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**TOWNSHIP OF  
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April 1, 2026

**RE: Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025**

Dear Leaders,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 1st, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

**Resolution No: 2026-04-01-06**

**Moved by: Councillor Keller**

**Seconded by: Councillor Quade**

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

**WHEREAS** Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and

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

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

**That** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Billy Denault, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria  
Minister of Transportation  
Province of Ontario

**RE: Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems**

Dear Leaders,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 1st, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the correspondence from the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board.

**Resolution No: 2026-04-01-05**  
**Moved by: Councillor Banks**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt**

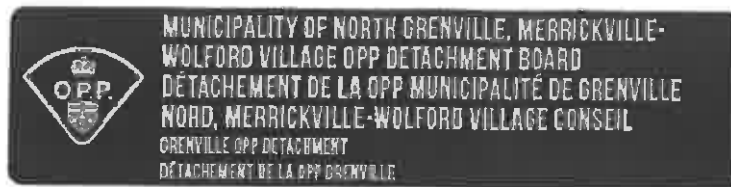
**“Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board regarding Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems, as attached.**

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.”**

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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January 2, 2025

**The Honourable Doug Ford**  
Premier of Ontario

**The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria**  
Minister of Transportation  
Province of Ontario

**RE: Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board, we are writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a persistent and dangerous problem in Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at serious risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require additional tools to address this issue effectively and consistently.

The Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the Highway Traffic Act. These systems have proven effective in deterring dangerous driving behaviour, improving compliance, and enhancing accountability. Provincial funding and support would enable municipalities to implement these technologies equitably and at scale.

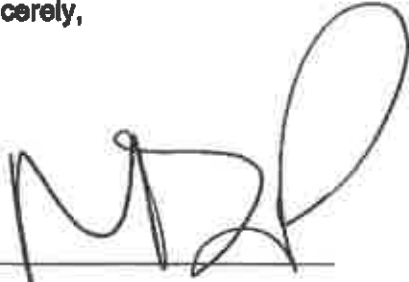
Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board also proudly supports the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. Adam's story underscores the urgent need for stronger enforcement, public education, and modern safety solutions to protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to continue advancing this life-saving work by providing municipalities with the funding mechanisms, legislative support, and implementation guidance necessary to deploy stop-arm cameras and complementary safety technologies province-wide.

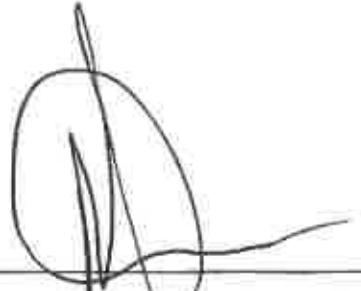
Protecting children is a shared responsibility. With provincial leadership and municipal partnership, we can take meaningful action to prevent further tragedies and ensure Ontario's roads are safer for students and families.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to road safety.

Sincerely,

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**Mayor N. Peckford (Co-chair)**  
**Municipality of North Grenville**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Cameron', written over a horizontal line.

**Mayor M. Cameron (Co-chair)**  
**Village of Merrickville-Wolford**

**cc:**  
**The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader**  
**Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**  
**Ontario Municipalities**

**Enclosed: Co-signing Template**



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April 1, 2026

The Honourable Michael Kerzner  
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The Honourable Zee Hamid  
Associate Solicitor General for Auto Theft and Bail Reform  
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MPP Billy Denault  
84 Isabella St. #6,  
Pembroke, ON K8A 5S5

**RE: Provincial Ball Notification Program**

Dear Leaders,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 1st, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the correspondence from the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East.

**Resolution No: 2026-04-01-04**  
**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 OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East regarding a Provincial Bail Notification Program as attached.**

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the all OPP Detachment Boards, and all municipalities in Ontario.”**

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

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

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

## **OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST**

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## **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST**

February 20, 2026

### **VIA EMAIL**

The Honourable Michael Kerzner  
Solicitor General  
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MPP John Vanthof  
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New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0

Dear Leaders,

On behalf of the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East I am pleased to offer this letter in strong support of Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) agencies across the province and the development of a coordinated Provincial Bail Notification Program.

VCAO organizations are essential partners in community safety and well-being. They provide immediate, trauma-informed support to individuals and families affected by crime and tragic circumstances, often at the most vulnerable moments in their lives. Their staff and volunteers work closely with police services to ensure survivors receive timely safety planning, crisis intervention, and connections to critical supports. This partnership enhances our ability to respond effectively, reduces risk, and strengthens trust with those we serve.

Timely and reliable bail notification is a vital component of victim safety. The current system is inconsistent across jurisdictions and leaves survivors at risk when they are not informed of release conditions or bail decisions that may impact their safety planning. A province-wide bail notification program, led in partnership with VCAO agencies, will ensure victims receive clear, coordinated, and rapid notification, regardless of where the offence occurred or where the accused is released. This is not only a matter of safety but also an essential part of ensuring victims' rights, dignity, and confidence in the justice system.

The OPP Detachment Board- James Bay East fully supports:

1. Strengthened investment in VCAO agencies, recognizing them as critical frontline partners in community safety and in supporting survivors of crime.

2. A standardized, province-wide bail notification system, designed in partnership with police services, VCAOs, and Justice partners to promote timely communication, reduce risk, and improve outcomes for victims.
3. Ongoing collaboration between police and VCAO, including shared training, coordinated response models, and information pathways that improve both public safety and victim care.

VCAO agencies deliver high-quality services that directly complement police response. A provincial bail notification program will further enhance our collective ability to keep communities safe and uphold the rights of survivors. We urge the Government of Ontario to move forward with the development, implementation, and sustainable funding of this program.

Thank you for your consideration. The OPP Detachment Board-James Bay East is committed to working collaboratively and constructively with our VCAO partners and with provincial ministries to support this important and urgently needed initiative.

Yours truly,

**OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST**



Cassandra Child, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.  
Secretary/Treasurer

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All Ontario municipalities  
All Ontario OPP Detachment Boards

April 2, 2026

**Re: Township of Oro-Medonte – Association of Ontario Road Supervisors Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments**

Please be advised that at their regular meeting on April 1, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock carried the following resolution:

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Moved by Councillor Scott Zehr  
Seconded by Councillor Matthew Gillespie

**THAT** Council supports the resolution from Township of Oro-Medonte regarding the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors request for Provincial Legislation Amendments to strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors.

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Premier of Ontario
- Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
- Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation
- MPP Ernie Hardeman
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)
- Ontario municipalities

**CARRIED**

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Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

*Meaghan Vader*

Meaghan Vader  
Corporate Initiatives Manager/Clerk  
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March 13, 2026

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

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

Dear Minister Piccini,

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

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

Sincerely,



Mayor Randy Greenlaw

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

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



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

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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



Kelly Elliott  
Interim Executive Director  
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

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



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

February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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



Kelly Elliott  
Interim Executive Director  
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)  
Premier Doug Ford

April 14, 2026

Via email: [minister.mlitsd@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mlitsd@ontario.ca)  
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Hon. David Piccini  
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

Hon. Rob Flack,  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

Dear Minister Piccini, Minister Flack and Premier Ford

**RE: Improve Protections for Municipal Public Works Staff & Contractors**

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake Bays at the last regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, 2026 Council passed the following Resolution TC-73-2026:

**TC-73-2026**

**WHEREAS municipal public works employees and contracted service providers are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, drainage systems, and winter maintenance operations that are essential to public safety and emergency response; and**

**WHEREAS during significant weather events and emergencies, these workers act as frontline responders, ensuring routes remain open for ambulances, fire services, police, school transportation, and the travelling public; and**

**WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are reporting an increase in harassment, threats, intimidation, and dangerous interference from members of the public directed at municipal workers and subcontractors while they perform their duties; and**

**WHEREAS these behaviours have included verbal abuse, threats of violence, obstruction of equipment, and actions that delay or disrupt winter maintenance and emergency response operations, placing workers and the broader public at risk; and**

**WHEREAS interference with municipal operations during storms and emergencies jeopardizes service levels, delays critical response times, and creates significant occupational health and safety risks; and**

**WHEREAS the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) has formally called on the Province of Ontario to strengthen legislative protections, enforcement support, and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal public works staff and contractors;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays supports the calls to action advanced by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to improve protections for municipal public works workers and subcontractors; and**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to introduce legislative and enforcement measures that:**

- **recognize municipal public works workers and contractors as essential service providers during declared significant weather events and emergencies;**
- **deter and penalize interference, threats, harassment, or obstruction of municipal operations; and**
- **provide clear direction and support to police services to proactively respond to these incidents;**

**AND FURTHER THAT a letter conveying Council's support for these measures be sent to:**

- **The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development**
- **The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**



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Dwight, ON P0A 1H0

**AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and neighbouring municipalities for their consideration.**

**Carried.”**

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Public Works, Steve Peace, at [speace@lakeofbays.on.ca](mailto:speace@lakeofbays.on.ca)

Sincerely

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk  
CS/lv

cc. Association of Ontario Road Supervisors [kellyelliott@aors.on.ca](mailto:kellyelliott@aors.on.ca)  
Area Municipalities



## Notice of Public Meeting – Housekeeping Amendments

**Meeting Date:** April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
**Meeting Time:** 9:00 am  
**Location:** Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, Council Chambers  
 1012 Dwight Beach Road, Dwight, Ontario

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council (Planning Matters) public hearing has been scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. **This public meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format in-person or via ZOOM commencing at 9:00 a.m.** (see Page 2 for more details).

File Type & Number	Township-wide Amendments to the Limits on Council Variations in the Community Planning Permit By-law 2021-111 – Z 16-26 LOB
Owner/Applicant(s)	Township of Lake of Bays
Property Location	Township-wide
Purpose & Effect of the Proposed By-law	<p>The meeting is being held to consider Township-wide Housekeeping Amendments to the Community Planning Permit By-law 2021-111. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendments is to remove the existing threshold on Class Two – Council Variations.</p> <p>The Community Planning Permit By-law came into force and effect April of 2024. A key component of the Community Planning Permit System is to allow for Township Staff and– Council to vary most Planning Permit Area Provisions, including minimum required yard setbacks, maximum permitted lot coverage, building height, shoreline activity area frontage, and shoreline activity area coverage.</p> <p>The By-law currently allows Council to vary these provisions by way of a Class Two – Council Variation Planning Permit, up to a maximum, with any request that exceeds what Council can vary requiring an amendment to the By-law.</p> <p>This amendment seeks to remove these caps, allowing the planning application process to be further streamlined by removing the requirement for By-law Amendment applications triggered exclusively by the variance limits. The housekeeping amendments do not propose any changes to the thresholds for a Class One – Staff Variation Planning Permit.</p>
Written Information Available	Staff Report available on the Township’s website at <a href="http://www.lakeofbays.on.ca">www.lakeofbays.on.ca</a> or from Planning Services on or after April 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2026.
Additional Information and Materials are available at the following:	Website: <a href="https://www.lakeofbays.on.ca/news/planning-notice/">https://www.lakeofbays.on.ca/news/planning-notice/</a>



Planning Contact	Arla Freitas Nissenthall, Senior Planner Ph. 705-635-2272 ext. 1251 Fax: 705-635-2132 Email: <a href="mailto:anissenthall@lakeofbays.on.ca">anissenthall@lakeofbays.on.ca</a>
To receive notice of future meetings	If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township on the proposed by-law amendments, you must make a written request to the planning contact above.
<p>If a specified person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Township to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the specified person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Lake of Bays before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.</p> <p>If a specified person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township before the by-law is passed, the specified person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.</p>	
Personal information collected in response to this planning notice will be used to assist staff and Council to process this application and will be made public	
Date of this Notice	April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2025

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION**

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

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

How to Submit Written Comments to be considered

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

Where to Watch a Meeting

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

If you cannot Participate Virtually

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



## MISSISSAUGA

RESOLUTION 0060-2026  
adopted by the Council of  
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga  
at its meeting on April 1, 2026

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0060-2026 Moved by: Councillor B. Butt

Seconded by: Councillor S. McFadden

WHEREAS locally elected school board trustees provide essential community representation and ensure accountability within Ontario's education system;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga relies on dedicated trustee representation to reflect local priorities and advocate for the success of students across our diverse communities;

AND WHEREAS recent provincial supervision of the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, alongside proposed governance changes, raises concerns regarding the future of local democratic accountability;

AND WHEREAS maintaining direct, elected representation is critical to ensuring that Mississauga's unique geographic and growth needs are reflected in education decision-making;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Mississauga Council affirms its strong support for maintaining democratically elected school board trustees for both the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board;
2. Council formally recognizes the vital role of locally elected trustee representation for Mississauga and supports the continuation of meaningful, locally accountable representation;
3. The Province of Ontario be requested to pause any legislative or regulatory changes that would reduce or eliminate elected trustees until a transparent, province-wide consultation with municipalities, school boards, trustees, parents, students, educators and other education stakeholders is completed;
4. The City Clerk forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, all MPPs representing Mississauga, the Peel District School Board, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, all MPPs representing Peel Region, and all Ontario municipalities to encourage collective advocacy for local democratic representation in education.

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

Carried (11, 0)



*The TOWNSHIP of*  
**NORTH DUMFRIES**

106 Earl Thompson Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
PO Box 1060  
Ayr, ON N0B 1E0

April 14, 2026

Sent via Email: Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and MPP Brian Riddel, Cambridge, and be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario

**RE: Resolution – Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding**

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on April 13, 2026 the Township of North Dumfries Council considered the enclosed resolution received from the Town of Saugeen Shores regarding the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding and adopted the following resolution:

*“THAT the Resolution received from the Town of Saugeen Shores regarding the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding be received;*

*Whereas older buildings have inherent sustainability and provide economic, environmental and social benefits for Ontario communities; and,*

*Whereas re-use of existing buildings reduces the need for increased infrastructure that accompanies new builds such as sewer and water services, new roads and sidewalks; and,*

*Whereas re-use of existing building can reduce construction waste and extend the life expectancy of landfills; and,*

*Whereas keeping older buildings helps a community remain visually richer and enhances identity while building its tourism brand and appeal; and,*

*Whereas creating a new, application-based, matching grant program of \$10M/year, modelled on an existing Alberta program would incentivize owners and smaller developers to keep, fix and reuse heritage buildings to create new housing; and,*

*Whereas such a grant program would provide an alternative to the Ontario heritage property tax relief program, which has limited impact on developers and reduces municipal revenues; and,*

*Whereas such a grant program would provide a simpler and more direct way for heritage building owners to fund renovations or conservation; and,*

*Whereas Ontario developers surveyed by the National Trust for Canada in 2014 ranked a heritage-revolving fund as their top incentive to encourage heritage development if:*

- the grants are simple to apply for and to administer; and,*
- the fund is large enough to meet at least 33% of the demand so that applicants have a reasonable chance of recovering the cost and effort of applying.*

*Therefore, be it Resolved That the Council of the Township of North Dumfries endorse the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding, and that this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and MPP Brian Riddel, Cambridge, and be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.”*

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ashley Good in blue ink.

Ashley Good, Clerk  
Township of North Dumfries  
519-632-8800 ext. 122  
[agood@northdumfries.ca](mailto:agood@northdumfries.ca)

encl.



**Town of Saugeen Shores**  
600 Tomlinson Drive, P.O. Box 820  
Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C0

March 23, 2026

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

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

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Minister of Finance  
minister.fin@ontario.ca

The Honourable Graham McGregor, MPP  
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
graham.mcgregor@pc.ola.org

**RE: Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding**

At the March 23, 2026, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, the attached motion was passed endorsing the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding.

Sincerely,

Hailey Leigh-Mossley  
Deputy Clerk  
Encl.

cc. MPP Lisa Thompson  
All Ontario Municipalities



# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SAUGEEN SHORES

**MOVED BY:** C. Grace

**RESOLUTION NO:** 096-2026

**SECONDED BY:** M. Myatt

**DATE:** March 23, 2026

Whereas older buildings have inherent sustainability and provide economic, environmental and social benefits for Ontario communities; and,

Whereas re-use of existing buildings reduces the need for increased infrastructure that accompanies new builds such as sewer and water services, new roads and sidewalks; and,

Whereas re-use of existing building can reduce construction waste and extend the life expectancy of landfills; and,

Whereas keeping older buildings helps a community remain visually richer and enhances identity while building its tourism brand and appeal; and,

Whereas creating a new, application-based, matching grant program of \$10M/year, modelled on an existing Alberta program would incentivize owners and smaller developers to keep, fix and reuse heritage buildings to create new housing; and,

Whereas such a grant program would provide an alternative to the Ontario heritage property tax relief program, which has limited impact on developers and reduces municipal revenues; and,

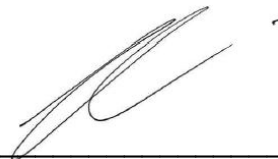
Whereas such a grant program would provide a simpler and more direct way for heritage building owners to fund renovations or conservation; and,

Whereas Ontario developers surveyed by the National Trust for Canada in 2014 ranked a heritage-revolving fund as their top incentive to encourage heritage development if:

- the grants are simple to apply for and to administer; and,
- the fund is large enough to meet at least 33% of the demand so that applicants have a reasonable chance of recovering the cost and effort of applying.

Therefore, be it Resolved That the Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores endorse the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding, and that this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and MPP Lisa Thompson, and be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

- Carried
- Carried, as amended
- Defeated
- Deferred
- Referred
- Tabled
- Withdrawn



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Mayor

Sent by Email

April 8, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street,  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
[pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park Room 281  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Subject: Corr. 01-26  
Megha Trivedi, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Prince  
Re: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on March 23, 2026 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 01-26, from Megha Trivedi, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Prince, dated February 10, 2026, regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General, The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all municipalities in Ontario.

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

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

Yours truly



Susan Cassel

City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General  
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
The Honourable Doug Downey, Solicitor General  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township Of Prince  
3042 Second Line West, Prince Township, Ontario P6A 6K4  
Office 705-779-2992 Fax:705-779-2725

February 10<sup>th</sup> ,2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
[Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

**RE:** Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> , 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Prince passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.

**Resolution Number:** 2026 - 33

**Moved by:** Councillor M. Christenson

**Seconded by:** Councillor J. Weir

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Township of Prince support the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's resolution regarding a call to action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to 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, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Megha Trivedi  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Township of Prince



**TOWNSHIP OF  
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40  
Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0  
TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

February 4, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

**RE: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children**

Dear Prime Minister,

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

**Resolution No: 2026-02-04-05**  
**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 Town of Aylmer’s resolution regarding a Call to 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.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

January 15, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON  
K1A 0A2  
[Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Prime Minister

**Re: Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children**

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 15, 2026, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aylmer supports the City of Welland's call to action for justice and protection of Canada's children; and,

Whereas the safety and well-being of children is a fundamental responsibility shared by all levels of government; and,

Whereas recent incidents involving sexual offences against children have deeply affected communities across Ontario and Canada, raising serious concerns about public safety and the adequacy of existing legislative protections; and,

Whereas violent sexual crimes against children represent some of the most serious offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and have lifelong impacts on victims, families, and communities; and,

Whereas municipalities play a critical role in advocating for policies that protect residents and promote safe communities; and,

Whereas there is a growing concern that gaps in bail, sentencing, parole eligibility, and offender monitoring allow high-risk individuals to re-enter communities pre-maturely, placing children at continued risk;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children, including but not limited to:

- 1. Bail and Sentencing Provisions - ensuring that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual offences against children are subject to the strictest possible bail conditions and sentencing outcomes that reflect the severity of these crimes;**
- 2. Parole and Early Release - limiting parole eligibility, statutory release, or other forms of early release for offenders convicted of sexual offences against children who pose ongoing risks to public safety;**
- 3. Sex Offender Monitoring - strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and related provincial tools to improve accuracy, enforcement, and timely access to information for law enforcement; and**
- 4. Victim and Community Safety - prioritizing the protection of children and community safety within the justice system above administrative or procedural efficiencies;**

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario  
The Attorney General of Ontario  
The Solicitor General of Ontario  
The Prime Minister of Canada  
The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
Member of Provincial Parliament, Rob Flack  
Member of Parliament, Andrew Lawton  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and;  
All 444 Ontario Municipalities

And be it further resolved that Council encourages municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to work collaboratively to present a unified municipal voice advocating for stronger protections for children across Canada.

Yours sincerely,

**Owen Jaggard**  
**Director of Legislative Services/Clerk | Town of Aylmer**  
46 Talbot Street West, Aylmer, ON N5H 1J7  
519-773-3164 Ext. 4913 | Fax 519-765-1446  
[ojaggard@town.aylmer.on.ca](mailto:ojaggard@town.aylmer.on.ca) | [www.aylmer.ca](http://www.aylmer.ca)

CC:

Hon. Doug Ford [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)  
Hon. Doug Downey [doug.downey@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.downey@pc.ola.org)  
Hon. Michael S. Kerzner [michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org](mailto:michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org)  
Hon. Sean Fraser [sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca](mailto:sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca)



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Hon. Rob Flack [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org)

Mr. Andrew Lawton [andrew.lawton@parl.gc.ca](mailto:andrew.lawton@parl.gc.ca)

Mayor Frank Campion c/o Theresa Ettore [Theresa.ettore@welland.ca](mailto:Theresa.ettore@welland.ca)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities [resolutions@fcm.ca](mailto:resolutions@fcm.ca)

All municipalities



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
FRANK CAMPION  
60 East Main Street  
Welland, Ontario  
L3B 3X4  
Phone: 905-735-1700  
Fax: 905-735-1543**

December 2, 2025

**Subject: A Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children**

Dear Fellow Mayors,

I write to you today not only as the Mayor of Welland, but as a member of a community that has been deeply shaken by an unthinkable act in August 2025: the brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child. This tragedy has horrified our residents, leaving families in grief and disbelief, and compelling us as leaders to confront the uncomfortable truth that our justice system is failing to adequately protect our most vulnerable.

While no policy can erase the trauma this child and their family will endure, we have a moral obligation to act. This moment demands leadership from all of us, to raise our collective voices and ensure that meaningful reform takes place.

I urge you to join me in calling on provincial and federal governments to take immediate and decisive action by advancing the following measures:

- The full and expedited implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public—particularly victims of violent sexual crimes—are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
- Strengthening bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- That parole eligibility for sexual offences against children reflects the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
- Strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry, providing communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

Canadians must be able to trust that our justice system prioritizes public safety—especially the safety of children—above all else. Communities like ours cannot bear the weight of knowing that legislative gaps may allow dangerous offenders to harm again.

I am calling on you, my colleagues in municipalities across Canada, to:

1. Pass council resolutions urging your respective provincial governments to review and strengthen laws protecting children from violent offenders.
2. Collaborate through FCM and provincial municipal associations to bring a united municipal voice to Ottawa and all legislatures across the country, advocating for the timely implementation and continued enhancement of justice reforms.
3. Engage your local MPs, MPPs/MLAs, and their governments to advocate for continued legislative and judicial reform.

4. Support awareness and prevention efforts within your communities to reinforce the safety and well-being of every child.

Together, we can create a wave of leadership that demands justice and refuses complacency. The protection of children transcends politics and geography; it is a shared duty that defines who we are as a nation.

Thank you for standing with us in this urgent cause. I would welcome the opportunity to coordinate efforts with you and your councils to move this national call forward.

With respect and solidarity,



Frank Campion  
Mayor of Welland

Sent by Email

April 8, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street,  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
[pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park Room 281  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Subject: Corr. 02-26  
Tonia Bennett, Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk, Northumberland County  
Re: Correspondence, 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on March 23, 2026 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 02-26, from Tonia Bennett, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk, Northumberland County, dated February 24, 2026, regarding Correspondence, 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry', be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General, The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all municipalities in Ontario.

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

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

Yours truly



Susan Cassel

City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General  
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
The Honourable Doug Downey, Solicitor General  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Chief Administrative Officer



**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**  
555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**February 24, 2026**

The Right Hon. Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)  
Honourable Sean Fraser (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada)  
Honourable Gary Anandasangaree (Minister of Safety)  
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Honourable Doug Downey (Attorney General of Ontario)  
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner (Solicitor General of Ontario)  
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South)  
Member of Parliament for Northumberland Clarke, Philip Lawrence  
Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'**

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At a meeting held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2026-02-18-122, adopting the below resolution:

**Moved by:** Councillor Lucas Cleveland  
**Seconded by:** Councillor John Logel

"**Whereas** item 7.a from the February 3, 2026 Corporate Support Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'; and

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

**Council Resolution # 2026-02-18-122**

**Carried**



**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

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

Sincerely,  
Tonia Bennett

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

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

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Moved By L. Cleveland

Seconded By d. Logel

Agenda      Resolution Number  
Item 12.b.    2026-02-18- 122  
(1)

Council Date: February 18, 2026

**“Whereas** item 7.a from the February 3, 2026 Corporate Support Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'; and

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders.”

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Carried  \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature



December 19, 2025

Honorable Mark Carney

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

Dear Honorable Mark Carney:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

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

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

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



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March 25, 2026

**Re: Time-Sensitive: Strengthening Municipal Accountability and Public Trust (Bill 9)**

Dear Premier Ford,

When we met in Sarnia last August, we discussed Bill 9 and its intent to strengthen municipal accountability. At that time, I affirmed my support for the province's effort to move this legislation forward. The fundamental principles of Bill 9 are sound and provide an important foundation; however, the Bill requires a significant change before it becomes law.

The introduction of a standardized code of conduct and the proposed integrity commissioner reforms are positive and necessary steps forward. However, based on more than four decades of experience in municipal politics, I believe the Bill's greatest flaw lies in its mechanism for removing councillors in **serious cases of misconduct**. Requiring local councils to participate in the removal of a peer, particularly through unanimous agreement, places councils in an inappropriate and untenable position. On matters of serious contention, unanimity is rarely achievable, rendering the mechanism effectively futile. This approach undermines both fairness and public confidence and fails to provide municipalities with a meaningful ability to act in extreme cases.

In circumstances of this magnitude, decisions should not rest with a council. Instead, such matters should be heard and ruled upon by an independent, non-partisan authority, removed from local political dynamics and capable of making impartial determinations in the public's interest.

If the provincial government intends to maintain municipal councils' responsibility for adjudicating such decisions, the threshold for action must be revised. A two-thirds majority, or a simple majority of council excluding the subject member, would provide a more reasonable, fair, and workable standard.

This is a time-sensitive issue, and the need for action is becoming more urgent as municipalities continue to encounter situations they are powerless to address. Without meaningful change, the current conditions and lack of adequate protection will have a chilling effect on those considering public office at the municipal level. Capable, community-minded individuals may be discouraged from seeking election if there is no effective independent mechanism to address extreme misconduct, protect the integrity of council and the well-being of the community.

I am copying this letter to mayors and councils across Ontario in the hope that they will also raise their voices on this matter before the legislation is finalized, to ensure this serious flaw is addressed in what is otherwise an important and necessary piece of legislation for the Province of Ontario and its municipalities for the 2026-2030 council term of office.

Thank you for your consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns and possible paths forward at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Mike Bradley  
Mayor, City of Sarnia



Cc: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
John Fraser, MPP, Interim Leader, Ontario Liberal Party  
Marit Stiles, MPP, Leader of the Official Opposition, Ontario NDP Party  
Bob Bailey, MPP for Sarnia-Lambton  
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Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



**Resolution No.** 144  
**Title:** City of Sarnia - Bill 9  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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**Moved by** Councillor J. Flieler  
**Seconded by** Councillor J. Palmateer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the concerns raised regarding Bill 9, *Strengthening Municipal Accountability and Public Trust*, particularly the need for a more effective and impartial mechanism to address serious misconduct by members of council;  
AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to forward correspondence of support to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPP, AMO, and Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: Apr 14, 2026

Resolution No.: 167-26

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*[Handwritten Signature]*

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*[Handwritten Signature]*

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Municipality of Shuniah calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on

a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.

3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.

4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics, and rural equity considerations

5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs, or project overruns without reallocating core funding.

6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments, and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah supports the February 23rd, 2026 resolution of the Township of North Glengarry regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

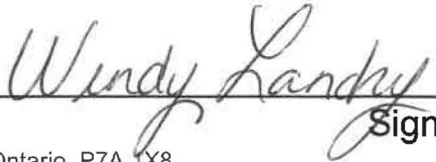
FURTHER THAT this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local MPP's, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities. *NOMA*

**Carried**

**Defeated**

**Amended**

**Deferred**

  
Signature

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

April 15, 2026

To: Mayors and Councils within the County of Simcoe, District of Muskoka, City of Barrie and City of Orillia

**Re: Alcohol Harms and Availability in Simcoe Muskoka**

On behalf of the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), I am pleased to share a new resource with you to support your efforts in reducing alcohol-related harms in your communities. SMDHU's [Alcohol Data Brief](#) (enclosed) outlines the health impacts and financial costs associated with alcohol use in Simcoe Muskoka. It is intended to help your municipality consider the health and social impacts of increased alcohol access and availability, when reviewing your existing municipal alcohol policy and related bylaws.

Evidence-informed alcohol policies are an effective and cost-efficient way to reduce alcohol-related harms. As municipalities have authority over local policies and bylaws, understanding the local alcohol environment will help support decisions that promote public safety, community health, and responsible use of resources. By taking a proactive approach, municipalities can help prevent alcohol-related harm while fostering safer, healthier, and more vibrant communities.

SMDHU is committed to supporting municipal partners in this work. Staff are available to provide data, evidence, health policy guidance, and opportunities for collaboration to assist in the development or enhancement of your Municipal Alcohol Policies and/or bylaws.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to community health and safety, and look forward to working together to address this important issue. Your municipality is welcome to contact SMDHU's Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Lisa Simon, at [MOH@smdhu.org](mailto:MOH@smdhu.org) or the Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction team at [SUPHR@smdhu.org](mailto:SUPHR@smdhu.org). They are available to support your review of local alcohol policies and to

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provide input if you are considering changes to alcohol access in municipal spaces, such as parks, or at municipally designated community and cultural events.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL Signed By:**

Ann-Marie Kungl  
Chair, Board of Health  
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

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Enc. (1)

cc: Hon. Andrea Khanjin, MPP Barrie-Innisfil  
Hon. Doug Downey, MPP Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte  
Hon. Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe-North  
Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe  
Chief Joanne Sandy and Council, Beausoleil First Nation  
Chief Rhonda Williams-Lovett and Council, Moose Deer Point First Nation  
Chief Ted Williams and Council, Rama First Nation  
Chief Philip Frans and Council, Wahta First Nation  
Chief Administrative Officers  
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Board of Health

# Alcohol Availability and Harms in Simcoe Muskoka

APRIL 2026

## Key Findings

- Alcohol use is responsible for approximately **7,665 emergency department visits, 840 hospitalizations and 275 deaths annually in Simcoe Muskoka.**<sup>1</sup>
- Alcohol harms affect all neighbourhoods but **have a greater impact on people living in neighbourhoods with the greatest economic and social disadvantage.**<sup>2</sup>
- In 2025, Simcoe Muskoka had **480 retail alcohol outlets.**<sup>3</sup> This equals a density of 8.4 retailers for every 10,000 residents aged 15 years and older, four times higher than the recommended best-practice density.<sup>4</sup>

## About this Work

This data brief provides municipal partners with updated local information on alcohol-related harms and alcohol availability within Simcoe Muskoka. Its purpose is to help inform and support municipal decision-making related to local alcohol policies.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) has a long-standing partnership with local municipalities, providing health data and health policy expertise to support the development and maintenance of effective municipal alcohol policies.

Local alcohol availability, consumption, and related harms directly affect municipal services, including policing, paramedic services, bylaw enforcement, fire services, parks and recreation, and liability on municipal properties. Municipalities also often bear the financial and operational impacts of alcohol-related injuries, disturbances, and property damage. Understanding the local alcohol environment helps municipalities make informed decisions that protect public safety, health, and municipal budgets.

## Background

Alcohol is the most used substance in Ontario and places the greatest burden on healthcare and other social systems in comparison to all other substances including commercial tobacco and opioids.<sup>4</sup> Alcohol-related harm represents significant public health burden, as a large proportion of the population consumes alcohol at levels exceeding amounts beyond minimal risk, thereby increasing the risk of chronic disease, injury, and premature mortality.<sup>5</sup> Alcohol-related harms are not evenly experienced across the population, with some demographic and socioeconomic groups experiencing higher levels.<sup>6</sup>

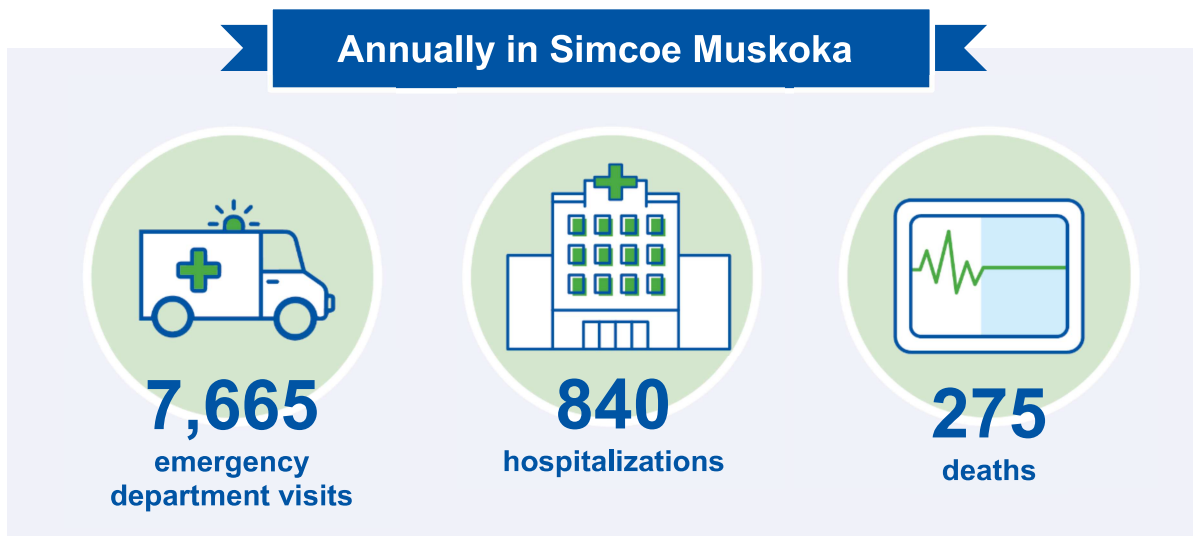
In recent years, alcohol regulations in Ontario have been gradually relaxed, expanding retail access considerably and allowing municipalities to permit personal alcohol consumption in public spaces, such as parks, creating an environment more conducive to alcohol consumption, demand, and associated harms.

Evidence consistently shows that when alcohol becomes more available, consumption increases and so do alcohol-related harms.<sup>6</sup> When alcohol is consumed in public spaces, it contributes to the normalization of drinking.<sup>6,7</sup> Greater visibility increases the chance that children and youth will use alcohol.<sup>5</sup> Alcohol use during the teenage years can interfere with important brain development, including areas responsible for memory, decision-making, and impulse control. Delaying the start of drinking is the best way to protect healthy brain development, with the greatest risks seen in youth under 15.<sup>5,6</sup>



Alcohol use also has significant economic impacts at both provincial and municipal levels. In Ontario, alcohol generated \$5.2 billion in net revenue in 2020, yet the overall economic cost, including health care, lost productivity, criminal justice, and other direct costs, reached \$7.1 billion, resulting in a \$1.9 billion deficit.<sup>8,9</sup> At the municipal level, alcohol use can contribute to increased costs and liability risks on municipal properties, along with pressure on insurance coverage. There is potential for these impacts to grow if municipal alcohol policies become less restrictive.<sup>8,9</sup>

## What we know...



### People in Simcoe Muskoka experience substantial harms related to alcohol use

- Every year in Simcoe Muskoka, alcohol use is responsible for approximately 7,665 emergency department (ED) visits, 840 hospitalizations, and 275 deaths.<sup>1</sup>
  - One-in-twenty deaths in Simcoe Muskoka is caused by alcohol use.
  - Men experience more alcohol-related harm than women.
  - In Simcoe Muskoka, about half of all deaths caused by alcohol are from cancer or heart disease.
  - Alcohol also plays a major role in injuries. It is responsible for about one in five deaths from intentional injuries and about one in seven deaths from accidental injuries.

### Alcohol-related harms are higher in Simcoe Muskoka and have greater impact on those living in lower resourced areas

- The rates of deaths, hospitalizations, and ED visits due to alcohol use in Simcoe Muskoka are significantly higher than provincial averages.<sup>1</sup>
- The rates of deaths, hospitalizations, and ED visits caused by alcohol use are about twice as high among people living in Simcoe Muskoka neighbourhoods with the greatest economic and social disadvantage compared with those in the least disadvantaged areas.<sup>1,2</sup>
- Neighbourhoods with the greatest disadvantage are those where many residents cannot meet their basic needs.<sup>2</sup>
- Approximately 100 deaths, 250 hospitalizations, and 2,000 ED visits related to alcohol use could be avoided each year if all residents in Simcoe Muskoka experienced the same rates of alcohol-related harms as those living in areas with the least disadvantage.<sup>1,2</sup>



## Alcohol availability and use in Simcoe Muskoka

- As of December 3, 2025, there were 480 retailers in Simcoe Muskoka that were allowed to sell alcoholic beverages. More than three-quarters of these retailers are grocery and convenience stores.<sup>3</sup> This equals a density of 8.4 retailers for every 10,000 residents aged 15 years and older, four times higher than the recommended best-practice density.<sup>4</sup>
- More than 80% of Simcoe Muskoka adults drank alcohol in the past year, which was significantly higher than the provincial average of 75%.<sup>10</sup> In addition, one-in-three adults drank more than two drinks per week, which is above the recommended amount to likely avoid alcohol-related consequences.<sup>5,10</sup>

## What's Next

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The most effective and cost-efficient ways for reducing alcohol-related harms are policies that provide limits on alcohol availability and exposure.<sup>6,7</sup> As part of this, local alcohol policies that maintain limits can influence community-wide drinking patterns and reduce related harms, while also protecting municipalities from increasing alcohol-related costs and liability risk. It is recognized that municipalities must balance public health considerations with tourism, economic development, recreation programming, enforcement capacity, and community expectations. Municipalities therefore play an important role in determining local strategies that are the best fit for their communities based on a range of considerations, including local alcohol-related harms.

### Municipal actions that reduce alcohol-related harms include:

- maintaining alcohol-free parks, beaches, trails, recreation spaces, and community events<sup>6</sup>
- applying risk-based permitting for alcohol sale at events<sup>4,7</sup>
- ensuring clear municipal alcohol bylaws and policies<sup>4,7,9</sup>
- setting limits on when and where alcohol is allowed at municipal events<sup>4,7</sup>
- supporting enforcement in public spaces<sup>4,7,9</sup>

Reducing alcohol-related harms can also help limit pressures on policing, paramedic services, bylaw enforcement, parks operations, and municipal risk management. Although alcohol revenue flows mainly to the province, many of the resulting costs are experienced locally.<sup>6,8,9</sup>

Assessing and monitoring the impacts of municipal actions that are intended to reduce alcohol-related harms is important. In particular, using an equity lens helps to ensure that actions do not unintentionally increase the harms experienced in lower-resourced neighbourhoods, which are already disproportionately high.

Health unit staff continue to support local municipalities in implementing evidence-based practices. This includes helping inform their decision-making on alcohol-free municipal spaces such as parks, providing guidance on municipal alcohol bylaws and policy updates, supplying local data on alcohol-related harms, and participating in community consultations on the local alcohol environment.

**Municipal staff are encouraged to contact the Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction team at [SUPHR@smdhu.org](mailto:SUPHR@smdhu.org) for support when reviewing alcohol policies or considering changes to alcohol access in parks or other municipal spaces.**

Additional information can be found on SMDHU's HealthSTATS [website](#).



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April 9, 2026

Via email: [david.piccini@pc.ola.org](mailto:david.piccini@pc.ola.org)

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Ave  
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

Dear Hon. David Piccini,

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

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Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their April 7, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

160-2026

Moved By: Ted Oke

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

**That South Huron Council supports the March 13, 2026, correspondence of the Township of Oro Medonte regarding a Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns; and**

**That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Infrastructure, MPP Lisa Thompson, AORS, 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: Minister of Transportation, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, [prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org](mailto:prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org); the Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Kinga Surma, [kinga.surma@pc.ola.org](mailto:kinga.surma@pc.ola.org); MPP Lisa Thompson, [lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org); AORS, [admin@aors.on.ca](mailto:admin@aors.on.ca); AMO, [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca); and all municipalities in Ontario.

March 13, 2026

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

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

Dear Minister Piccini,

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

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

Sincerely,



Mayor Randy Greenlaw

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

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



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

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

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Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner  
George Drew Building, 25 Grosvenor Street  
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February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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April 2, 2026

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**Re: TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project**

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At its April 1, 2026 Council Meeting, the Township of Tiny Council ratified the following resolution regarding TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project:

Moved by Councillor Sean Mskimins  
Seconded by Councillor Dave Brunelle

WHEREAS the Township of Tiny recognizes the importance of developing reliable and sustainable energy infrastructure for the Province of Ontario and acknowledges that energy projects of this scale may have significant environmental, economic, and social implications for our region, particularly for Georgian Bay and surrounding ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS the proposed TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project is located within the Municipality of Meaford, the Township of Tiny is committed to ensuring that the interests of our residents and the health of Georgian Bay are fully considered;

AND WHEREAS the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has twice recommended to the Ministry of Energy (MOE) that this Pumped Storage project would not reduce electricity costs and have no economic value to Ontario ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS the IESO has authorized newer, more efficient and less environmentally invasive technologies such as Long-Duration Battery Storage, as they not only take less property and time to build, they can be built at more locations closer to high demand markets, reducing the need for long transmission corridors;

AND WHEREAS the Department of Defence has warned of toxic contamination of Georgian Bay when soil on 4th Canadian Division Training Centres is disturbed by construction;

AND WHEREAS some 30 endangered species will be put at risk should the project proceed;

AND WHEREAS the Niagara escarpment is a UNESCO designated geological formation deserving of protection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tiny Council emphasizes the following principles:

1. **Environmental Stewardship:** The Township of Tiny is deeply concerned about potential irreversible impacts on aquatic ecosystems, water quality, and species at risk in Georgian Bay. Any project of this magnitude must meet the highest standards of environmental assessment and protection.
2. **Transparent Governance and Consultation:** We call for full transparency in the project approval process, including open communication with neighbouring municipalities and local stakeholders. Public consultation and meaningful engagement with communities in the Georgian Bay region are essential.
3. **Regional Collaboration:** The Township of Tiny encourages collaboration between municipalities, provincial authorities, and Indigenous partners to ensure that any energy project reflects regional priorities, including environmental protection, economic sustainability, and community well-being.
4. **Precautionary Approach** Given the uncertainties and potential ecological risks, the Township of Tiny advocates for a precautionary approach. We support comprehensive independent studies and a thorough review process before any approvals or construction activities proceed.

AND THAT Council reaffirms its commitment to representing the interests of our residents and protecting the natural heritage of Georgian Bay, and stands ready to engage constructively with TC Energy, the Municipality of Meaford, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and provincial authorities to ensure that energy development in our region proceeds responsibly and sustainably;

AND THAT Council requests that the IAAC requires a full Comprehensive Environmental Assessment in a radius of 100 kms of Georgian Bay and release these findings to the public prior to issuing any decision on TC Energy's Pumped Storage project;

AND THAT Council further requests that the IAAC fully implements a Coastal Engineering study involving a coupled. High fidelity numerical modeling combined with physical lab testing (wave flumes) and long-term, high-resolution field data monitoring for a radius of 100kms of the shoreline;

AND THAT that this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in the Georgian Bay Basin, IAAC (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada), the IESO, DND, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans, Simcoe North Member of Parliament, Simcoe North Member of Provincial Parliament, Canadian Coast Guard, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to request their co-operation in preventing this project from proceeding;



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AND THAT, due to the urgent and time sensitive nature, this request is filed prior to the public comment period from the IAAC of April 06, 2026;

AND THAT the correspondence from the SSEA dated September 9, 2025 regarding the TC Energy Pumped Storage Proposal be included in the submission;

AND THAT Council read and pass this motion on April 01, 2026.

### **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TINY**

Sarah Cathcart  
Deputy Clerk

#### Copy to:

- IAAC (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada), the
- IESO,
- Ministry of the Environment,
- Conservation and Parks,
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry,
- Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans,
- Simcoe North Member of Parliament,
- Simcoe North Member of Provincial Parliament,
- Canadian Coast Guard,
- Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, and the
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario.



## Severn Sound Environmental Association

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September 9, 2025

Township of Tiny  
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Dear Mayor and Council,

**RE: SSEA Comment – Requested by Township of Tiny Council RE: The TC Energy Pumped Storage Proposal**

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The SSEA has conducted an initial assessment of the TC Energy pumped storage proposal. The proposed project falls outside of the Severn Sound watershed and the jurisdiction of the SSEA. The local watershed planning authority and organization with local expertise on this site and this project would be the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

While SSEA staff can't provide specific comment on localized effects of the pumped storage facility near Meaford, we offer some thoughts on potential widespread effects on Georgian Bay, specifically considering the western coast of Tiny Township, which of all the shorelines in the SSEA service area is most likely to be impacted. Georgian Bay is already under stress from the impacts of climate change, localized algae blooms, invasive species, habitat loss and the loss of species at risk, so any project that will add to one of these stressors should be scrutinized and all appropriate mitigation measures taken.

Our primary concern is around the precedent that a project like this might set, and the possibility of a similar project being proposed in the Severn Sound area in the future. If the proposed pumped storage was within the Severn Sound watershed, the SSEA would want to see a rigorous and comprehensive environmental impact assessment completed, including considerations for fish/fish habitat, species at risk and their habitat, sediment and water temperature impacts, and identification of avoidance and mitigation measures, and permitting/authorizations that may be required.

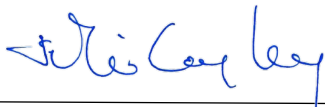
With the anticipated large volume of water and extensive wind and current driven mixing, the effects of increased temperature from pumped storage outflow are likely to be localized and temperatures in Georgian Bay are more likely to be impacted by climate change. However, the cumulative effect of thermal pollution from pumped

storage systems should be considered, particularly if this type of project is to become more widespread. Any potential increases in turbidity from inflow or outflow of water would also be more likely to be localized effects, however given the along-shore currents that occur along the south coast of Georgian Bay, modelling should be undertaken to determine how far-reaching turbidity effects will be. We understand that there is concern about sediment-bound chemicals in the area around the proposed pumped storage site, which may be disturbed during construction and/or operation of the facility. We would strongly encourage thorough sediment sampling for persistent contaminants like heavy metals and PFAS, which could enter the food web and have impacts beyond the immediate local area. Fish communities will likely be impacted by the project and may have further reaching effects since fish migrate throughout the Bay.

The Lake Huron Action and Management Plan (<https://binational.net/2024/03/12/lake-huron-lamp-2022-2026/>) identifies priority actions to reduce chemical contamination, manage nutrients and algae, prevent and control invasive species, and restore and protect habitat and native species. As members of the LAMP partnership, the provincial and federal governments should ensure that implementing projects like pumped storage does not run counter to the intent of this document.

SSEA emphasises the importance of thorough consideration and evaluation of environmental impacts.

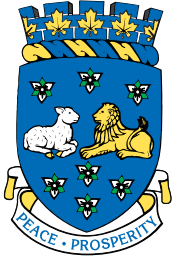
Sincerely,



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Julie Cayley, Executive Director

CC: Robert Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer, Township of Tiny  
Laura Russell, Director of Legislative Services/ Clerk, Township of  
Tiny Tim Leitch, Director of Public Works, Township of Tiny



April 2, 2026

**Hon. Sean Fraser**

Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
Legislative Building  
284 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8

Dear Minister Fraser:

**Re: Notice of Motion, Councillor C. James re: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on March 25, 2026, approved the following motion:

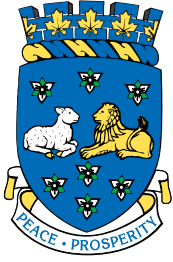
**Whereas the Region of Waterloo's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, developed under the requirements of the Community Safety and Policing Act, identifies systemic racism, hate, and discrimination as critical risk factors impacting community safety, belonging, and well-being;**

**And whereas the display of a noose is widely recognized as a symbol of racial terror, violence, and intimidation, particularly against Black communities, rooted in the history of anti-Black racism;**

**And whereas symbols of hate, when displayed publicly, contribute to fear, trauma, and exclusion, and undermine the Region's commitments to equity, inclusion, and proactive prevention within its Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;**

**And whereas the Government of Canada has introduced Bill C-9 to strengthen tools to address hate-motivated offences, including provisions related to the public display of certain hate symbols;**

**And whereas the current draft of Bill C-9 does not explicitly include the noose as a prohibited symbol, despite its well-**



**documented use as an instrument of racial intimidation and its direct relevance to community safety and well-being outcomes;**

**And whereas addressing hate symbols through federal legislation complements municipal efforts by strengthening upstream prevention, reducing harm, and supporting safer, more inclusive communities;**

**Therefore be it resolved that:**

- 1. The Regional Municipality of Waterloo formally request that the Government of Canada amend Bill C-9 to explicitly include the noose as a prohibited hate symbol within the legislation;**
- 2. This motion be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement and support as a measure that strengthens community safety and well-being across jurisdictions.**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions, please contact Councillor C. James, [CJames@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:CJames@regionofwaterloo.ca).

Regards,

Michael Oliveri  
Legislative Services Specialist  
Region of Waterloo

cc: All Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)