Alcock

WHEREAS the District of Muskoka (District) is a unique northern and rural municipality, fundamentally different from the other seven regions identified in the Better Regional Governance Act, spanning a large geographic area of lakes, forests, and small communities with a mix of serviced centres and unserved rural areas that create distinct service delivery realities within a single region;

AND WHEREAS the Province has established clear priorities under O. Reg. 580/22, including building 1.5 million homes by 2031 and delivering the infrastructure required to support that growth;

AND WHEREAS the District of Muskoka is already advancing these priorities, including sustained levels of new home construction above historical averages, a significant increase in affordable housing approvals and builds, major infrastructure investments including a new demand-based transit system and a joint Provincial-District \$100M+ water and wastewater expansion in Huntsville, and ongoing improvements to development processes;

AND WHEREAS while Muskoka is contributing meaningfully to housing goals, it is not a fast-growing urban region with a combined permanent and seasonal population density of 33 individuals per km² compared to an average of 634 individuals per km² for the other regions, and does not face the same scale of growth pressures that underpin the Better Regional Governance Act;

AND WHEREAS Muskoka's geography, including Canadian Shield bedrock, environmental constraints, and high servicing costs, fundamentally limit the scale and pace of development compared to southern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Muskoka's economy and long-term sustainability are directly tied to the protection of its distinctive natural environment – in particular, its over 650 lakes, 3 watersheds, 19 sub watersheds, thousands of wetlands and islands, and a significant area designated as and UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve watershed- and its quality of life, requiring a careful, locally responsive approach to growth;

AND WHEREAS the District and lower tiers together with indigenous communities with ties to Muskoka have advanced reconciliation outcomes in a coordinated and purposeful manner through the creation of the Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table;

AND WHEREAS the District has delivered comparatively low tax increases throughout this term of Council, with average tax increases that remain in the lower range of all Ontario regional municipalities in this term of Council;

Muskoka District Council
April 20, 2026

AND WHEREAS the District also faces unique operational pressures, including extreme weather events, having declared multiple states of emergency in recent years, which require rapid, coordinated decision-making across municipalities, emergency services, and provincial partners;

AND WHEREAS the role of the District Chair in Muskoka is distinct, requiring integration with lower-tier municipalities, community partners, and shared service delivery models, particularly in both day-to-day governance and emergency response, best supported by a Chair who is directly accountable to Council and responsive to local conditions;

AND WHEREAS District Council and our residents feel very strongly that their locally elected officials know the unique needs of our community best, and can best choose a Chair who can work within our unique governance environment;

AND WHEREAS the current governance model, including a locally appointed Chair, has demonstrably delivered on Provincial priorities and enabled effective regional collaboration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Muskoka reaffirms its commitment to continue advancing Provincial priorities, including housing supply, infrastructure delivery, and development efficiency, with measurable progress reported to the Minister and Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND THAT the District will complete its review of the development approval process to drive efficiencies, and continue to improve timelines for development approvals, and report our progress to the Province including measurable outcomes;

AND THAT the District will undertake a comprehensive governance review in the 2026–2030 term, incorporating Provincial priorities and examining opportunities to modernize governance, including consideration of a streamlined Council structure;

AND THAT given Muskoka’s demonstrated success in delivering on Provincial priorities, its fundamentally different geographic, economic, and growth context, and the need for locally responsive leadership in both governance and emergency situations, District Council respectfully requests that the Minister exercise discretion to exempt Muskoka from the appointment provisions of the Better Regional Governance Act, allowing District Council to continue appointing its own Chair.

Carried



Defeated



The Corporation of the Town of Bruce Mines

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May 14, 2026

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

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026 – Schedule 7

At its Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2026, the Council of the Town of Bruce Mines reviewed the changes introduced through Schedule 7 of Bill 97, which amends the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

At that meeting, Council adopted a resolution expressing concern regarding these amendments and their impact on transparency and public access to information.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution supported by Bruce Mines Council.

Sincerely,

Tarra Lapensee
Deputy Clerk
info@brucemines.ca
705-785-3493

cc:

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
The Honourable Bill Rosenberg, Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Patricia Kosseim
All Ontario Municipalities

WHEREAS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (FIPPA) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT IN 1987, COMING INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1988; AND

WHEREAS THE MUNICIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (MFIPPA) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT IN 1990, COMING INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1991; AND

WHEREAS BOTH ACTS PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH A LEGAL RIGHT OF ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT-HELD INFORMATION, REFLECTING THE PRINCIPLE THAT SUCH INFORMATION BELONGS TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THERE IS A VALID REASON TO WITHHOLD IT; AND

WHEREAS THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO HAS REINFORCED THAT ACCESS TO INFORMATION IS “ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTHY FUNCTIONING OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY” AND TO TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE; AND

WHEREAS BILL 97 (2026): PLAN TO PROTECT ONTARIO ACT (BUDGET MEASURES) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT ON APRIL 24, 2026, INTRODUCING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RULES, INCLUDING NEW EXEMPTIONS FOR MINISTERS’ OFFICES; AND

WHEREAS RECORDS HELD BY THE PREMIER, CABINET MINISTERS, PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS, AND THEIR OFFICES ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS AND ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED FOI-ELIGIBLE RECORDS; AND

WHEREAS COUNCIL IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE PASSAGE OF BILL 97 REPRESENTS A STEP BACKWARD FROM LONG-STANDING PROVINCIAL COMMITMENTS TO OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES FORMALLY EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN WITH THE PASSAGE OF BILL 97 (2026) AND FINDS THAT IT CONSTITUTES A REGRESSION FROM ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES OF TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO REPEAL THIS PROVISION OF THE LEGISLATION; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO, DOUG FORD; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ONTARIO, DOUG DOWNEY; THE MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, BILL ROSENBERG; THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO); THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES (FONOM); AND THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO, PATRICIA KOSSEIM, AND THAT IT BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN ONTARIO.



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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May 6, 2026

RE: Canada Post Rate Reduction for Libraries

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-09

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 correspondence from the Township of Perry to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials, and;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Perry, Minister of Government Transportation, Public Services and Procurement, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



**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;

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
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		



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RE: Ontario Veterinary College Expansion of Enrollment Capacity

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-11

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 correspondence from the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding Ontario Veterinary College Expansion of Enrollment Capacity, and;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, AMO, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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DATE: **February 24, 2026**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **2026-50**

MOVED BY:

Shelley Belanger

SECONDED BY:

M Chenier

WHEREAS large animal livestock owners in Northern Ontario have extremely limited access to large animal veterinary services;

AND WHEREAS the cost of large animal veterinary services in Northern Ontario is significantly higher due to long travel distances and the limited number of large animal veterinarians available to service the region;

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township that three qualified individuals within our community have applied to the Ontario Veterinary College for large animal veterinary, but were denied admission due to limited enrollment capacity;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township formally requests that the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association consider expanding enrollment capacity at the Ontario Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Hon. Trevor Jones MPP Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Nolan Quinn MPP Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED:

Robert Corriveau
(Mayor)

NOT CARRIED:

(Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____)

Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

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

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Resolution No: 2026-05-06-XX

Moved by: Councillor XXX

Seconded by: Councillor XXX

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And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, AMO, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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May 6, 2026

RE: Opposition to ALTO High-Speed Rail Project in its Current Form

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-10

Moved by: Councillor Quade

Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Eastern Wardens' Caucus to oppose the ALTO High-Speed Rail Project in its Current Form, and;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Transportation, President and CEO of ALTO, EOWC Members of Parliament, Premier of Ontario, EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO, ROMA, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, all EOWC municipalities, Eastern Ontario First Nations partners and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

Resolution: The EOWC Opposes ALTO High-Speed Rail Project in Its Current Form

Date: March 19, 2026

Moved by: Warden Richard Kidd, Lanark County

Seconded by: Warden Corinna Smith-Gatcke, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

WHEREAS the Federal Government has identified ALTO high-speed rail as a nation-building project with an estimated cost of \$60 to \$90 billion, to deliver faster, more reliable passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS ALTO is advancing plans for a high-speed passenger rail project between the Quebec City-Toronto corridor, cutting through eastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS there is only currently one proposed stop across the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus' (EOWC) 50,000 square kilometre region, benefitting urban residents at the cost of rural residents and lands; and

WHEREAS portions of the proposed project will traverse and impact eastern Ontario communities, infrastructure, residential and agricultural lands, municipal trails, and environmentally sensitive areas, and with no long-term economic benefits; and

WHEREAS the closure and/or dead-ending of roads will have significant ongoing and unknown costs to municipalities, as well as service delivery and emergency response implications to residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS eastern Ontario municipalities and residents have not received sufficient detailed information regarding potential local impacts, including land use, environmental effects, municipal infrastructure interfaces, and long-term financial or operational implications; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are responsible for protecting local interests, ensuring compatibility with existing planning frameworks, as well as safeguarding environmental, community, and resident mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS the EOWC and its member municipalities are actively trying to engage with ALTO through a truly meaningful consultation process to understand the impacts of both proposed high speed rail train routes to our residents, lands, trails, and businesses; and

WHEREAS the EOWC is eastern Ontario's united advocacy voice representing 103 communities who value and will advocate for the region's beautiful lands that hold deep

agricultural and cultural roots, and that are home to our rural and small-urban communities that will be impacted by ALTO.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the EOWC formally opposes the ALTO project in its current form; and

THAT this opposition is based on concerns related to insufficient municipal consultation, unclear rural and small-urban impacts, potential environmental effects, and alignments with existing eastern Ontario planning and infrastructure priorities; and

THAT the EOWC urge our member municipalities, partners, businesses, and residents to share their questions and comments with ALTO and federal representatives as part of the engagement process; and

THAT the EOWC look to gather detailed information from ALTO to more fully understand the project and its impacts across eastern Ontario; and

THAT the EOWC advocates that the Federal Government and ALTO fully explore train route options along existing infrastructure corridors, such as VIA Rail and/or Highway 401; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Steve MacKinnon, Minister of Transportation, Martin Imbleau, President and CEO of ALTO, EOWC Members of Parliament, Premier Doug Ford, EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, all EOWC municipalities, and Eastern Ontario First Nations partners.

CARRIED

Signed by:



EOWC Chair Bonnie Clark

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May 6, 2026

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

Dear Minister Piccini,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-08
Moved by: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Transportation, Acting Minister of Infrastructure, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP, AMO, AORS and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



AORS
PROMOTING COMPLAINTS. PURSUING RESOLUTION.

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

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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



**Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors**

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

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



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Council Resolution

Date: May 27, 2026

Request for Provincial Review of CVA-Based Apportionment for Shared Municipal and Provincially Mandated Services

Resolution Number: 2026-173

Moved By: Mayor Gould

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

WHEREAS many provincially mandated services, shared municipal services, and board-imposed levies are apportioned among municipalities using Current Value Assessment (CVA) or weighted assessment formulas; and

WHEREAS CVA-based apportionment formulas are intended to reflect municipal assessment capacity, but often do not adequately account for population, service access, geographic isolation, infrastructure constraints, or the differing realities of small and rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS municipalities with significant industrial assessment, utility corridors, resource infrastructure, protected lands, seasonal properties, or large geographic areas may experience disproportionately high per-resident levy impacts despite limited local services and lower resident incomes; and

WHEREAS some municipalities contribute substantially toward regional services such as long-term care, policing, conservation authorities, social services, and other provincially mandated boards and agencies, while residents may have limited local access to those services due to geography, travel distance, or service availability; and

WHEREAS increasing levy pressures are creating significant financial strain for small and rural municipalities and their residents;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Municipality of Calvin requests that the Province of Ontario, including the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Finance, undertake a review of policies, legislation, and regulations governing the use of Current Value Assessment (CVA) and weighted assessment as the basis for apportioning provincially-mandated levies and shared municipal service costs;

AND THAT the Province consider developing fairer and more balanced apportionment models which may include:

- hybrid formulas incorporating both CVA and population;
- consideration of service access and service availability;
- household count or permanent population metrics;
- ability-to-pay considerations for small and rural municipalities;
- rurality and geographic isolation factors; and
- measures to limit disproportionate per-resident levy impacts on smaller municipalities; and


AND THAT the Province work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), rural municipalities, municipal service boards, and regional service providers to develop best practices and model apportionment frameworks for shared municipal services and provincially mandated boards;

AND THAT this resolution with the mayor's report attached, be circulated to:


- the Premier of Ontario;
- the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- the Minister of Finance;
- The Minister of Rural Affairs
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- the Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- local Member of Provincial Parliament;
- all Ontario municipalities;
- and relevant municipal service boards and associations for consideration and support.

Result: Carried

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2026-173 passed by the Council of
The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin
on the 26th day of May, 2026.



Trish Araujo
Deputy Clerk



Report to Council by: Mayor Richard Gould Date: May 26, 2026

Subject: Request for Provincial Review of, and Change to CVA-Based Apportionment

The purpose of this report is to provide background information and supporting rationale for the attached resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario review the use of Current Value Assessment (CVA) and weighted assessment formulas as the basis for apportioning costs for provincially-mandated services, regional boards, and shared municipal services.

The report focuses on the growing financial impacts that CVA-based apportionment can have on small and rural municipalities, particularly where assessment values do not accurately reflect resident income levels, service access, or local municipal capacity.

Many shared municipal services and provincially-mandated boards in Ontario allocate costs among participating municipalities using Current Value Assessment (CVA) or weighted assessment formulas.

Examples include: Long-Term Care facilities; District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB); policing costs; conservation authorities; health and social service boards; and School boards and other regional service arrangements.

Under these formulas, municipalities with higher assessment values contribute a larger percentage of overall costs.

The intent of the current CVA-based apportionment is only a reflection of the municipalities "ability to pay." However, in many rural municipalities, assessment values do not accurately represent:

- or the actual level of services available within the municipality
- resident income levels;
- local economic strength;
- access to services;
- population density;
- transportation challenges.

As a result, some rural municipalities experience disproportionately high levy impacts on a per-household or per-resident basis.

Rural and Northern Municipal Realities

Small rural municipalities often differ significantly from urban centres in both geography and service availability.

In many cases:

- residents must travel substantial distances to access healthcare and government services;
- municipalities may lack public transit;
- municipalities may not have local hospitals, long-term care homes, or other major services;
- populations may be older and more geographically dispersed;
- infrastructure costs may be high due to large geographic areas and low population density.

At the same time, rural municipalities may contain:

- pipelines;
- hydro corridors;
- industrial infrastructure;

- protected lands;
- provincial parks;
- seasonal properties;
- or large acreages.

These features can substantially increase municipal assessment values while providing little indication of the financial capacity of local residents. This creates a disconnect between the assessed property value; and actual household ability to absorb increasing levy costs.

The Municipality of Calvin is a small rural municipality with approximately 230 households.

A significant portion of municipal assessment is influenced by industrial infrastructure, including a major pipeline corridor. The municipality also contains multiple provincial parks and large acreages, much of which limits future residential or commercial development opportunities.

Many residents live on inherited rural properties and have fixed or modest incomes. While assessment values may appear significant on paper, they do not necessarily reflect disposable household income or enhanced municipal service levels.

The Township has no hospital, no long-term care facility, no public transit, and limited local health and social service infrastructure.

Despite these limitations, the Township contributes toward many regional services through CVA-based apportionment formulas.

Cassellholme Capital Cost Example

The attached Appendix "A" illustrates the distribution of Cassellholme redevelopment capital costs among participating municipalities using:

- the current CVA formula;
- a household-based formula; and
- a hybrid formula combining CVA and household count.

The analysis demonstrates substantial differences in per-household impacts between municipalities.

Under the current CVA model:

- Calvin households contribute approximately \$393.89 per household;
- South Algonquin contributes approximately \$377.48 per household;
- Mattawan contributes approximately \$283.74 per household.

By comparison:

- Mattawa contributes approximately \$94.50 per household;
- Chisholm contributes approximately \$193.18 per household;
- North Bay contributes approximately \$203.56 per household.

Under a purely household-based model, the contribution would be approximately \$209.09 per household across all municipalities.

The analysis suggests that CVA-based formulas can create substantial disparities in per-household costs between municipalities, particularly in smaller rural communities where industrial or resource-based assessment inflates municipal valuation figures.

Hybrid and Alternative Models

The report recommends that the province review whether the current reliance on CVA alone remains the most equitable method of apportionment in all circumstances.

Alternative approaches could include:

- hybrid formulas combining CVA and household count;
- formulas incorporating permanent population;
- service availability considerations;
- rurality and geographic isolation factors;
- ability-to-pay considerations;
- or mechanisms to limit disproportionate impacts on smaller municipalities.

The attached example demonstrates that even a partial hybrid approach can reduce extreme disparities while still recognizing assessment capacity.

Broader Provincial Relevance

This issue extends beyond the Municipality of Calvin.

Many rural Ontario municipalities face similar circumstances where; industrial assessment; utility corridors, hydro infrastructure, pipelines, resource lands, or protected lands, increase municipal assessment values without proportionally increasing local service access or household financial capacity.

As provincial and regional levy pressures continue to rise, concerns regarding the fairness and sustainability of existing apportionment models are likely to become increasingly significant for rural municipalities across Ontario.

Conclusion

The current use of CVA and weighted assessment formulas was developed to reflect municipal assessment capacity. However, the growing divergence between assessment values and the realities facing many rural municipalities suggests that a provincial review is warranted.

The Municipality of Calvin is requesting that the Province of Ontario review the use of CVA-based apportionment for provincially-mandated and shared municipal services and consider more balanced approaches that better reflect:

- household impacts;
- rural realities;
- service access;
- and municipal capacity.
- The attached resolution seeks to initiate that broader provincial discussion.
- Recommendation:

That Council adopt the attached resolution requesting a provincial review of Current Value Assessment (CVA)-based apportionment formulas for shared municipal and provincially-mandated services.

Appendix A:

Distribution of Capital cost for Cassellholme construction:

This chart shows the distribution of costs based on current CVA, Per Household, and a Hybrid of 75% per household and 25% CVA.

	Current CVA				Per Household			Hybrid 75/25		
Municipality	Households	Current CVA Pct	Current CVA Annual	Per household	Household based PCT	Household Based Annual	by household only	Hybrid PCT	Hybrid Annual	hybrid by household
North Bay	23470	79.187%	\$4,777,615.40	\$203.56	81.34%	4,907,375.69	209.09	80.8000%	4,874,935.62	207.71
East Ferris	1890	7.742%	\$467,100.64	\$247.14	6.55%	395,182.79	209.09	6.8480%	413,162.25	218.60
South Algonquin	530	3.316%	\$200,065.32	\$377.48	1.84%	110,818.45	209.09	2.2066%	133,130.17	251.19
Bonfield	890	3.237%	\$195,298.99	\$219.44	3.08%	186,091.37	209.09	3.1225%	188,393.27	211.68
Papineau-Cameron	405	1.726%	\$104,135.33	\$257.12	1.40%	84,682.03	209.09	1.4842%	89,545.35	221.10
Chisholm	510	1.633%	\$98,524.33	\$193.18	1.77%	106,636.63	209.09	1.7338%	104,608.55	205.11
Calvin	227	1.482%	\$89,414.00	\$393.89	0.79%	47,463.75	209.09	0.9605%	57,951.31	255.29
Mattawa	860	1.347%	\$81,269.00	\$94.50	2.98%	179,818.62	209.09	2.5721%	155,181.22	180.44
Mattawan	70	0.329%	\$19,861.73	\$283.74	0.24%	\$14,636.40	209.09	0.2642%	15,942.73	227.75
TOTAL	28852		\$6,033,284.73		99.99%	\$6,032,705.73	209.09	1.00	6,032,850.48	

Totals 65693 \$6,033,284 \$6,033,333 \$6,033,333

Total Capital rebuild cost is and estimate of \$121,000,000 plus \$110,000,000 interest, minus the \$50,000,000 arranged by the province to be divided in each of the first years of the loan. This is a Total of \$181,000,000. Divided over the next 30 years this equals \$6,033,333 per year.

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting**

Resolution # 10

Date: Monday May 25, 2026

Moved by: Jamie MacDonald

Seconded by: Carma Williams

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

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

CARRIED



DEFEATED

DEFERRED

MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams

Councillor: Jacques Massie

Councillor: Brian Caddell

Councillor: Jeff Manley

Councillor: Michael Madden

Councillor: Gary Martin

Mayor: Jamie MacDonald

YEA

NEA

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

Date: May 8, 2026

Moved by: Warden Jennifer Murphy, County of Renfrew

Seconded by: Warden Robert Mullin, County of Hastings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried

Signed by:

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the EOWC Chair.

EOWC Chair Bonnie Clark
info@eowc.org



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SENT VIA EMAIL

May 21, 2026

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on April 13, 2026, passed the following resolution regarding the Heritage Helping Housing Building Grant:

"That the City of Kitchener call on the Province of Ontario to implement a new housing-focused Heritage Helping Housing Building Grant of \$10 million per year to encourage the creation of additional housing units within heritage buildings; and further,

That staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Rob Flack, the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Honourable Graham McGregor and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, AMO, all Ontario MPPs and to all municipalities across the province."

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'A. Fusco'.

A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, AMO
Ontario MPP's
Ontario municipalities
Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener

The Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

Resolution No. CC-098-2026

Date: May 21, 2026

Moved by *Alic Hoogenboom*

Seconded by *Michael Cameron*

WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for the planning, construction, operation, rehabilitation, and replacement of critical public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS municipal engineers play a key role in supporting safe, reliable, and cost-effective infrastructure systems for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Engineers Association has raised concerns and recommendations regarding the Province's proposed harmonization of municipal road construction standards, which have implications for municipal operations, long-term asset management, and financial sustainability; and

WHEREAS the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville supports advocacy that promotes effective infrastructure planning, responsible funding frameworks, and realistic implementation requirements for municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville supports the Municipal Engineers Association's position regarding the Province's proposed harmonization of municipal road construction standards, particularly the concerns about the exemption approval process, mandatory annual reporting, lack of clarity around governance/co-stewardship, and the need for meaningful municipal consultation before implementation proceeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council urges the Province of Ontario to engage with municipalities and the Municipal Engineers Association to implement practical solutions that reflect municipal capacity, infrastructure needs, and local government realities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of

Infrastructure, the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and Ontario municipalities.

Carried Defeated Deferred


Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden



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Moved by: Shelley Maika
Seconded by: Linda Neuman

05-RC-20 May 2026
20 May 2026

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley does hereby endorse the advancement of the Ottawa Valley Trade Corridor Improvement Project and direct staff to work with federal, provincial, and regional partners to pursue funding through the Government of Canada's Trade Diversification Corridors Fund (TDCF) for improvements to the Highway 17 corridor between Meath Hill and Deep River, as amended;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare and submit the necessary expressions of interest, project documentation, and funding applications required to position the project for federal investment;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley affirms its support for strategic investments in the Highway 17 corridor as a critical component of Canada's national transportation and trade network;

AND THAT this recommendation be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities, MPP Billy Denault, MP Cheryl Gallant, the Association of municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sakaria, and other relevant stakeholders for advocacy and action

X CARRIED

Suzanne Klatt

Suzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk

***Replies to this correspondence can be forwarded
electronically to dclerk@madawaskavalley.ca***



MATACHEWAN

PO Box 177 , Matachewan , Ontario , P0K 1M0
Tel: 705-565-2274

February 18, 2026

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2026-039

Agenda Item # 5.4 Regular Council Meeting - Council Chambers

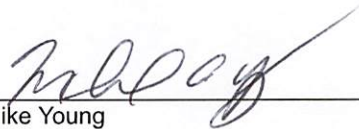
Moved By : Cheryl Drummond

Seconded By : Paul Day

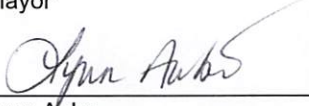
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan support the City of Brantford's resolution regarding a Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry.

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 the Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried



Mike Young
Mayor



Lynn Aube
Acting Clerk



MATACHEWAN

PO Box 177 , Matachewan , Ontario , P0K 1M0
Tel: 705-565-2274

February 18, 2026

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2026-040

Agenda Item # 5.5 Regular Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Moved By : Cheryl Drummond

Seconded By : Paul Day

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan support the Town of Aylmer's resolution regarding a Call for Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children.

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 and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Mike Young
Mayor

Lynn Aube
Acting Clerk

MEMORANDUM TO: Heads of Council - Ontario Municipalities

DATE: May 22, 2026

FROM: Tom McKinlay,
Assistant Deputy Attorney General

RE: **Follow-up to Updates to “Tailgate Event” Permits** under
the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019*

Further to my earlier letter dated January 13, 2026, I am writing to provide clarification regarding bring-your-own event permits.

What is the change?

Recent amendments to Ontario Regulation 747/21 (Permits) under the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019* (LLCA) introduce a new bring-your-own event permit. This change expands what was previously called the tailgating permit.

This permit allows individuals aged 19 and older to bring and consume their own liquor within a designated area of a cultural or community event that has been approved by a municipality **or** held in connection with, and in proximity to, a professional, semi-professional or post-secondary sporting event.

What action should municipalities take?

Municipalities have the option to designate community or cultural events as eligible for the new bring-your-own event permit. **Importantly, municipalities are not required to designate any events as eligible.**

Event organizers who are interested in the bring-your-own permit will need to approach the municipality where they would like to hold the event and seek designation as a community or cultural event. The government recognizes that municipalities are best positioned to understand local needs and contexts, and therefore to determine whether and how to designate eligible events.

Municipalities may establish their own local processes to determine which events qualify and the form of the municipal designation.

There would be two routes a municipality could take:

- Review each request on a case-by-case basis before their council or;
- Delegate the authority to designate events to a municipal official, such as the clerk

Municipalities that do not wish to allow bring-your-own events may choose to express their position by way of a resolution.

These amendments do not affect existing municipal approval requirements for events held on municipal property (e.g., parks).

What about events tied to sporting events?

Unlike the cultural or community permitting process, bring-your-own events that are held in proximity to a professional, semi-professional or post-secondary sporting event are unchanged and do not require a designation by the responsible municipality.

What action do organizers take once a municipality designates their event as community or cultural?

It is up to event organizers to confirm with the responsible municipality that their event qualifies as a designated cultural or community event.

Once confirmed, organizers may apply for a bring-your-own event permit through the [iAGCO portal](#). **The AGCO will issue a permit only where the applicant provides proof of municipal designation.**

Why did the Government make this change?

This change is intended to provide greater flexibility for some event organizers, potentially reducing costs and increasing attendance. For example, a movie screening in a municipal park may invite more of a “picnic atmosphere” and thus, organizers may prefer the bring-your-own permit.

The province recognizes that this permit may not be relevant to all. Events that rely on alcohol sales and do not use a bring-your-own model may continue to operate as usual.

What considerations were made for safety?

All permitted events will continue to be subject to the existing health and safety requirements under the LLCA. Permit-holders are responsible for ensuring these standards and requirements.

What if I still have questions?

If you have any questions about these regulatory changes, please contact Armina Samadi, Director, Agency and Tribunal Relations Branch at Armina.Samadi@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about AGCO permits and the application process, please contact Ruxandra Ilicea, Senior Eligibility Officer at Ruxandra.Ilicea@agco.ca.

Yours truly,



Tom McKinlay
Assistant Deputy Attorney General

c: Armina Samadi
Director, Agency and Tribunal Relations Branch, Ministry of the Attorney General

Leslie Fenton
Director, Corporate Affairs, Governance and Agency Oversight, AGCO



Office of the District Chair

SENT VIA EMAIL

May 22, 2026

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

The Honourable Mike Harris
Minister, Natural Resources
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438 University Avenue
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The Honourable Rob Flack
Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
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The Honourable Todd McCarthy
Minister, Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park, 5th Floor
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The Honourable Graydon Smith
Associate Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Premier, Ministers and Associate Minister,

RE: Muskoka River Watershed Management Plan and 2026 Spring Freshet / Flooding

At its meeting held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, the Council of The District Municipality of Muskoka (Muskoka District Council) passed the attached resolution, moved by Muskoka Lakes Mayor Peter Kelley and Bracebridge Mayor Rick Maloney, whose residents were most severely impacted, concerning the Muskoka River Watershed Management Plan and the 2026 Spring Freshet / Flooding.

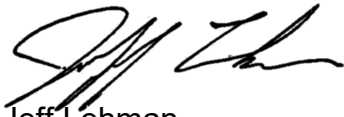
Through this motion, Muskoka District Council is seeking a firm commitment from the Province to initiate their previous commitment to review and update the Muskoka River Watershed Management Plan, including a formal implementation framework for the review and update process, and a plan to convene and engage in public meetings/consultations with interested parties within the watershed to seek feedback.

Muskoka District Council also urges the Province to convene one or more public information sessions with affected watershed communities no later than Mid-June of 2026 to hear directly from residents impacted by the 2026 flooding event. Additionally, Muskoka District Council is also requesting that the Province activate its Disaster Recovery programs – Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) and

Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance (MDRA) – for all communities affected by the 2026 spring freshet flooding and specifically, amend the eligibility criteria within the DRAO program to also include seasonal and secondary residential properties.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter. We look forward to the Province's response.

Respectfully,

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Jeff Lehman
District Chair

THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF MUSKOKA

Encl. (1) Muskoka District Council Resolution 56/2026

Cc: All Municipalities and Indigenous Nations in the Muskoka River Watershed
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

The District Municipality of Muskoka

Moved by: P. Kelley

Seconded by: R. Maloney

WHEREAS The District Municipality of Muskoka (District) and its residents experienced significant and damaging flooding during the 2026 spring freshet, resulting in extensive impacts to municipal infrastructure, private property, local businesses, roads, the natural environment, and the wellbeing of residents;

AND WHEREAS many residents experienced severe financial hardship, property damage, displacement, loss of access, and ongoing uncertainty associated with elevated water levels and flooding conditions;

AND WHEREAS municipalities within the Muskoka River Watershed have repeatedly raised concerns regarding increasing flood frequency, changing climatic conditions, watershed management practices, and the need for coordinated and transparent flood mitigation planning;

AND WHEREAS in April 2021, the Province of Ontario announced an initial investment of more than \$4 million to support thirteen projects intended to examine existing conditions within the Muskoka River Watershed, identify opportunities to reduce the impacts of flooding, and address the overall health of the watershed;

AND WHEREAS those technical studies and initiatives have since been substantially completed (Flood Modifications Review Project) and provide extensive analysis, data, and recommendations, yet many residents and municipalities remain concerned that the findings have not resulted in meaningful implementation actions or tangible flood mitigation measures;

AND WHEREAS in November 2024, the Ministry of Natural Resources committed in written correspondence, signed by the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources, to review and make necessary amendments to the Muskoka River Watershed Management Plan in an effort to better mitigate flood risks throughout the watershed;

AND WHEREAS the District and residents affected by the 2026 flooding continue to seek greater transparency, accountability, and public engagement regarding water management decisions and operational considerations leading up to and during flood events;

AND WHEREAS activation of disaster recovery assistance programs is necessary to ensure comprehensive support for all affected parties within the community;

AND WHEREAS the financial impacts of flooding are not limited to primary residences and significant losses are also experienced by owners of seasonal and second homes that contribute substantially to the provincial economy and local tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Muskoka District Council request the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to:

- Reconfirm its November 2024 commitment to undertake a comprehensive review and update of the Muskoka River Watershed Management Plan;
- Reaffirm its January 2025 commitment to assess recommendations from its Muskoka Watershed Conservation and Management Initiative including updates to the Muskoka River Watershed Management Plan and “a public engagement and consultation process to hear from interested parties in the watershed, including municipal partners and other dam owners.”
- Establish, as a matter of priority, a formal implementation framework for said review and update process, including clearly defined deliverables, publicly reported milestones, firm completion timelines, assigned ministry responsibilities, and regular public progress reporting, so as to ensure the review is commenced immediately, completed in a timely and accountable manner and results in tangible flood mitigation actions and outcomes for affected watershed communities;
- Convene one or more public information sessions within the affected watershed communities, by no later than mid-June 2026, for the purpose of hearing directly from residents impacted by the 2026 flooding event, providing information regarding water management decisions and operational considerations leading up to and during the spring freshet and responding to questions and concerns from affected residents and municipalities, all of which to be on the public record;

- Activate the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) and Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance (MDRA) programs for all affected communities arising from the 2026 spring freshet flooding event and expedite the review and approval process to ensure timely access to financial assistance; and
- Amend eligibility criteria under the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) program to also include seasonal and secondary residential properties in recognition of the unique characteristics and economic realities and benefits of watershed and seasonal municipalities;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford;
The Honourable Minister Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources;
The Honourable Minister Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
The Honourable Minister McCarthy, Minister of the Environment.
Conservation and Parks;
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Housing;
All first nations and municipalities within the Muskoka River Watershed;
and
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

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COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda Item 10.a.

Date: May 13, 2026

C- 3 -13/05/26

MOVED BY: Mayor Kelley

SECONDED BY: Councillor Zavitz

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AND WHEREAS the Township and residents affected by the 2026 flooding continue to seek greater transparency, accountability, and public engagement regarding water management decisions and operational considerations leading up to and during flood events;

AND WHEREAS activation of disaster recovery assistance programs is necessary to ensure comprehensive support for all affected parties within the community;

AND WHEREAS the financial impacts of flooding are not limited to primary residences and significant losses are also experienced by owners of seasonal and second homes that contribute substantially to the provincial economy and local tax base;

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AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford;

The Honourable Minister Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources;

The Honourable Minister Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

The Honourable Minister McCarthy, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks;

The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

All first nations and municipalities within the Muskoka River Watershed;

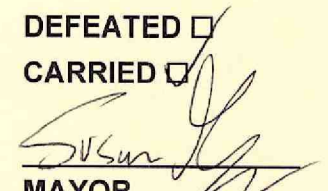
The District Municipality of Muskoka; and,

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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COUNCILLOR BURRY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR MOYER KENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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COUNCILLOR ZAVITZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MAYOR KELLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
TOTALS	_____	_____	
Recorded Vote Requested by: _____			

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CARRIED



MAYOR



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 - 063


DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: May 19, 2026

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

MOVED BY:

 a.

SECONDED BY:



CARRIED: DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____


That the Town of Parry Sound Council hereby supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution 2026-0071 which respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, in collaboration with AMO, FCM and other municipal partners, undertake a comprehensive review of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework, with a view to strengthening long-term sustainability and alignment of responsibilities;

AND FURTHER THAT this review considers opportunities to:

- better align funding responsibilities with service delivery expectations;
- explore sustainable, growth-related revenue tools that reflect the demands placed on municipalities; and
- support a funding framework that enables municipalities to accommodate growth while protecting affordability for residents;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to continue working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that funding frameworks become responsive to community needs and evolving growth pressures;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP and MP; and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Date: 13 May 2026

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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

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

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

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

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred

May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding improved accessibility to home insurance for owners of properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. **2026-209**

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Pennell**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

WHEREAS the historic built and cultural heritage of Prince Edward County is recognized as a fundamental part of its community character and identity, and is a driver of the local tourism economy;

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act encourages municipalities in Ontario to designate and protect properties that meet provincial criteria related to design, historical and contextual value;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated, and continues to encourage owners of heritage properties to protect those attributes which exemplify design, historical, and contextual value and interest by consenting to designation of those properties as being of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated properties of heritage value and interest in the Picton Heritage Conservation District and Wellington Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS homeowners require insurance to protect their homes, which is often their most significant investment, and can be required to maintain a mortgage; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has stated that a heritage designation does not place additional requirements on insurers and that insurance premiums should not go up because of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS some owners of designated properties have reported that their premiums have gone up as a result of a heritage designation or they have been denied an insurance policy as a result of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS as a result of insurance concerns, some homeowners have objected to proposed heritage designation on their property; and

WHEREAS this directly threatens the unique and irreplaceable heritage character of Prince Edward County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward calls on the Provincial Government to:

1. Investigate why some insurers are raising premiums on heritage designated properties or are denying insurance policies as a result of a heritage designation in contravention of provincial guidance;
2. Bring insurance regulators, insurance industry representatives and heritage professionals together to find solutions that enable the continued protection of heritage properties without unwarranted financial burden on homeowners;
3. Regulate the impact of heritage designation on insurance premiums through enforcement, education and new solutions; and

THAT the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee be directed to continue exploring ways to educate homeowners regarding insurance for heritage designated properties; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Bay of Quinte M.P.P. Tyler Allsopp; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Financial Services Regulatory Authority; the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators, and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Pennell, Councillor Hirsch



May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding reinstating the requirements for compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. **2026-208**

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Branderhorst**

WHEREAS all residents of Ontario have the right to fair, open and democratic government; and,

WHEREAS all elected representatives, municipal and provincial alike, in Ontario have a duty to faithfully execute the powers and trust placed in them and willingly swear an oath to this effect and are subject to fair public scrutiny; and,

WHEREAS the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) are essential tools to protect Ontarians against privacy breaches, and abuses of power; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 97, the Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026, which received Royal Assent on April 24, 2026, and introduced significant amendments to both FIPPA and MFIPPA to alter statutory timelines and privacy governance frameworks;

WHEREAS the amendments introduced via Bill 97 have created a jurisdictional imbalance by excluding records held by provincial Ministers, their offices, and staff from the application of FIPPA, while maintaining the statutory responsibilities and administrative burdens for municipal elected officials and staff under MFIPPA, thereby establishing higher standards for transparency and personal record accountability for municipal governments;

WHEREAS excluding members of the highest offices and their staff from reasonable public access requests and records retention creates security concerns, reinforces the appearance of self-dealing and is contrary to the public interest,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Prince Edward County Council call on the Province to reinstate requirements for compliance with FIPPA to ensure that the Premier, Ministers, and their staff are subject to proper and fair public scrutiny like all other elected representatives in Ontario; and

THAT the Government of Ontario implement recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to increase and ensure proper security, record keeping and democratic accountability; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Bethlenfalvy, Bay of Quinte MPP Tyler Allsopp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the 444 municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton, Councillor Branderhorst



May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding exploring the feasibility of a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-207

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Braney**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Engelsdorfer**

WHEREAS the vitality of Prince Edward County's main streets is essential to the economic, social, and cultural health of our community;

WHEREAS there are numerous long-term vacant commercial storefronts, which detracts from the character of the community, reduces pedestrian traffic, discourages business investment, and negatively impacts the viability of surrounding small businesses;

WHEREAS the current Municipal Act, 2001 does not provide municipalities with the explicit legal authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax," although other jurisdictions are actively advocating for such tools to address similar challenges;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward:

- 1. THAT** staff be directed to report back to Council on the feasibility of implementing a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax, including an analysis of the necessary provincial legislative changes required, recommendations for stakeholder consultation, and to concurrently explore potential enforceable mechanisms available under current legislation;
- 2. THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward hereby requests that the Government of Ontario amend the Municipal Act, 2001 to grant Ontario municipalities the permissive authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax" or similar levy to encourage the productive use of long-term vacant retail properties;
- 3. THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Premier of Ontario, and the Member of Provincial Parliament representing the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward for their immediate consideration; and

4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Braney, Councillor Engelsdorfer





Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Via Email:
premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier of Ontario
and Minister of Health
Via Email:
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Road 34
Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0
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May 25, 2026

Honourable Marjorie
Michel, Minister of Health
Via Email:
hcminister.ministresc@hc-
sc.gc.ca

The Ontario Medical
Association
Via Email: info@oma.org

RE: Township of Puslinch Support Resolution No.2026-128, Regarding Consent item 6.8
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 6, 2025
considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-128:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.8 be received; and

**Whereas Council supports the WOWC resolution 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:
The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA)
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Big City Mayors
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus



Monday, April 20, 2026

Premier of Ontario
Hon. Doug Ford
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

At its regular meeting on April 10, 2026, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus adopted the following motion in support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform:

#11 Moved by D. Bailey seconded by B. Clark:

WHEREAS growing pressures across the Ontario healthcare system are increasing patient volumes in emergency rooms (ER), requiring more complex care, and contributing to longer patient wait times in ERs for residents in Ontario's largest municipalities; and

WHEREAS Health Quality Ontario data from October 2025 reports that patients needing admission to the hospital waited an average of 19-20 hours, with high-urgency patients waiting close to 5 hours on average to be seen by a physician; and

WHEREAS in December 2023, the Auditor General of Ontario reported that significant hospital staffing shortages were reducing access to timely emergency care; and

WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario reported in March 2023 that ER wait times were increasing significantly with the longest wait times recorded in over 15 years and that provincial funding was \$21.3 billion short to maintain current health programs through 2028; and

WHEREAS according to the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), Ontario has had the lowest per capita hospital expenditure in Canada since 2018; and

WHEREAS according to the OHA, approximately 4,200 alternate level care (ALC) patients remain in acute beds (40% awaiting long term care), worsening ER delays; and

WHEREAS Canadian ER researchers have highlighted that between 8,000 and 15,000 Canadians die prematurely as a result of ER overcrowding; and

WHEREAS reports of patients dying in crowded ERs across Canada are increasing, such as 16-year-old Finlay van der Werken who waited over 8 hours in an Oakville ER without being seen by a physician and tragically passed away on February 9, 2024 from pneumonia that developed into sepsis; and

WHEREAS ER delays are contributing to excessive ambulance offload times, adding undue strain on response capacity of municipal paramedic services across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has taken important steps to improve health care in Ontario, however additional funding and staffing resources for hospitals to reduce ER wait times and increase capacity to provide timely access to care for all patients in ER's remains critical; and

WHEREAS despite growing concerns regarding staffing shortages in and closures of ERs across Ontario, as well as failure to meet federal standards such as the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale, the Provincial Government continues to receive full contributions of Canada Health Transfers from the federal government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Provincial Ministry of Health to take immediate action to reduce ER wait times with consideration for the importance of enhanced ER triage protocols and increased funding to strengthen emergency readiness;

AND THAT the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Provincial Ministry of Health to introduce Finlay's Law to ensure that no child in Ontario is left without timely emergency medical care in hospitals by:

- Setting legal maximum ER wait times for children under 18 (e.g., physician assessment within 2 hours, admission within 8 hours).
- Mandating safe pediatric nurse-to-patient and physician-to-patient ratios in emergency settings.
- Establish independent oversight to audit hospitals, investigate pediatric ER deaths, and enforce compliance.
- Mandate public, independent, and timely (within 1 year) inquiry by the Chief Coroner of Ontario of every pediatric death in an ER waiting area.
- Fund better pediatric emergency readiness, including staffing, training and infrastructure

AND THAT the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Federal Ministry of Health to enforce the principles and requirements of the Canada Health Act through its spending power of Canada Health Transfers to Ontario by:

- monitoring compliance to national health standards, such as Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) in ERs;
- and establishing and ensuring compliance with a new sepsis care

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Federal Minister of Health, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried.

Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Marcus Ryan
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc.
Hon. Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health
Ontario Medical Association
Ontario Hospital Association
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Big City Mayors
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
Western Ontario Municipalities



16. Other Business

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

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

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

Carried Unanimously

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

Date: May 12, 2026

Resolution No.: 203 - 26

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Halton hills request for Review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; MPP's and MP's; and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0071

Title: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Date: April 20, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS municipalities, including the Town of Halton Hills, play a critical role in delivering essential services and infrastructure that support growing and evolving communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are increasingly contributing to areas that intersect with provincial responsibilities, such as housing, social services, and certain capital obligations, placing additional pressure on property tax-based revenue systems;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenue tools, particularly property taxes, are limited in their ability to keep pace with growth, inflation, and the expanding expectations placed on local governments;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills continues to invest in critical infrastructure, including roads, water, stormwater, emergency services, and recreation, to support both existing residents and future growth;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have identified opportunities to better align municipal funding tools with the realities of modern service delivery and growth pressures;

AND WHEREAS ensuring long-term financial sustainability for municipalities is essential to maintaining service levels, supporting housing targets, and protecting affordability for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Halton Hills respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, in collaboration with AMO, FCM and other municipal partners, undertake a comprehensive review of the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, with a view to strengthening long-term sustainability and alignment of responsibilities;

AND FURTHER THAT this review considers opportunities to:

- better align funding responsibilities with service delivery expectations;
- explore sustainable, growth-related revenue tools that reflect the demands placed on municipalities; and
- support a funding framework that enables municipalities to accommodate growth while protecting affordability for residents;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to continue working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that funding frameworks become responsive to community needs and evolving growth pressures;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; The Region of Halton MPP's and MP's; Halton area Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Ann Lawlor

May 22, 2026

Greg Mariotti, CAO
Township of Georgian Bay
99 Lone Pine Road
Port Severn, ON L0K 1S0

Dear Mr. Mariotti:

Re: West Nile virus Program Planning – 2026

Planning is well underway for the 2026 West Nile virus (WNV) season. The health unit’s WNV Program, as in previous years, will include public education, surveillance, and mosquito control coordination.

The decision to require the application of larvicide within a municipality in the upcoming season is based on the results of the health unit’s local risk assessment and decision-making framework, developed in 2006 and updated in 2015. The framework includes consideration of the characteristics of the WNV, risk of exposure to WNV (presence and abundance of WNV mosquito vectors *Culex pipiens* and *Culex restuans*), and historical presence of the WNV in the mosquito and human populations.

As a result of this yearly risk assessment and evaluation, all municipalities within Simcoe Muskoka are assigned to one of three tiers for mosquito control actions. The three tiers are:

1. **Larviciding Action:** This tier consists of those municipalities which have received direction to larvicide from the Medical Officer of Health in previous seasons and have evidence of sustained *Culex pipiens/restuans* populations throughout the season and multiple positive WNV indicators in previous seasons. Notice to larvicide catch basins is issued by the Medical Officer of Health to these municipalities.

2. **Heightened Surveillance – Larviciding Standby:** This tier consists of those municipalities which have received direction to larvicide from the Medical Officer of Health in previous seasons, but do not have sustained *Culex pipiens/restuans* populations throughout the season and/or do not have multiple positive WNV indicators in previous seasons. Notices to larvicide will not be issued by the Medical Officer of Health at this time. Heightened surveillance activities will be implemented in these municipalities to monitor the presence and abundance of mosquito populations of concern, primarily *Culex pipiens/restuans*. As a component of WNV contingency planning, these municipalities shall complete the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) permit application process and be on standby to larvicide catch basins on short notice, should the current season surveillance data indicate the need for control measures.

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3. **Ongoing Monitoring:** This tier consists of those municipalities which have not received direction from the Medical Officer of Health to larvicide in previous seasons; do not, based on past or current surveillance data, have evidence of sustained *Culex pipiens/restuans* population throughout the season and may or may not have had positive WNV indicators in previous seasons. Surveillance strategies will continue in these areas. It is recommended that these municipalities, as a component of their WNV contingency planning, review the MECF permit application guide and gather the necessary information to complete the permit application process on short notice.

In 2026, the settlement area of the Township of Georgian Bay has been assigned to Tier 3: On-going Monitoring as the municipality possesses the following criteria:

- a) Have not received direction from the Medical Officer of Health to larvicide in previous seasons;
- b) Do not, based on past or current surveillance data, have evidence of sustained *Culex pipiens/restuans* population;
- c) Are at low risk for potential increased *Culex pipiens/restuans* activity; and
- d) May or may not have had positive WNV indicators in previous season(s).

Based on this assessment and as a component of the WNV contingency planning, it is recommended that the municipality review the MECF permit application guide. Furthermore, it is recommended that the municipality gather the necessary information to complete the permit application on short notice, should the current surveillance data indicate the need for mosquito control measures.

A submission of WNV expenditures will be requested in October and a template will be forwarded for your use to track your WNV related expenditures at that time.

We appreciate your continued participation and support of the WNV Program. For further information please contact Brenda Armstrong, Program Manager, 705-721-7520 ext. 7489 brenda.armstrong@smdhu.org.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL Signed By:

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Medical Officer of Health and CEO

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May 14, 2026

Sent Via Email Only

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Township of Stone Mills opposition to the changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of April 13, 2026, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 30-706-2026

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet ministers and their staff from public access requests;

AND Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records related to matters of public interest;

AND Whereas the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario has warned that these changes would reduce transparency and accountability, Freedom of Information laws are an essential to the public trust and democratic accountability;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Stone Mills Township oppose the proposed changes to FIPPA;

1. Call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public;
2. Urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding;
3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Moved By Councillor Woodcock

Seconded By Councillor Milligan

Carried

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

Sincerely,

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cc. All Ontario Municipalities
All MPP's



WAHTA MOHAWKS STRATEGIC PLAN

2026-2031

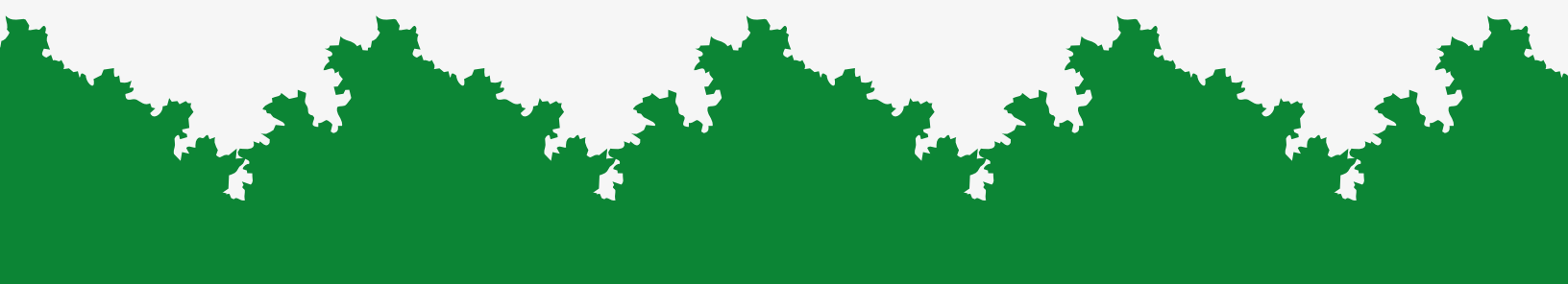


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INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

This Strategic Plan sets the direction for Wahta Mohawks for the next five years (2026–2031). Community members on and off-reserve, seniors, business owners, staff, department heads, administration, Chief and Council, and survey participants informed the plan. The direction is grounded in shared priorities, lived experience, and Wahta’s strengths.

The planning process took place during a period of real pressure for Wahta. Limited funding, housing and infrastructure needs, stretched organizational capacity, and the need to build trust in governance and communication are current realities. In response, Wahta must focus on key priorities, be clear about who is responsible for what, and move forward in a steady and practical way. Progress depends not only on leadership and staff, but also on the continued involvement and shared responsibility of Wahta members.

Wahta is also planning within a broader external environment that influences timing, risks, and opportunities. Shifting funding rules and legislation, rising construction costs, growing pressures on health and housing systems, evolving digital and service-delivery expectations, and increasing climate-related impacts all shape how work must be sequenced and managed. Recognizing these political, economic, social, technological, legal, and environmental (PESTLE) conditions helps ensure this plan is realistic, responsive, and grounded in current realities.



This plan provides a clear framework to guide decisions, coordinate efforts, and support steady, visible progress. The sections that follow summarize what was heard through engagement, clarify Wahta’s direction, and outline the priorities, outcomes, and responsibilities that will guide the Nation’s work over the next five years.

WHAT WE HEARD

Engagement for the Strategic Plan included community members on and off-reserve, seniors, local business owners, staff, department heads, administration, Chief and Council, and survey participants.

- ✔ Discussion sessions included about 38 participants and were held with community members, seniors, business owners, staff, department heads, and Chief and Council.
- ✔ A separate community survey received 68 responses from members on and off-reserve, with just over half reporting they live off-reserve.



Input reflected both lived experience and operational realities. Experiences differ across groups, but many of the same concerns and priorities came up repeatedly. The sections below summarize what each group shared, followed by the findings and themes that emerged across all input.

Community members *described*:

- ✔ A strong desire for community liveability, including local services, reliable transportation, daycare, and recreation and spaces to gather.
- ✔ Housing pressures across life stages, including a lack of rentals, subsidized housing, seniors and assisted living, and clear pathways for members who want to return home.
- ✔ Health and healing were repeatedly raised, including requests for local nursing and wellness services, mental health and addictions supports, traditional healing, and prevention-focused programming.
- ✔ Safety concerns affect daily life, including impaired driving, drug activity, lack of lighting and sidewalks, slow emergency response, and limited police presence.
- ✔ Significant frustration with governance was expressed, including concerns about communication, inconsistent enforcement of rules, limited transparency, fear of retaliation, and unclear roles between the Chief and Council and the administration.
- ✔ Culture and identity are foundational, with strong support for language immersion, youth camps, intergenerational programming, and governance aligned with Mohawk values.
- ✔ Economic opportunity must benefit the community, including meaningful jobs, band-owned businesses, local procurement, and high participation in community life.
- ✔ A shared belief that healing and reconnection are required to rebuild trust, cohesion, and long-term wellbeing.

Seniors *described*:

- ✔ Seniors' housing and care needs are growing, with no assisted living or seniors' complex on reserve.
- ✔ Immediate safety risks were identified around seniors' housing: unknown visitors, poor lighting, no sidewalks, speeding traffic, and an absence of cameras or security.
- ✔ Loss of informal gathering spaces has increased isolation and reduced day-to-day connection.
- ✔ Long-standing plans have stalled without explanation, particularly triplex expansion, seniors housing, and infrastructure improvements.
- ✔ Expectations of leadership include fair rule enforcement, accountability for wrongdoing, recognition of positive contributions, and clear communication.
- ✔ Progress is defined by visible action, not further discussion.

Business owners *described*:

- ✔ Local businesses serve as employers and economic anchors but face constraints due to housing shortages and transportation barriers.
- ✔ Access to land and commercial space is a significant barrier, compounded by zoning, Certificates of Possession (CP), and unclear decision-making.
- ✔ Concerns were raised about inconsistent support for business, particularly related to land access, follow-through, and communication.
- ✔ Significant untapped economic potential exists in tourism, agriculture, cultural enterprises, and through-traffic.
- ✔ A preference for enabling systems and voluntary collaboration.
- ✔ Expectations that economic activity respects land, culture, and community wellbeing.

Staff and Managers *described*:

- ✔ Accountability and follow-through are the most urgent issues, with inconsistent enforcement of policies and confidentiality undermining trust, morale, and credibility.
- ✔ Communication and collaboration are fragmented, with silos, unclear information flow, and weak coordination between departments and between Council and staff.
- ✔ Leadership and supervisory capacity need strengthening, including supervisory skills, performance management, and comfort addressing issues directly.
- ✔ Organizational culture and morale are fragile, with informal and unverified information sharing, mixed standards, and uneven application of values affecting staff wellbeing and effectiveness.
- ✔ Systems for work planning, budgeting, reporting, and risk management are improving but not yet embedded.
- ✔ Human resource capacity is stretched, with burnout, limited succession planning, and the need for trauma-informed leadership and staff development.
- ✔ Culture should be integrated into governance and operations, not treated as separate from decision-making or management practices.
- ✔ A need for a more coordinated and structured organization, where values guide behaviour, systems support collaboration, and leadership demonstrates accountability.

Leadership (Chief and Council, administration, and department heads) *described:*

- ✔ Planning is happening during fiscal restraint, organizational strain, and an upcoming election, which limits risk tolerance and capacity.
- ✔ Governance frameworks and internal systems are not keeping pace with Wahta needs.
- ✔ Roles, decision pathways, and coordination between the Chief and Council and the administration require clarification.
- ✔ Staffing capacity is stretched, with limited human resources and information technology supports, and leaders carrying multiple roles.
- ✔ Housing, infrastructure, and safety pressures are urgent, including roads, water, broadband, and land readiness.
- ✔ Health, wellbeing, and community safety require stronger prevention, mental health, and justice relationships.
- ✔ Culture, language, and intergenerational connection are core strengths and essential to Wahta's future.
- ✔ Economic development and own-source revenue are critical to reducing dependence on external funding and sustaining services.
- ✔ The Strategic Plan must be focused, realistic, and tied to delivery capacity.

Survey participants (on and off-reserve) *described:*

- ✔ Trust and communication are the dominant concerns, with a majority describing trust and communication with Chief and Council as needing improvement.
- ✔ Governance was identified as the top five-year priority, including decision-making, participation, and clarity of processes, across both on and off-reserve members.
- ✔ Housing is a critical constraint on Wahta life, with most ranking housing and safe spaces among the top priorities.
- ✔ Mental health, addictions, and healing are viewed as foundational, with many identifying them as top priorities rather than secondary services.
- ✔ Safety issues are described as affecting daily experience, including roads, lighting, emergency response, and substance-related concerns.

- ✔ Belonging and inclusion matter deeply, particularly for off-reserve members seeking meaningful participation in decisions.
- ✔ Programs are not described as the core issue, with mixed satisfaction scores and comments pointing to access, coordination, and communication gaps.
- ✔ Confidence in economic readiness is low, with most respondents indicating Wahta is not well-positioned to support jobs or businesses without structural changes.

FINDINGS

The input summarized above was reviewed to identify overall findings that reflect what was heard across all groups. These findings are grouped into three areas: strengths that provide a foundation for progress, opportunities for improvement, and emerging themes that appeared across the engagement. Together, they show common patterns and help explain the strategic direction that follows.

Wahta Strengths

The engagements highlighted many strengths already present within Wahta Mohawks. These strengths are rooted in culture, relationships, knowledge, commitment, and Wahta capacity. They provide a strong foundation for moving forward. The actions in this Strategic Plan are intended to build on what is already working well and support the community to grow from its existing strengths.

- ✔ **Strong Mohawk identity rooted in land, language, culture, and history**
- ✔ **Elders, youth, and families value intergenerational connection and learning**
- ✔ **Deep cultural knowledge, teachings, and lived experience across generations**
- ✔ **Members demonstrate resilience, pride, and commitment to Wahta**
- ✔ **Dedicated staff who care deeply about community wellbeing and impact**
- ✔ **Existing cultural, youth, Elder, and land-based programs that work when accessed**
- ✔ **Local businesses acting as employers, cultural carriers, and community anchors**
- ✔ **Natural environment and land base with long-term social, cultural, and economic value**
- ✔ **Educated members, tradespeople, and professionals within Wahta**
- ✔ **Small community size that can enable direct relationships and problem-solving**

Wahta Opportunities

The engagement also highlighted several recurring challenges that participants described alongside potential opportunities for improvement. In this plan, these are presented together as areas of opportunity, reflecting both the concerns raised and the directions participants want to move toward.

- ✓ **Build trust through clearer governance roles, accountability, and predictable communication.**
- ✓ **Advance housing, land use, and infrastructure planning as foundational priorities.**
- ✓ **Strengthen prevention, mental health, addictions, and safety partnerships.**
- ✓ **Embed culture, language, and Elders more deeply into governance and decision-making.**
- ✓ **Improve coordination, visibility, and access to existing programs and services.**
- ✓ **Build Nation-led economic development tied to land, procurement, and own-source revenue.**
- ✓ **Support local businesses through clearer land access and enabling systems.**
- ✓ **Leverage regional location, through-traffic, and cultural assets in ways that respect land, culture, and Wahta wellbeing.**
- ✓ **Invest in staff capacity, collaboration, and sustainable workloads.**
- ✓ **Align planning, sequencing, and delivery with Wahta's realistic capacity to act.**

Emerging Themes

Across community members, seniors, business owners, staff, department heads, Chief and Council, and survey participants, similar concerns and priorities were raised. When viewed together, they highlight the following themes that shape Wahta's direction moving forward, rather than reflecting the views of any one group.



Governance structures and frameworks

Roles and decision-making authority, consistency in applying rules and policies, participation in decisions, accountability, and the need to update and align policies, land-related frameworks, and membership codes.



Trust and communication

Strong relationships are built on openness and reliability. Clear, timely communication keeps everyone aligned, while honesty creates confidence in every interaction.



Culture, language, land, and identity

Language learning, youth camps, intergenerational and land-based programming, ceremonies, Elders' knowledge, and expectations that governance and decision-making reflect Mohawk values.



Health, safety, and healing

Mental health, addictions, coordination gaps, safety concerns, partnerships with paramedics and police, and a desire for services and supports to work more closely together.



Housing and infrastructure

Housing choices for all life stages, including seniors' housing, community facilities such as recreation and gathering spaces, and infrastructure needs related to water, broadband, roads, lighting, and services that support safety and growth.



Organizational capacity and coordination

Staffing pressures, multiple roles, supervisory capacity, and the need for clearer systems for planning, budgeting, risk management, communication, reporting, and follow-through.



Economic development

Employment, support for local businesses, land and space for business activity, own-source revenue, economic activity that benefits the Wahta, and clearer processes, land access pathways, procurement approaches, and other enabling systems that respect land, culture, and Wahta wellbeing.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This section outlines the statements that guide Wahta's direction and decision-making. The mission, vision, and values describe the Nation's purpose, the future it is working toward, and the principles that guide how leadership, staff, and members act and make decisions. Together, they provide a shared foundation for the plan's priorities and actions.



Wahta Mohawks Mission

To build a healthy, connected, and prosperous Nation by strengthening the wellbeing of Wahta Mohawks through accountable governance, investing in our people across generations, and honouring our culture, land, and Mohawk values.

Wahta Mohawk Vision

A strong Mohawk Nation where culture, connection, and collective responsibility shape the future.

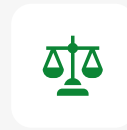
Wahta Mohawk Core Values



We uphold harmony, safety, and wellbeing within Wahta. We address conflict with care, respect, and shared responsibility, ensuring people feel supported and secure across generations.



We exercise collective authority with clarity and accountability. Leadership is earned through service, strong systems, and decision-making that reflects the strength and unity of the Nation.



We act with integrity, fairness, and sound judgment. Our decisions honour Mohawk values, protect the land and people, and serve both present and future generations.

HOW THIS PLAN WORKS

This plan turns Wahta's priorities into clear goals, early steps, key performance indicators (KPIs), external factors to watch, and defined responsibilities for delivery. A small number of strategic priorities keeps the work manageable and realistic.

The work is phased to align with Wahta's capacity and support steady progress across all priority areas (see Table 1). In the first two years, more attention is given to strengthening governance, coordination, and stability so that work progresses more consistently. During the same period, culture and language, health and wellbeing, housing and infrastructure planning, and economic development move ahead through early actions and clear pathways. In years three to five, with stronger foundations in place, these priorities expand and accelerate. All priorities begin in Year 1, but the pace is managed to protect capacity, support coordination, and avoid duplication or rework.

The sequencing of work reflects both Wahta's current organizational capacity and the external conditions described earlier. Changes to funding rules, legislation, economic conditions, service systems, and climate-related impacts can affect timelines, approvals, and available resources. Focusing first on governance, planning, and coordination helps Wahta manage these conditions and prepare for larger projects in later years.

**Table 1. Sequencing of Strategic Priorities
(Years 1–2 and Years 3–5)**

Priority	Years 1–2 Focus	Years 3–5 Focus
Governance and Organizational Capacity	Clarify roles and decision processes; update governance policies; strengthen coordination and communication; begin review processes for membership and land frameworks	Advance and implement major governance frameworks, including membership and land codes, with engagement and approvals
Culture, Language and Belonging	Activate plans, strengthen a culture of learning and programming for youth, families, and all members, and support the Elders’ roles	Broader participation and deeper integration into governance and Wahta life
Health, Safety and Wellbeing	Strengthen services, improve safety, and address priority risks, particularly mental health, addictions, wellness services, and partnerships with paramedics and police	Strengthen prevention and long-term supports
Housing, Land and Infrastructure	Establish plans, frameworks, and data, and implement early projects	Expanded housing delivery and infrastructure upgrades
Economic Development and Prosperity	Establish governance, processes, and supports, and implement early opportunities	Growth, scaling, and increased own-source activity

Financial Planning and Funding Readiness

Delivering this plan depends on aligning priorities with available funding, managing resources carefully, and preparing to pursue new funding opportunities. Some actions can be supported through existing budgets, while others will require external funding, partnerships, or phased implementation.

Strengthening governance, planning systems, and internal coordination in the early years also builds readiness to respond to funding opportunities when they arise. Leadership will continue to monitor funding programs, infrastructure investments, and partnership opportunities that align with Wahta's priorities, while balancing financial sustainability and long-term commitments.

Implementation

Implementation of the Strategic Plan will be coordinated through leadership and administration using existing planning, budgeting, and reporting processes. All priorities begin in Year 1, with early work focused on governance clarity, planning foundations, coordination, and communication.

Years 1–2 actions are designed to establish readiness for larger initiatives, while Years 3–5 focus on advancing implementation as capacity, funding, and partnerships allow. Implementation will be sequenced to protect staff capacity and ensure sustainable workloads across departments.

Progress will be reviewed regularly by leadership, with annual reflection on achievements, challenges, and emerging priorities. This approach allows the Strategic Plan to remain a practical guide for decision-making while adapting to changing circumstances and opportunities.

Early implementation will focus on orienting Chief and Council to the Strategic Plan, communicating priorities with members, and strengthening key administrative roles that support coordination, communication, and economic development.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The priorities below set out the main areas of focus for the next five years. These priorities reflect what was heard through engagement and the external conditions affecting funding, services, infrastructure, and economic opportunities. They are connected and designed to support one another. Strong governance and cultural foundations support effective services and wellbeing. Stable housing, land, and infrastructure create the conditions for Wahta life. Together, these foundations support economic development and long-term prosperity.

Each priority outlines its intent, strategic goals, key objectives for the first two years, how progress will be measured, and who is responsible for coordination and delivery.

The five priorities are:



Governance, Trust and Organizational Capacity

Strengthen trust and delivery by clarifying authority, modernizing governance rules, strengthening organizational capacity, improving coordination, and sustaining transparent, accountable leadership.



Culture, Language and Belonging

Strengthen Mohawk identity, language, and intergenerational connection so children, youth, families, members, and Elders experience belonging, continuity, and culturally grounded governance.



Health, Safety, Education and Social Wellbeing

Support members to live healthy and safe lives through coordinated, culturally grounded health, safety, and social supports.



Housing, Land and Infrastructure

Enable members to live, return, and age on reserve through fair land access, appropriate housing, and coordinated infrastructure planning.



Economic Development and Prosperity

Build a resilient, Nation-led economy that creates jobs, supports local businesses, and keeps value circulating within Wahta.v

Priority 1:

Governance, Trust and Organizational Capacity

This priority helps Wahta operate effectively in changing funding, legislative, and service environments. The work also supports navigating jurisdictional responsibilities and overlaps across federal, provincial, municipal, district, and First Nations systems, while strengthening Wahta’s governance frameworks.

Intent

Strengthen trust and delivery by clarifying authority, modernizing governance rules, strengthening organizational capacity, improving coordination, and sustaining transparent, accountable leadership.

Strategic Goals



Decision-making authority across Council, administration, and staff is clear, understood, and consistently applied.



Governance rules, policies, and codes are current, enforced, and support effective daily operations.



The organization has the structure, capacity, and internal coordination needed to implement decisions reliably.



Communication is clear, predictable, and supports confidence, understanding, and participation across Wahta.



Leadership operates with transparency and accountability that builds and sustains trust over time.



Leadership provides coordinated external leadership that advances the Nation's rights, priorities, and partnerships.

Years 1-2

- ✔ Roles, authorities, and decision pathways between Council and administration are clarified, communicated, and operating in practice.
- ✔ Council agendas, decision records, and follow-through processes are updated and used consistently.
- ✔ Priority governance policies and codes, including land, membership, and elections, are under active review with approved timelines.
- ✔ Internal coordination and information-sharing practices across functions are strengthened.
- ✔ Regular, predictable communication with members is established and sustained.

Years 3-5

- ✔ Governance policies and codes are approved, enacted, and consistently applied.
- ✔ Membership, election, and land codes are implemented following member engagement.
- ✔ Governance processes reflect Mohawk values and language in practice.
- ✔ External leadership and partnerships advance Wahta's long-term priorities.

KPIs

- ✔ Percentage of Council decisions with clear authority, documentation, and follow-through.
- ✔ Percentage of priority policies and codes reviewed or updated on schedule.
- ✔ Timeliness and consistency of planned communications to members.
- ✔ Reduction in unresolved governance or internal coordination issues.

External Factors to Watch

Funding changes, legislative updates, reporting requirements, and jurisdictional complexities.

Lead Responsibility

- ✔ Chief and Council and Senior Administration
- ✔ Supported by Culture, Education, Health and Social, Housing and Infrastructure, Finance, and Economic Development



Priority 2:






Culture, Language and Belonging

This priority reflects the need to renew and sustain Mohawk language and cultural knowledge, and to strengthen the role of culture in governance so Wahta remains connected and grounded as it navigates change.

Intent

Strengthen Mohawk identity, language, and intergenerational connection so children, youth, families, members, and Elders experience belonging, continuity, and culturally grounded governance.

Strategic Goals

-  Children and youth grow up grounded in Mohawk language, culture, and connection to land.
-  Mohawk language is actively learned, used, and transmitted across generations.
-  Elders and knowledge keepers are central to teaching, guidance, and Wahta life.
-  Wahta history, knowledge, and records are preserved, made accessible, and respected.
-  Mohawk values and historical knowledge visibly guide governance, policies, and decision-making.

Years 1-2

- ✓ The Culture and Language Revitalization Plan is finalized and approved.
- ✓ Existing cultural and land-based programming for youth and families is stabilized and supported.
- ✓ Elders' teaching, advisory, and knowledge-sharing roles are clarified and supported.
- ✓ The design and approach for a Wahta history and knowledge repository are developed.
- ✓ Initial cultural guidance is piloted within governance and organizational practices.

Years 3-5

- ✓ The Culture and Language Revitalization Plan is fully implemented across programs and services.
- ✓ A central Wahta history and knowledge repository is established and accessible to members.
- ✓ Participation in language and cultural programming grows across generations.
- ✓ Culture and language are integrated into governance, onboarding, and service delivery practices.

KPIs

- ✓ Participation of children and youth in language, cultural, and land-based programs.
- ✓ Number of Elders engaged in teaching, mentoring, or knowledge-sharing roles.
- ✓ Progress toward establishing a central Wahta history and knowledge repository.
- ✓ Evidence of cultural or historical guidance being referenced in governance or operational decisions.

External Factors to Watch

Education policy shifts, funding availability for language and culture, and broader social wellbeing trends.

Lead Responsibility

- ✓ Culture and Education
- ✓ Supported by Administration, Health and Social, Housing and Infrastructure, Finance, and Economic Development

Priority 3:






Health, Safety and Social Wellbeing

This priority addresses growing health and safety pressures, rising mental health and social support needs, and the strain on the service systems on which members depend.

Intent

Support members to live healthy and safe lives through coordinated, culturally grounded health, safety, and social supports.

Strategic Goals

-  Members can access and engage with health, mental health, addictions, and wellness supports easily and without confusion.
-  Seniors, children, youth, families, and members are supported to live safely, age with dignity, and remain socially connected.
-  Wahta safety risks are reduced through prevention, readiness, and coordinated response.
-  Housing areas, roads, and shared community spaces are visibly safer and well maintained.
-  Health, education, safety, and social services operate in a coordinated and reliable way.

Years 1-2

- ✔ Clear and well-communicated pathways exist for accessing health, mental health, addictions, and wellness supports.
- ✔ Safety improvements are implemented in identified priority areas, including seniors housing, roads, lighting, and gathering spaces.
- ✔ Emergency readiness gaps are reviewed, prioritized, and addressed in collaboration with regional partners.
- ✔ Coordination protocols between health, education, safety, and social services are piloted to improve communication and service continuity.
- ✔ Prevention-focused programming is stabilized and better coordinated across departments.

Years 3-5

- ✔ Prevention, mental health, and addictions supports are coordinated across Wahta programs and external service partners.
- ✔ Seniors, youth, and families experience improved access to culturally grounded supports and safe gathering spaces.
- ✔ Community safety partnerships with police, paramedics, and regional services are formalized and functioning.
- ✔ Health, education, safety, and social services operate through coordinated planning and shared protocols.
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KPIs

- ✔ Utilization rates of health, wellness, and addictions services.
- ✔ Reduction in repeated safety or emergency-related incidents in identified priority areas.
- ✔ Completion of emergency readiness actions and protocols.
- ✔ Member feedback on clarity of access to services and supports.

External Factors to Watch

Service system capacity, program funding and eligibility changes, jurisdictional responsibilities, access impacts for off-reserve members, and regional safety and emergency response conditions.

Lead Responsibility

- ✔ Health and Social
- ✔ Supported by Administration, Culture, Education, Housing and Infrastructure, Finance, and Economic Development

Priority 4:



Housing, Land and Infrastructure

This priority addresses rising construction costs, land governance requirements, infrastructure pressures, and increasing environmental and climate-related risks affecting housing and Wahta growth. Strong land governance and reliable infrastructure also lay the foundation for long-term prosperity.

Intent

Enable members to live, return, and age on reserve through fair land access, appropriate housing, and coordinated infrastructure planning.

Strategic Goals

-  Members experience housing and land decisions as fair, transparent, and grounded in shared rules.
-  Housing options support people across the life cycle, including seniors, families, and returning members.
-  Infrastructure supports safety, services, and long-term Wahta growth.
-  Land use decisions are predictable, communicated, and consistently applied.
-  Community growth is supported by reliable information about who lives on the reserve and Wahta needs.

Years 1-2

- ✓ A land governance framework is advanced with clear decision pathways, roles, and responsibilities.
- ✓ Housing priorities are defined and aligned with Wahta needs, including seniors housing and housing upgrades.
- ✓ Baseline information is established on residency, housing demand, and infrastructure pressures to support planning and funding readiness.
- ✓ Planning coordination is strengthened through regular cross-department planning discussions related to housing, infrastructure, and community facilities.
- ✓ Clear communication helps members understand housing processes, land access pathways, and infrastructure planning priorities.

Years 3-5

- ✓ Housing delivery initiatives identified in the Plan are underway or completed, as funding allows.
- ✓ Infrastructure priorities are sequenced and advanced to support safety, services, and community growth.

- ✓ Land governance processes are operational and consistently applied.
- ✓ Members experience housing and land processes as clearer, more predictable, and fair.
- ✓ Land use planning reflects environmental stewardship and long-term guardianship of Wahta lands.

KPIs

- ✓ Progress milestones achieved toward land governance and housing frameworks.
- ✓ Number and type of housing units planned, approved, or improved.
- ✓ Accuracy and completeness of residency and housing data.
- ✓ Reduction in housing-related complaints tied to unclear processes or infrastructure gaps.

External Factors to Watch

Construction costs, land and regulatory approvals, housing and infrastructure funding programs, and climate-related risks.

Lead Responsibility

- ✓ Housing and Infrastructure
- ✓ Supported by Administration, Culture, Education, Health and Social, Finance, and Economic Development

Priority 5:

Economic Development and Prosperity

This priority responds to changing economic conditions, new procurement and development opportunities, and the policies, regulations, and infrastructure that shape Wahta's participation in growth. The work is guided by the need to protect land, culture, and long-term sustainability.

Intent

Build a resilient, Nation-led economy that creates jobs, supports local businesses, and keeps value within Wahta.

Strategic Goals



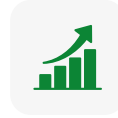
Economic development decisions are guided by clear, stable governance structures that operate separately from day-to-day political decision-making.



Members and entrepreneurs can access land, space, and business supports through transparent, consistent processes and clear decision pathways.



Employment, training, and local procurement pathways are visible, fair, and aligned with Wahta priorities.



Wahta-led economic activity grows in priority sectors that respect land, culture, and long-term sustainability.

Years 1-2

- ✓ An economic development governance structure is designed and approved, with clear roles, mandates, and decision pathways.
- ✓ Member engagement informs economic priorities and development planning.
- ✓ Early employment, training, and local procurement opportunities are identified and initiated.
- ✓ Partnerships that support Wahta-led economic development are strengthened.
- ✓ Initial economic development priorities are defined and communicated to members.

Years 3-5

- ✓ Clear and consistent processes exist for accessing land, space, and supports for business and economic activity.
- ✓ Member-owned businesses are supported to grow and new enterprises emerge in priority sectors.
- ✓ Employment and training opportunities for members increase through partnerships and Wahta-led initiatives.
- ✓ Revenue-generating opportunities connected to community facilities or services are explored and advanced where appropriate.
- ✓ Wahta-led economic initiatives contribute to own-source revenue and long-term economic sustainability.

KPIs

- ✓ Number of businesses supported or expanded.
- ✓ Jobs and training opportunities created.
- ✓ Economic activity generated through Nation-led initiatives.

External Factors to Watch

Procurement policies, regional economic trends, development regulations, and consultation processes linked to participation in economic benefits when business opportunities involve other jurisdictions.

Lead Responsibility

- ✓ Economic Development
- ✓ Supported by Administration, Culture, Education, Health and Social, Housing and Infrastructure, and Finance

EARLY MOMENTUM

Initial actions focus on building a strong foundation for implementation.

These early steps also prepare Wahta for changes in funding, legislation, regulations, policy, service systems, and infrastructure requirements. This includes orientation for new Chief and Council members to build shared understanding of roles, responsibilities, and the Strategic Plan; continuing to advance language and culture initiatives; and strengthening capacity by hiring key roles such as a communications officer and an economic development position. Early momentum also includes clearly communicating the plan and presenting it to members to build awareness, understanding, and shared support for the plan's direction.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Resolution # RC26106	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills passed Resolution No. 30-706-2026 opposing proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and their staff from public access requests;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills has expressed concerns that the proposed amendments may reduce transparency and accountability in government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby supports Resolution No. 30-706-2026 passed by the Township of Stone Mills regarding the proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA);

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Stone Mills, Premier Doug Ford, the appropriate Provincial Ministers, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<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		
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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: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR – MITCH HATFIELD	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
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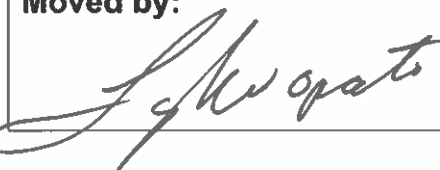
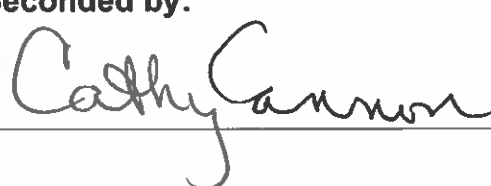


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Resolution # RC26104	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board has requested that a province-wide consultation process be undertaken prior to any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees; and

WHEREAS the potential elimination of elected school board trustees represents a significant and fundamental shift in Ontario's education governance structure; and

WHEREAS school board trustees serve as a longstanding and essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system, ensuring that community voices are reflected in decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS changes of this magnitude should not proceed without evidence-based research, transparency, and meaningful public engagement to fully understand potential impacts; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa recognizes the importance of local representation in addressing the diverse and unique needs of communities, including rural, remote, and Northern municipalities; and

WHEREAS the removal of school board trustees may result in unintended consequences that could negatively impact community representation, accountability, and responsiveness within the education system; and

WHEREAS transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of any proposed governance changes is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue;



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 supports the request of the Durham District School Board for the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa supports the call for an independent review by the Ombudsman's Office regarding the potential impacts of removing school board trustees, particularly with respect to fairness, openness, transparency, and accountability;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa urges the Province of Ontario to ensure that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
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