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June 16, 2026

**SUBJECT: Information on the new Development Charge Reduction Program (FIN-06-26)**

Please be advised that at its Special Council meeting held Monday, June 15, 2026, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas on March 30, 2026, the federal and provincial government signed the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build agreement to support the shared goals of building more homes faster, making housing more affordable and accelerating key infrastructure projects to protect jobs and help communities grow, and the agreement included \$8.8 billion in federal and provincial funding over 10 years to support housing-enabling infrastructure investments for municipalities; and

Whereas on June 1, 2026, the Province released information on the Development Charge Reduction Program, including details on the application process, eligibility and assessment criteria and funding requirements; and

Whereas municipalities had limited opportunity to provide input on the program design prior to its release, despite the commitment of up to \$8.8 billion for housing enabling infrastructure representing a significant investment in municipal infrastructure and housing priorities; and

Whereas eligible projects must primarily enable the construction of new housing units, accelerate the delivery and implementation of shovel-ready infrastructure projects in the municipality's DC background study and capital plan, begin construction by July 31, 2030, and be complete by October 31, 2035; and

Whereas applications will also be assessed based on the percentage of committed DC rate reduction, the number of housing units projected to be built as a result of the proposed DC relief, and the municipality's financial contribution, with at least 10 per cent of eligible project costs to be funded by the municipality; and

Whereas the City supports the objectives of the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build and recognizes the importance of senior government investment in housing-enabling infrastructure; and

Whereas the City has already taken significant Council-approved actions to reduce its DC rates, which are among the lowest in Halton Region and low compared to other GTHA municipalities, and has also used other municipal and planning tools, including the City of Burlington Housing Community Improvement Plan, to support housing supply, affordability and complete communities; and

Whereas the current DCRP design, including the requirement for an across-the-board 30 per cent to 50 per cent residential DC reduction, the minimum municipal contribution requirement, the March 30, 2026 measurement date and the absence of a mechanism to cap municipal exposure, presents significant municipal financial exposure; and

Whereas in addition to the risk that the program could result in a subsidy from City taxes, there does not appear to be consideration given to early and creative actions already enacted by municipalities to support the creation of new housing while also meeting specific housing targets and goals to deliver complete communities; and

Whereas a number of Council-approved actions have been implemented that support the creation of housing and do not impact the tax base, including:

- Staff-driven initiative to reduce the proposed DC rates to mitigate the proposed increase in the DC Background Study that has been in effect since June 2024, resulting in residential DC rates being reduced by 28 per cent and non-residential DC rates being reduced by 32 per cent;
- Development of the City's first Affordable Rental Housing Community Improvement Plan, including 10 programs in 2025;
- Amendments to the Affordable Rental Housing Community Improvement Plan in May 2026 to broaden the scope of the CIP and develop a suite of new temporary programs in the now named City of Burlington Housing Community Improvement Plan, approved in May 2026 and currently within the appeal period, including DC grant programs to incentivize purpose-built rental units and ownership units with criteria related to built form, bedroom numbers and unit size, including within midrise and tall buildings, as well as other temporary programs including a Missing Middle Municipal Fee Waiver, Tax Increment Equivalent Grants and Accessible Design Grant;
- Modernized Official Plan policies and associated Residential Zoning By-law to support the creation of new residential units;
- Completion of all Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan items; and

Whereas in considering the DCRP, staff also note that Council recently reviewed options to support housing through development-related financial incentives, and through that work, broad DC reductions were identified as presenting financial and implementation risks, including reduced flexibility in future DC by-law updates, limitations in targeting specific housing policy objectives and pressure on tax-supported funding sources; and

Whereas Council ultimately approved amendments to the City's housing-related Community Improvement Plan as a more targeted, temporary and controlled approach to supporting housing while protecting existing taxpayers;

Therefore, be it resolved that staff submit a list of projects and apply to the Development Charge Reduction Program on the basis that, through the application, the City requests to receive credit for:

1. The significant development charge reductions for new residential units, being 28 per cent, already made and in effect; and
2. The development charge exemptions available for a broad range of housing through the amended Community Improvement Plan; and
3. The City's 10 per cent portion being eliminated or funded from non-tax-supported sources, including Housing Accelerator Fund funding and development charges;

Therefore, be it further resolved that the CAO provide an accompanying letter to the City of Burlington's application under the DCRP detailing these considerations and requesting that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada evaluate program applications with fair consideration for previous municipal actions to reduce DCs and provide flexibility in working with municipalities to ensure successful program implementation;

Therefore, be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be shared with the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, Halton Regional Council, all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Sincerely,



Mike de Rond  
City Clerk, Director of Legislative Services

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

Huntsville Town Council

Date: June 22, 2026

No. 91-26

**Moved by:** Bob Stone

**Seconded by:** Dione Schumacher

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Huntsville 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 Water Management Plan in an effort to better mitigate flood risks throughout the watershed;

**AND WHEREAS:** the Town 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 the local tax base;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Council of the Town of Huntsville requests the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to:

1. Reconfirm its November 2024 commitment to undertake a comprehensive review and update of the Muskoka River Water Management Plan;
2. 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”;
3. Establish, as a matter of priority, a formal implementation framework for the 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;
4. Convene one or more public information sessions within the affected watershed communities, 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;

5. 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,
6. 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 FURTHER THAT:** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, all first nations and municipalities within the Muskoka River Watershed, the District Municipality of Muskoka, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

**RECORDED VOTE**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL	YEA	NAY
Mayor Alcock		
Deputy Mayor Armour		
Councillor Clarke		
Councillor Clouthier		
Councillor FitzGerald		
Councillor Morrison		
Councillor Renwick		
Councillor Schumacher		
Councillor Stone		
TOTAL:		

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL	PERSONAL	BUSINESS	EMPLOYMENT	OTHER
Mayor Alcock				
Deputy Mayor Armour				
Councillor Clarke				
Councillor Clouthier				
Councillor FitzGerald				
Councillor Morrison				
Councillor Renwick				
Councillor Schumacher				
Councillor Stone				

Carried. 



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY**  
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**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Louanne Caza  
 ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Elaine Fic  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Annie Keft  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Culhane

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:**  
 ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Louanne Caza  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Elaine Fic  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Annie Keft  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Culhane

**RESOLUTION #** 136/2026  
**DATE:** June 9, 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 services;

**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 significant lower contribution level;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry 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;

**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 Honorable 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 neighboring municipalities for their support.

Recorded vote requested by \_\_\_\_\_

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

I declare this motion

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Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:

*Bonita Culhane*

*\*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*



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 \_\_\_\_\_ Annie Keft  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Culhane

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Louanne Caza  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Elaine Fic  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Annie Keft  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Culhane

**RESOLUTION #**

139/2026

**DATE: June 9, 2026**

**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, travelers, 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, washrooms facilities, truck parking, warming centres, fuel access, and safe pull-offs locations, particularly in remote areas of Northern Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** inadequate rest stop infrastructure contributes to driver fatigue, safety concerns, limited accessibilities, and challenges for Tourism and commercial transportation;

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

**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.

Recorded vote requested by \_\_\_\_\_

I declare this motion

	For	Against
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Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

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*Second By Councillor Fic BC.*

<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

Signature of Chair:

*Bonita Culhane*

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 Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

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 Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 140/2024

DATE : June 4, 2026

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry supports the resolution from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the Establishment of Northern Ontario Policing Grant.

**WHEREAS** Municipalities across Northern Ontario face disproportionately high policing costs due to low population densities, geographic isolation, and limited municipal tax bases;

**AND WHEREAS** many Northern communities rely on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for policing services, while others operate municipal police services that are also experiencing significant cost pressures;

**AND WHEREAS** recent increase in policing costs have placed unsustainable pressure on municipal budgets, forcing communities to make difficult decisions between maintaining public safety and funding essential municipal services such as infrastructure, roads, water systems, and recreation facilities;

**AND WHEREAS** Northern Ontario municipalities provide essential services across a vast geographic region while supporting key sectors of Ontario's economy, including mining, forestry, transportation, and energy;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities require predictable and equitable provincial support to ensure policing costs remain sustainable and communities remain safe;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities call on the Government of Ontario to establish a \$100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years, to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services;

**AND THAT** the grant includes a base funding allocation for all municipalities, with additional funding distributed based on population to ensure equitable support across communities of varying sizes;

**AND THAT** the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipal leaders, including FONOM and NOMA, to design and implement a sustainable funding framework that recognized the unique economic and geographic realities of Northern Ontario.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded vote requested by \_\_\_\_\_

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

I declare this motion

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Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:

*Bonita Culhane*

*\*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*

**From:** Kristin Pichoskie

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2026 12:53 AM

**To:**

**Subject:** Request for Proclamation, Flag Raising and Illumination – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day & Month 2026

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is Kristin Pichoskie and I am the founder of Oak's Tree of Love, a Northern Ontario initiative created in memory of my son, Oak Beaudyn Noel.

Oak's Tree of Love respectfully requests that the Municipality proclaim October 15, 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and proclaim October 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

We would also be grateful if the Municipality would consider a flag raising and/or illumination of City Hall, a municipal building, bridge, landmark, sign, or other public feature in pink, blue, and white in recognition of this important awareness initiative.

Pregnancy and infant loss affects thousands of Canadian families each year. This recognition would help raise awareness, honour babies gone too soon, support bereaved families, reduce stigma surrounding grief and loss, and encourage compassionate conversations about pregnancy loss, infant loss, stillbirth, and child loss within our communities.

Oak's Tree of Love provides memory boxes, remembrance projects, awareness initiatives, hospital partnerships, and support resources for families affected by the loss of a baby or child.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and support of bereaved families. We would be grateful to learn if the Municipality plans to participate through a proclamation, flag raising, illumination, or other form of recognition for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and Month in 2026.

Sincerely,

Kristin Pichoskie

Founder, Oak's Tree of Love

In loving memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel  



# Town of Petawawa

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
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Minister of the Solicitor General  
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Via Email: [minister.solgen@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.solgen@ontario.ca)

June 17, 2026

**RE: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario**

Dear Honourable Doug Ford and Honourable Michael Kerzner:

At its Council in Committee meeting held on June 8, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

**Moved by Lisa Coutu**

**Seconded by Theresa Sabourin**

**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 Petawawa 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:

- 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:**

- Billy Denault MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
- 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

**Carried**

The Town of Petawawa respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario implements a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements. We look forward to your favourable reply.

Sincerely,



Dawn Recoskie, CMO, Dipl.M.A.

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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cc: All municipalities

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Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, [admin@ontariofirefighters.org](mailto:admin@ontariofirefighters.org)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), [roma@roma.on.ca](mailto:roma@roma.on.ca)

Billy Denault, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, [billy.denault@pc.ola.org](mailto:billy.denault@pc.ola.org)

Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, [kinga.surma@pc.ola.org](mailto:kinga.surma@pc.ola.org)

Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, [rob.flack@ontario.ca](mailto:rob.flack@ontario.ca).



June 15, 2026

Hon. Robert J. Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Flack,

Re: Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP)

On behalf of Council for the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, I am writing to acknowledge the Province of Ontario's Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) and its intent to support housing development and critical infrastructure investment across municipalities.

Council appreciates the Province's efforts to address housing supply challenges by incentivizing development and providing access to infrastructure funding. The objectives of increasing housing availability and supporting growth-related infrastructure are important priorities that align with the Town's long-term planning goals.

However, Council wishes to express concern that the current structure of the DCRP presents significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities such as the Town of Plympton-Wyoming. Municipalities are required to commit to substantial development charge reductions while also preparing competitive applications for large, shovel-ready projects within a limited timeframe.

The program's compressed application intake period provides limited opportunity for municipalities with constrained staffing and financial capacity to properly evaluate participation, identify eligible projects, and assemble a competitive submission.

Additionally, the requirement to prioritize large-scale infrastructure projects that clearly enable housing development, coupled with the expectation of upfront municipal financial contributions, places smaller municipalities at a disadvantage. Many rural communities do not have the same breadth of shovel-ready growth-enabling projects readily available, nor the internal resources required to mobilize applications within such tight timelines.

Council is concerned that, without adjustments, the current program design may limit participation from smaller municipalities and result in an inequitable distribution of funding, favouring larger urban centres with greater administrative capacity and project readiness.



In light of these concerns, Council respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario consider establishing a dedicated program stream for small, rural, and northern municipalities. Such a stream should include:

- More flexible and extended application timelines;
- Scaled project requirements that reflect community size and capacity; and
- Adjusted eligibility criteria that recognize the unique infrastructure funding models and operational realities of rural municipalities.

These modifications would help ensure that all municipalities, regardless of size, have a fair opportunity to participate in the program and contribute to the Province's shared objective of increasing housing supply.

The Town of Plympton-Wyoming remains committed to working collaboratively with the Province to support sustainable growth and infrastructure investment in our community.

A copy of this correspondence has been shared with our local Members of Provincial Parliament and Federal Parliament, as well as neighbouring municipalities, to encourage broader support for these requested program enhancements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Sobanski  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

June 17, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of June 9, 2026 the following resolution regarding a request to the Province to extend the deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO.**    **2026-268**

**DATE:**                    **June 9, 2026**

**MOVED BY:**            **Councillor Hirsch**

**SECONDED BY:**        **Councillor MacNaughton**

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS** the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee and Heritage Designation Working Group are comprised of a handful of dedicated volunteers who are not able to review the current non-designated register containing over 200 properties on or before the deadline of January 1, 2027; and

**WHEREAS** many municipalities, including the County of Prince Edward, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake the evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

**WHEREAS** the Heritage Designation Working Group, heritage consultants or staff members would need to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed non-designated properties, contact owners of such properties, determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of

Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

**WHEREAS** the above noted work involving over 200 listed properties in the County of Prince Edward is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by January 1, 2027 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals; and

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

**WHEREAS** the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of June 3, 2026, discussed and supported advocating to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on the municipal heritage non-designated register; and

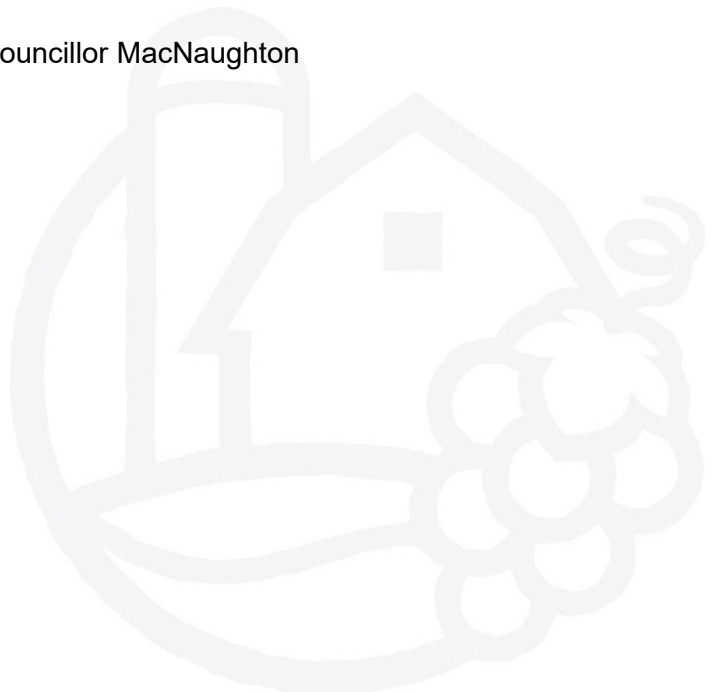
**THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte M.P.P. Tyler Allsopp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Community Heritage Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton





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June 23, 2026

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RE: 6.5 Town of Halton Hills Resolution Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 27, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-172: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda item 6.5 be received; and

Whereas Council supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework 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: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Region of Halton MPPs  
Region of Halton  
City of Burlington  
Town of Milton  
Town of Oakville  
All Ontario municipalities

April 28, 2026

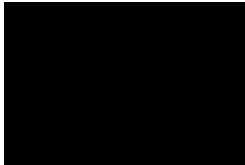
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email

**Re: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework**

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday April 20, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0071 regarding Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0071.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.  
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- cc. The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Region of Halton MPPs  
Region of Halton  
City of Burlington  
Town of Milton  
Town of Oakville  
All Ontario municipalities



TOWN OF  
**HALTON HILLS**

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

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**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



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June 22, 2026

RE: 6.8 Township of Stone Mills Opposition to Changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 27, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-171:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda item 6.8 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the Township of Stone Mills opposition to the changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly as well as to MPP Joseph Racinsky.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk



CC: All Ontario Municipalities and MPP's

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May 14, 2026

**Sent Via Email Only**

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

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,

Brandi Teeple  
Township Clerk  
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cc. All Ontario Municipalities  
All MPP's



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: (~~248-26~~) 239-26

Date: Jun 16, 2026

Moved By: *[Signature]*

Seconded By: *[Signature]*

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Parry Sound request for more rest stops and service areas along highways 11 & 17;

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

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

*[Signature]*  
Signature

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



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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.

<b>Moved by:</b>	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"/>

<b>Seconded by:</b>	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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**Date: May 26, 2026**

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod  
Brandt, Jerry  
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy  
Ward, Rod  
Whitwell, Wendy

For	Opposed
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# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MUNICIPALITY OF  
**SHUNIAH**

Date: Jun 16, 2026

Resolution No.: (249-26) 240-26

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

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

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Resolution from the Township of Machar opposing the proposed changes to FIPPA;

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

Carried

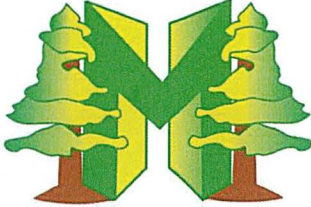
Defeated

Amended

Deferred

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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



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Res End

Jun 2, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto ON  
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Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Doug Ford:

Re: Opposing proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of Jun 1, 2026, Township of Machar Council passed the following motion,

86-26 McLaren, Ivens

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 the Township of Machar 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. CARRIED.

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

Yours truly,

Clerk Administrator

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# TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR

Resolution Number: 86-26

**Moved by:** Ron McLaren  Blair Flowers  Pearl Ivens  Neil Scarlett   
**Seconded by:** Ron McLaren  Blair Flowers  Pearl Ivens  Neil Scarlett

Jun 1, 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 the Township of Machar 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.

Carried by: Lynda Cullen



# SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

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

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Primer of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**Re: Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Council meeting:

*The Council of the Town of Smiths Falls 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 to:*

- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs*
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association*
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association*
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario*
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association*
- Scott Reid, M.P. Lanark-Frontenac*
- John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston*
- Minister of the Solicitor General*



# SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

- *Minister of Infrastructure*
- *Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- *All Ontario Municipalities*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello  
Town Clerk

cc: Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs  
Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association  
Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
Scott Reid, M.P. Lanark-Frontenac  
John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston  
Minister of the Solicitor General  
Minister of Infrastructure  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
All Ontario Municipalities

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 4.4.2.  
**Resolution Number** 2026-074  
**Title:** Correspondence - South Huron - Ontario Heritage Organization  
Development Grant Advocacy  
**Date:** April 15, 2026

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**Moved by:** Councillor Laframboise  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution Number 125-2026 passed on March 16, 2026 by the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron regarding the Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy;**  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming; our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR



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March 24, 2026

Via email: [stan.cho@pc.ola.org](mailto:stan.cho@pc.ola.org)

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming

6<sup>th</sup> Floor

438 University Ave.

Toronto, ON M7A 1N3

Dear Hon. Stan Cho,

**Re: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy**

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Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their March 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting:

125-2026

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Ted Oke

**That South Huron Council supports the February 17, 2026 correspondence of the Township of McNab/Braeside regarding Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy; and**

**That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, Stan Cho, Lisa Thompson, MPP, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.**

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator

Municipality of South Huron

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Encl.

cc: MPP Lisa Thompson, [lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org); AMO, [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca) ; and all municipalities in Ontario.



Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

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

Description: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

**RESOLUTION:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

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

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



June 22, 2026

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

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

**RE: Prince Edward County: Resolution No. 2026-208 Regarding Reinstating the Requirements for Compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2026-06-16**

**MOVED BY:** Keith Kerr

**SECONDED BY:** Greg Hallam

**“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;

**AND 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;

**AND 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;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Tay Valley Township 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;

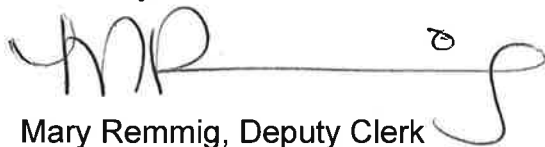
**THAT**, the Government of Ontario implement recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to increase and ensure proper security, record keeping and democratic accountability;

**AND THAT**, this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Bethlenfalvy, MPP John Jordan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the 444 municipalities of Ontario.”

**ADOPTED**

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

Sincerely,



Mary Remmig, Deputy Clerk

cc: Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy;  
MPP John Jordan;  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities;  
All Municipalities of Ontario.”



# The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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June 17, 2026

Premier Doug Ford  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay's Regular Council Meeting held Monday June 15, 2026, the following resolution of support was passed:

## **RE: Resolution of Support – Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding For Fire Service**

**Resolution: CR142–2026**

**Moved by: Councillor Webb**

**Seconded by: Councillor Dube**

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 operation 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;



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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 Township of Terrace Bay 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:

- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighter Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

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

- Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay Superior North
- 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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Sincerely,

J. Hall  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

**CC:**

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All Northern Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Resolution # RC26131	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: <i>S. W. Opata</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

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

**WHEREAS** Health Quality Ontario data from October 2025 reports that patients requiring admission to hospital waited an average of 19 to 20 hours, while high-urgency patients waited close to five hours on average to be assessed by a physician; and

**WHEREAS** the Auditor General of Ontario reported in December 2023 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 emergency room wait times were increasing significantly, with the longest wait times recorded in more than fifteen years, and that provincial funding was projected to be \$21.3 billion short of maintaining current health programs through 2028; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Hospital Association has reported that Ontario has had the lowest per capita hospital expenditure in Canada since 2018 and that approximately 4,200 Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients remain in acute care beds, contributing to emergency room overcrowding and delays; and

**WHEREAS** emergency room overcrowding and prolonged wait times have been linked to adverse patient outcomes and place additional strain on Ontario's healthcare system, including municipal paramedic services experiencing excessive ambulance offload delays; and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government has taken important steps to improve healthcare in Ontario; however, additional funding, staffing resources, and capacity enhancements remain critical to ensuring timely access to emergency medical care; and



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RESOLUTION

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**WHEREAS** concerns regarding emergency room staffing shortages, temporary closures, and failure to consistently meet national standards such as the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) continue to be raised by healthcare professionals, municipalities, and residents across Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the tragic death of sixteen-year-old Finlay van der Werken on February 9, 2024, following an extended wait in an emergency department, has highlighted the urgent need for enhanced protections and standards for pediatric emergency care;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the resolution of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus and calls upon the Ontario Ministry of Health to take immediate action to reduce emergency room wait times through enhanced triage protocols, increased hospital funding, and additional healthcare staffing resources to strengthen emergency readiness across Ontario; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the introduction of "Finlay's Law" to ensure that no child in Ontario is left without timely emergency medical care, including measures to:

1. Establish maximum emergency room wait time standards for patients under the age of 18;
2. Mandate safe pediatric nurse-to-patient and physician-to-patient staffing ratios in emergency settings;
3. Establish independent oversight to audit hospital performance, investigate pediatric emergency room deaths, and enforce compliance with provincial standards;
4. Require timely and independent inquiries by the Chief Coroner of Ontario into pediatric deaths occurring in emergency room waiting areas; and
5. Provide funding for enhanced pediatric emergency readiness, including staffing, training, equipment, and infrastructure improvements;



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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa calls upon the Federal Minister of Health to utilize the Canada Health Transfer framework to ensure compliance with the principles of the Canada Health Act by monitoring adherence to national emergency care standards, including the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS), and supporting the establishment and implementation of national sepsis care standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health, The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health, The Ontario Medical Association (OMA), The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC); and the Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA).

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL





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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Resolution # RC26130	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario is considering potential changes to school board governance structures, including the possible elimination of elected school board trustees;

**AND WHEREAS** elected trustees play an important role in representing local communities, providing accountability, and ensuring that the unique needs and priorities of students, families, and residents are reflected in educational decision-making;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities in Northern Ontario and rural regions face distinct challenges related to geography, transportation, population distribution, and access to educational services that require strong local representation within the education system;

**AND WHEREAS** any significant changes to school board governance should be informed by meaningful consultation with affected stakeholders, including municipalities, school boards, parents, educators, and community members across Ontario;

**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 regarding school board governance and calls upon 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 elected trustees;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province of Ontario 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;



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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 Near North District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, the Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the local Member of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL