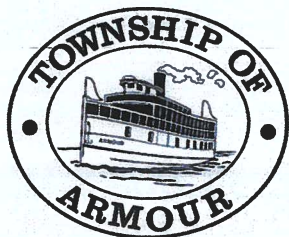


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Motion # 2026-236

WHEREAS public libraries provide essential services including literacy, education, technology access, employment resources, and community programming;

AND WHEREAS the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library serves the residents of the Township of Armour and surrounding communities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial funding received by the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library has remained at \$13,914 annually since 1990, despite significant increases in the cost of providing library services;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Armour's contribution to library services has increased from \$14,097.99 in 2001 to \$98,722 in 2026, placing an increasing financial burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries have called for increased and sustainable provincial funding for public libraries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour petitions the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, to substantially increase and provide sustainable, predictable operating funding for Ontario's public libraries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Library Association (OLA), and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) for their support and advocacy;

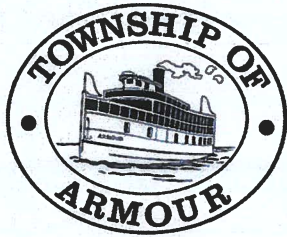
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to municipalities across Ontario for their consideration and support.

Moved by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
Brandt, Jerry ☐
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy ☒
Ward, Rod ☐
Whitwell, Wendy ☐

Seconded by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
Brandt, Jerry ☒
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy ☐
Ward, Rod ☐
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Carried / Defeated 

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____



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For

☐☐☐☐☐

Opposed

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From: Peggy Baumgartner

Sent: August 6, 2026 9:00 AM

To: Mara Engel <mengel@gbtownship.ca>; Jennifer Schnier <jschnier@gbtownship.ca>; Trisha Walton <twalton@gbtownship.ca>; Greg Mariotti <gmariotti@gbtownship.ca>; Karen Way <kway@gbtownship.ca>; Jasvinder Rattigan <jrattigan@gbtownship.ca>

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Subject: Thank You for the Community Grant - it made a difference

Dear Township of Georgian Bay,

On behalf of everyone involved in this year's MacTier Regatta, thank you. The community grant you awarded made it possible for us to bring the regatta back, and the result was a day the whole community can be proud of.

Despite the threatening weather, we had a wonderful turnout from start to finish. The day opened with yoga on the dock at 9:30, followed by swimming, boating, beach games, and the very fun and messy greased watermelon game. This year we were thrilled to add bumper boats as a new attraction, and they were a huge hit. The Lions Club generously ran the barbecue for us, and everyone left well fed and happy.

The event also would not have been possible without support from local businesses who came on as sponsors, including Foodland, Home Hardware, Swirls and Sweets, the library, and the Lions. It was wonderful to see the whole community, businesses, volunteers, and Township staff alike, come together to make the day such a success.

None of this would have come together without support from Township staff. A special thank you to Jenna, whose suggestions and support throughout the planning process made such a difference. Thank you as well to the Parks crew, who helped with beach clean up and setup, and to the library, who partnered with us with amazing craft activities for the kids.

We're so grateful for the Township's investment in events like this one. Days like this one bring lakers and locals together in a way that keeps our whole community connected, and your support is a big part of making that possible. We hope to keep this partnership going for many regattas to come and ideally grow this into the Big Weekend Festival.

With sincere thanks,

Peggy Baumgartner

THANK YOU!

to our amazing supporters



WITHOUT YOU,
THIS DAY COULD
NOT HAVE BEEN
*the success
it was.* ♥



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August 7, 2026

The Honourable Steve McKinnon
Federal Minister of Transportation

Delivered by e-mail
Steven.MacKinnon@parl.gc.ca

Dear Minister McKinnon:

**RE: ALTO – Protecting Municipal Interests and Local Decision Making
Motions
13.1. Belleville City Council Meeting, July 27, 2026**

This is to advise you that at the Council Meeting of July 27, 2026, the following resolution was approved.

Whereas the proposed ALTO High Speed Rail Project may significantly affect municipalities, agricultural and farmland, residents, businesses, municipal infrastructure, emergency services, local economies and the natural environment across Ontario and Quebec;

And Whereas municipalities require complete information and meaningful consultation before decisions are made that may affect our communities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Belleville calls upon the Government of Canada and ALTO to publicly release the project plan, business case, costs, routes, impacts, alternatives, mitigation measures, and a detailed municipal impact assessment, and to undertake meaningful consultation before any advancement of the project;

And Further That the City of Belleville opposes any project activity that would negatively impact residents, businesses, agricultural operations, municipal infrastructure, emergency services, property access or local decision making, including expropriation, road closures, road dead-ending, grade separations, access restrictions, or infrastructure modifications;

And Further That the City of Belleville opposes the downloading of project-related costs onto municipal taxpayers and requests that all municipal costs associated with the project be borne by the project proponent;

And Further That the City of Belleville shall not voluntarily provide access to City-owned lands, infrastructure, records, studies, data, or other municipal assets, nor enter into voluntary agreements with ALTO, unless authorized by Council;

And Further That requests from ALTO involving municipal property, information, studies, surveys, testing, access, agreements, or cooperation be reported to Council and, where Council authorization is required, refer to Council for consideration;

And Further That the City of Belleville reserves all rights available to protect municipal interests throughout the planning, review, approval, construction, and operations of the ALTO project;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Steve McKinnon, Federal Minister of Transportation, The Honourable Heath McDonald, Minister of Agriculture, MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Chris Malette, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MPP Ric Bresee, MPP Tyler Allsopp, Honourable Christine Fréchette, Premier of Quebec, Martin Imbleau, President of ALTO, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation quebecoise des municipalités, the Union des municipalités du Québec, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



Doug Irwin
City Clerk

DI/nh

Pc: Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Honourable Heath McDonald, Minister of Agriculture
MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings – Lennox and Addington - Tyendinaga
MP Chris Malette, Bay of Quinte
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August 5, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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RE: Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026 – Schedule 7

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 5th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Bruce Mines.

Resolution No: 2026-08-05-05
Moved by: Councillor Keller
Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Bruce Mines resolution regarding Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



The Corporation of the Town of Bruce Mines

Item 4b

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May 14, 2026

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

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

cc:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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August 5, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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RE: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 5th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Halton Hills.

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

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Halton Hills resolution regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the County of Renfrew, AMO, ROMA, FCM, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Landscape Ontario, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,


Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

June 5, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday June 1, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0107 regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens.

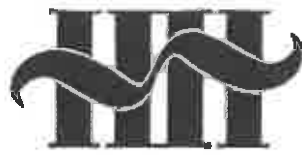
Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0107.

Respectfully,



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

cc. Ontario Minister of Natural Resources
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Halton area MPs and MPPs
Region of Halton
HRFA
OFA
Conservation Halton
Credit Valley Conservation
Grand River Conservation Authority
AMO
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Ontario Invasive Plant Council
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TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0107

Title: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Date: June 1, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 12.3

WHEREAS invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species, seeds and nursery stock can cause significant damage to municipal infrastructure, roadsides, stormwater systems, parks, trails, natural heritage areas, agricultural lands, woodlots, shorelines, private property and local biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities and conservation authorities are estimated to spend approximately \$50.8 million annually managing invasive species, and the average annual cost per Ontario municipality has been estimated at \$218,148, with approximately 80% of expenditures directed toward control and management rather than prevention; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS these costs are ultimately borne by local taxpayers, conservation authorities, property owners, farmers, volunteers and community groups who are often left to manage invasive species after they have already been introduced, sold, planted, escaped cultivation and spread;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Invasive Species Act, 2015, which allows species to be listed as prohibited or restricted, and which can make it illegal to import, possess, transport, propagate, buy, sell, lease or trade listed invasive species; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS the concern is not with plants that are already clearly prohibited or restricted, but with invasive species and seeds and nursery stock that may

continue to be sold or distributed before modernized provincial rules, public guidance and retail practices have fully caught up with current science and local experience;

AND WHEREAS garden centres, nurseries, landscape suppliers, seed distributors, online retailers, landscapers and residents all have an important role to play in preventing the spread of invasive plants before they become a costly municipal and environmental problem;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead program promotes native and non-invasive alternatives for healthy, diverse and wildlife-friendly gardens, and its updated Southern Ontario guide includes additional invasive plants and alternatives to help residents, gardeners and landscapers make better choices; (Ontario Invasive Plant Council)

AND WHEREAS recent local reporting in Halton Hills has highlighted the importance of choosing native alternatives to invasive garden plants, including through Grow Native Halton and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead resources;

AND WHEREAS the continued sale and distribution of invasive ornamental plants undermine the work of municipalities, conservation authorities, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, local volunteers and residents who are investing time and taxpayer dollars to remove and manage these same species;

AND WHEREAS prevention at the point of sale is more cost-effective, more practical and more respectful of taxpayers than asking municipalities and property owners to pay for removal after invasive species have spread across property lines and municipal boundaries;

AND WHEREAS invasive plants do not recognize municipal boundaries, and effective prevention requires coordinated action by the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, the nursery and landscape sector, retailers, landowners and residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills respectfully request that the Province of Ontario, in consultation with municipalities, AMO, ROMA, conservation authorities, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, the nursery and landscape sector, garden centres and other relevant stakeholders, undertake a review and modernization of Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework;

AND FURTHER THAT this review include consideration of expanding and regularly updating the list of prohibited and restricted invasive plant species, including invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species,

seeds and nursery stock that pose a risk to Ontario's natural heritage, agriculture, municipal infrastructure, parks, trails, roadsides, stormwater systems and private property;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to prohibit the sale, distribution, propagation and trade of listed invasive plant species through garden centres, nurseries, landscaping suppliers, online retailers, seed distributors and other commercial pathways;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to develop clear labelling, public education and retailer guidance requirements so that residents, gardeners, landscapers and retailers can easily identify invasive species and choose native or non-invasive alternatives;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to work with the nursery, garden centre and landscape sectors on a practical transition plan that supports compliance, protects small businesses, promotes native and non-invasive alternatives, and prevents invasive plants from continuing to enter communities through ordinary consumer purchases;

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Canada be requested to review and strengthen, where appropriate, federal import, border, labelling and online sales rules related to invasive plants, seeds and nursery stock entering Canada, so that provincial prevention efforts are not undermined by interprovincial or international trade;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada be requested to support municipalities, conservation authorities and community partners with stronger prevention tools, updated science-based lists, public education materials and funding programs that prioritize prevention over costly long-term control and removal;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Halton-area MPs and MPPs, the Region of Halton, HRFA, OFA, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, Grand River Conservation Authority, AMO, ROMA, FCM, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Landscape Ontario, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



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August 5, 2026

RE: Support for Sustainable Funding for Public Health Units

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 5th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County.

Resolution No: 2026-08-05-04
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 Prince Edward County's resolution regarding Sustainable Funding for Public Health Units.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

May 29, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 26, 2026 the following resolution seeking support for sustainable funding for Public Health Units was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-244

DATE: May 26, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Nleman

WHEREAS Ontario public health units and agencies provide a vital service to Ontarians that keeps people healthy, out of hospitals and out of the acute care system;

WHEREAS rural-urban equity in Ontario's public healthcare delivery is essential for a thriving provincial economy that keeps people at work and contributing;

WHEREAS Ontario's public health units & agencies sector has received a mere 1% in its annual budget increase from Queen's Park since 2018, a sum significantly below inflation and real-world cost increases;

WHEREAS public health faces steadily increasing demands, such as a 231% increase in respiratory outbreaks supported in Ontario's long-term care homes, hospitals, and retirement homes since 2018, as well as a 637% increase in Infection Prevention & Control complaints follow-ups;

WHEREAS according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), municipalities across Ontario spend close to \$4 billion on health despite receiving less than \$2 billion in provincial grants, and Canada's Constitution Act 1867 clearly asserts provincial responsibility for health;

WHEREAS Ontario consistently ranks at the bottom for provincial health spending per capita, at \$876 below the average of other provinces using 2022-2023 data;

WHEREAS 60% of Ontario's hospitals are overwhelmed and in dire operating deficits, yet the Canadian Public Health Association asserts that investment in Ontario public health's preventative and health promotion initiatives delivers a 4:1 return on investment, for example, for every dollar spent on upstream public health vaccine immunization of children, \$16 in downstream hospital and primary health care costs are saved;



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WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to shoulder an escalating percentage of public health unit costs while also asked to solve complex social determinates of health such as rural homelessness and food Insecurity but with limited revenue tools;

WHEREAS the province and federal governments continue to collect significant revenue from local/municipal property transactions through the Land Transfer Tax and Goods & Services Tax;

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

1. **THAT** the Provincial Government redistribute a portion of the Land Transfer Tax to municipalities to address public health funding gaps and the rising % share of municipal contributions to public health units;
2. **THAT** when the province announces its new Ontario Public Health Standards, It also commits to minimum annual funding increases tied to Ontario's consumer price inflation, currently holding at 2.4%;
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte Member of Parliament, Chris Malette, and Member of Provincial Parliament, Tyler Allsop; and
4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, CLERK

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Nieman



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August 11, 2026

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Township of Georgian Bay
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RE: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle

Please be advised at Township of Chatsworth Council held on July 22, 2026 the following resolution was carried:

Moved: Peter Whitten
Seconded: Shawn Greig

THAT Council support the Township of Georgian Bay Resolution - A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle.

Result: Carried

Should you require additional information please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Ashlynn Kennedy
Deputy Clerk
Encls.

cc: MPAC
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

August 13, 2026

Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Re: Town of Ingersoll Resolution - Extending the Deadline for Notice of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at their regular meeting on August 10, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll adopted the following resolution:

Resolution # 2026-228

Moved by Councillor Eus; seconded by Councillor Haliru

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Kincardine regarding Extending the Deadline for Notice of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties;

AND THAT Council support the resolution to extend the deadline for notice of intention to designate listed heritage properties;

AND THAT the resolution be forwarded to other municipalities in Ontario, Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman, all relevant ministries and the provincial government.

CARRIED

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

Kind regards,

Julie Clayton

Julie Clayton
Deputy Clerk

cc: Hon. Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Hon. Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ernie Hardeman, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oxford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All municipalities in Ontario

Council Meeting

Motion # 06/24/26 - 15
Title: Extend Deadline for Notice of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Moved by: Beth Blackwell
Seconded by: Jennifer Prenger

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

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

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine currently has 155 properties listed on the Municipal Heritage Register; and

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

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

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

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

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine Heritage Kincardine Committee, at its meeting of June 16, 2026 recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline; now therefore be it Resolved that:

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

'Carried'

Clerk

August 13, 2026

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

Re: Town of Ingersoll Resolution - Review of OLT and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at their regular meeting on August 10, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll adopted the following resolution:

Resolution # 2026-230

Moved by Councillor Eus; seconded by Councillor Bowman

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll receive the correspondence from the Town of the Blue Mountains regarding Review of OLT and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT Council support the resolution regarding Review of OLT and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT the resolution be forwarded to other municipalities in Ontario, Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman, all relevant ministries, and the provincial government.

CARRIED

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

Kind regards,

Julie Clayton

Julie Clayton
Deputy Clerk

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ernie Hardeman, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oxford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Kathryn Douglas, Supervisor, Legislative Services, Town of Whitby
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026
Time: 6:16 PM

Moved by: Councillor Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 25, 2026, correspondence from Kathryn Douglas, Supervisor, Legislative Services, Town of Whitby, and supports the June 22, 2026 Town of Whitby Council resolution regarding a Review of Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate this resolution of support to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

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

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

June 25, 2026

Via Email

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

Re: Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 166-26:

Whereas local councils are elected by residents to make planning decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of their communities;

Whereas municipalities rely on extensive public consultation, professional planning advice, engineering studies, and technical reports when making land-use decisions;

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process;

Whereas lengthy and costly appeals can delay housing projects, consume municipal resources, and reduce the ability of municipalities to focus on delivering services to residents; and,

Whereas local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies, and sound planning principles.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies;

2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans;
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned;
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process; and,
5. That Staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4300.



Kathryn Douglas
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All Ontario Municipalities

August 13, 2026

Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Re: Town of Ingersoll Resolution - Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at their regular meeting on August 10, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll adopted the following resolution:

Resolution # 2026-229

Moved by Councillor Eus; seconded by Councillor Haliru

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll receive the correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax;

AND THAT Council support the resolution regarding Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax;

AND THAT the resolution be forwarded to other municipalities in Ontario, Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman, all relevant ministries and the provincial government.

CARRIED

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

Kind regards,

Julie Clayton

Julie Clayton
Deputy Clerk

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ernie Hardeman, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oxford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All municipalities in Ontario



Date: 10 June 2026 20

Moved By: Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council Support correspondence item 'h' from Prince Edward County regarding Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax.

✓
Carried

Defeated

Deferred

	Yay	Nay
Gary L. Atkinson	☐	☐
Netty McEwen	☐	☐
Alex Boughen	☐	☐
Kristen Rodrigues	☐	☐
John van Klaveren	☐	☐
Mike Vasey	☐	☐
Bob Woolvett	☐	☐

May 18, 2026

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-207

DATE: May 12, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Braney

SECONDED BY: Councillor Engelsdorfer

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Braney, Councillor Engelsdorfer





The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

Resolution No. CC- *128* - 2026

Date: July 23, 2026

Moved by

Jeff Shaver

Seconded by

Michael Cameron

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015; and

WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026; and

WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs; and

WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality; and

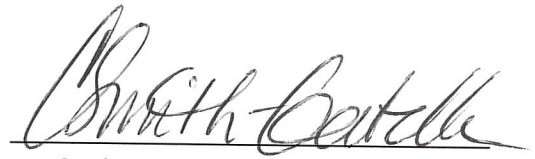
WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Counties of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and Ontario municipalities.

Carried ☒ Defeated ☐ Deferred ☐


Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden

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354-2026-523

August 10, 2026

Jeff Lehman
District Chair
The District Municipality of Muskoka
Jeff.Lehman@districtcouncil.ca

Dear Chair Lehman:

In January 2025, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) began our assessment of the recommendations from the [Muskoka Watershed Conservation and Management Initiative](#) (MWCMI) and potential water management plan amendments.

This initial review is now complete, however additional technical analysis is needed to determine the effectiveness of the proposed changes and to assess any potential unintended impacts. For example, this past winter we proactively lowered Lake Muskoka water levels to the bottom of the Normal Operating Zone (NOZ) by March 1, 2026, as recommended by the MWCMI. Despite this effort, flooding still occurred this spring.

I recognize the concerns raised by property owners and municipalities following the flooding this spring. Building on the MWCMI work, MNR is taking action to strengthen watershed management in Muskoka. We will work with the District of Municipality of Muskoka (DMM) and research partners to:

- Use advanced modelling and analysis tailored to the Muskoka River Watershed to explore operational improvements (e.g., potential amendments to the water management plan).
- Invest in enhanced water and weather monitoring within the Muskoka River watershed to improve community preparedness, support decision-making and flood response.

Our goal is to complete a substantial amount of this work before the 2027 spring freshet. Ministry staff will continue to connect with your team as we proceed.

Flood management is a shared responsibility. It requires coordinated action with municipalities to keep development out of flood-prone areas, with dam owners to

responsibly manage their infrastructure, and with MNR to provide flood forecasting and clear, timely public communication.

We continue to support DMM's Integrated Watershed Management (IWM) initiative, including ongoing technical input and collaboration with our municipal partners to improve communication and land use planning. My ministry will continue to ensure timely, coordinated and proactive communication with our municipal partners leading up to and during freshet. We continue to be available to meet with our municipal partners.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) administers the Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance (MDRA) program, which helps municipalities pay for extraordinary emergency response and clean up costs due to natural disasters, including floods. Funding can be used to repair essential property and infrastructure, such as roads and bridges. More information can be found here: [Apply for disaster recovery assistance | ontario.ca](#) and [Guidelines to apply for Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance \(MDRA\) | ontario.ca](#)

We will continue to work with you and other partners in the District of Muskoka to strengthen watershed management to protect people and property from the flooding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MH' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

The Honourable Mike Harris
Minister of Natural Resources

c: Premier Ford
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
All Municipalities and Indigenous Nations in the Muskoka River Watershed
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Township of Lake of Bays
Town of Bracebridge
Town of Huntsville
Township of Muskoka Lakes



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August 10, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Re: Support for the Town of Whitby – Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at its meeting on July 6, 2026:

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports Consent Agenda Item 7.4 from the Town of Whitby regarding the Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions and that a copy of the support resolution be sent to all relevant parties, including MPP Matthew Rae, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Perth County Lower Tiers, County of Perth and all Ontario Municipalities.

A copy of the Town of Whitby's resolution is attached for reference.

Please accept this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Regards,

Lindsay Cline
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

Encl.: Town of Whitby Resolution

CC: Town of Whitby
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Matthew Rae, MPP Perth-Wellington
County of Perth
Town of St. Marys
Township of Perth East
Township of Perth South
Municipality of West Perth
All Ontario Municipalities

June 25, 2026

Via Email

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

Re: Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 166-26:

Whereas local councils are elected by residents to make planning decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of their communities;

Whereas municipalities rely on extensive public consultation, professional planning advice, engineering studies, and technical reports when making land-use decisions;

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process;

Whereas lengthy and costly appeals can delay housing projects, consume municipal resources, and reduce the ability of municipalities to focus on delivering services to residents; and,

Whereas local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies, and sound planning principles.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies;

2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans;
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned;
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process; and,
5. That Staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4300.



Kathryn Douglas
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All Ontario Municipalities

From: Clerks Office <ClerksOffice@ptbocounty.ca>

Sent: August 6, 2026 3:10 PM

To: Christine Dutton <cdutton@gbtownship.ca>

Subject: County of Peterborough Support Resolution - Re: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle

Good afternoon,

Please note at their meeting on August 5, 2026, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 149-2026

Moved by Councillor Wilford

Seconded by Councillor Black

That the resolution from the Township of Georgian Bay regarding the EOWC Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle be supported.

Carried

Best regards,

Sam

Clerks Department

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From: Lee, Rebecca <Rebecca.Lee@smdhu.org>
Sent: August 12, 2026 9:24 AM
To: Clerks <clerks@gbtownship.ca>
Subject: National Breastfeeding Week- Request for flag raising

Good morning,

The Muskoka Breastfeeding Coalition and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit are teaming up to celebrate **National Breastfeeding Week** during the first week of October this year.

October 1 to 7 is recognized as National Breastfeeding Week, an initiative that raises awareness of the numerous benefits of breastfeeding, strengthens individual, family, and community support for breastfeeding, and advances strategies that promote breastfeeding practices.

On behalf of the families of the Township of Georgian Bay and those who support them, we respectfully request your support in officially proclaiming this important week within the community and raising the Breastfeeding Is Welcome Here flag. Communities across Canada, including municipalities throughout Muskoka, will be participating, and your endorsement would be a meaningful contribution to this national initiative.

Breastfeeding continues to be recognized as the healthiest way to nourish babies, offering long-lasting benefits for both infants and mothers. This year's theme, "**Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works**," , underscores the critical role breastfeeding plays in building robust foundations for infant nutrition, food security, and poverty reduction. Breastmilk provides a low-cost, locally available source of equity and health that delivers lifelong economic and developmental returns to families and our nation.

To achieve a truly sustainable start for our children, our goal this year is to inform our community about tracking progress, anchor effective implementation through local policies, and engage with various organizations to enhance our shared network. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is dedicated to protecting and promoting these systems. We invite you to join us in reinforcing this "Warm Chain of Support" to ensure every family has the proven solutions they need to thrive.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Rebecca

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132-2026-3665

By email

August 14, 2026

Dear Heads of Council, Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks of OPP-Policed Municipalities:

I am writing to provide you with an update on OPP municipal policing costs for 2027.

Our government recognizes the importance of providing municipalities with predictability as you plan your budgets, while ensuring the OPP has the resources it requires to continue delivering high-quality policing services and keeping communities safe.

With that in mind, we are taking action to limit increases in OPP policing costs for municipalities in 2027.

For the 2027 calendar year, no OPP-policed municipality will see its total amount owed for OPP policing increase by more than 11 per cent compared to 2026, excluding costs associated with any additional policing services a municipality has chosen to receive through a separate agreement with the OPP.

This is a time-limited measure for the 2027 OPP billing cycle, intended to provide municipalities with cost certainty to support local budget planning.

To implement this change, an amendment has been made to Ontario Regulation 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police, made under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA). The amendment is being filed with the Registrar of Regulations and will be publicly available through the [e-Laws](#) page in the coming days.

The OPP is currently preparing 2027 annual billing statements, which are expected to be provided to municipalities this fall.

We value the important partnership between the province, municipalities and the OPP in keeping Ontario communities safe. We also recognize the importance of ensuring policing costs are sustainable and predictable for municipalities, and we will continue working with our municipal partners on these shared priorities.

Should you have any questions about the regulatory updates, please reach out to solgeninput@ontario.ca. Questions regarding your municipality's annual OPP billing statement can be directed to OPP Municipal Policing at opp.municipalpolicing@opp.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Kerzner", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner
Solicitor General

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

Thomas Carrique, C.O.M.
Commissioner, Ontario Provincial Police

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 4.4.1.
Resolution Number 2026-158
Title: Correspondence - Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan - Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns
Date: June 17, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 2026-05-06-08 passed by the Townships of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan regarding the request for provincial legislation amendments, health and safety concerns;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Transportation, the Acting Minister of Infrastructure, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Associations of Road Supervisors, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



**TOWNSHIP OF
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May 6, 2026

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

Dear Minister Piccini,

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

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-08

Moved by: Councillor Banks

Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

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

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

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



AORS

PROMOTING COMPLAINTS, PURSUING RESOLUTION

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

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

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

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 4.4.2.
Resolution Number 2026-158
Title: Correspondence - Plympton-Wyoming - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario
Date: June 17, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 15 passed by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the sustainable Provincial grant funding for fire services in Ontario;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Infrastructure, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

From Lisa Smeekens <LSmeekens@plympton-wyoming.ca>

Date Fri 2026-05-22 04:30 PM

To info@oafc.on.ca <info@oafc.on.ca>; clerk <clerk@county-lambton.on.ca>; admin@ontariofirefighters.org <admin@ontariofirefighters.org>; communication@ffao.on.ca <communication@ffao.on.ca>; 'amo@amo.on.ca' <amo@amo.on.ca>; AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>; ROMA Communications <roma@roma.on.ca>; steve.pinsonneault@ontario.ca <steve.pinsonneault@ontario.ca>; bob.bailey@pc.ola.org <bob.bailey@pc.ola.org>; minister.solgen@ontario.ca <minister.solgen@ontario.ca>; kinga.surma@pc.ola.org <kinga.surma@pc.ola.org>; Flack, Rob <rob.flack@pc.ola.org>; Premier of Ontario | Premier ministre de l'Ontario <premier@ontario.ca>; Alnwick/Haldimand <info@ahtwp.ca>; Addington Highlands <clerk@addingtonhighlands.ca>; Adelaide-Metcalfe <mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca>; Adjala-Tosorontio <clerk@adjtos.ca>; Admaston/Bromley <info@admastonbromley.com>; Ajax <contactus@ajax.ca>; Alberton <albertonadmin@alberton.ca>

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Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.pdf;

Good afternoon,

At their meeting on May 13th, 2026, the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming passed the attached motion regarding Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.

Have a great weekend!

Lisa Smeekens
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk



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Date: 13 May 2026

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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

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

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

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

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Carried	Defeated	Deferred

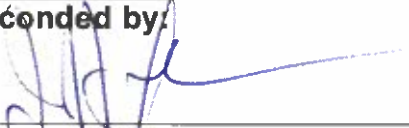


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Resolution # RC26159	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has identified that Ontario hospitals are significantly underfunded relative to the growing demand for health care services; and

WHEREAS the CCPA's report, Failure by Design, identifies that smaller and rural hospitals are disproportionately affected by provincial underfunding; and

WHEREAS rural communities, including the Municipality of Wawa, depend on stable and adequately funded hospitals to provide timely access to emergency, acute, and specialized health care services; and

WHEREAS prolonged emergency department wait times, increasing health care costs, staffing shortages, and limited capacity continue to place significant strain on Ontario's health care system; and

WHEREAS maintaining access to high-quality health care services is essential to the health, safety, economic development, and long-term sustainability of northern and rural Ontario communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby supports the Municipality of Central Manitoulin and the Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in their request that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to strengthen Ontario's hospital system, including increased operating funding for small and rural hospitals to address capacity pressures, improve patient care, and reduce emergency department wait times; and



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
- Bill Rosenberg, MPP, Algoma–Manitoulin;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA);
- The Municipality of Central Manitoulin;
- The Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands; and
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
☐ CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐ DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐ TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐ RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐ PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐ WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL