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July 30, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Dear Right Honourable Mark Carney,

Re: Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick Haldimand passed the following resolution at their July 28, 2026, Municipal Planning/Regular Council Meeting:

RES:20260728-38

That the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand participate in the “Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute”; and

That Council request the Province of Ontario continue to support initiatives that recognize, educate and preserve the history; and

That Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand respectfully urge the Government of Canada to issue a formal public apology to the British Home Children and Child Migrants and their families for Canada’s role in the British Child Migration Scheme; and





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That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister responsible for Canadian Heritage, the local Member of Parliament, the Premier of Ontario, the local members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, FCM, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

Regards,

Cassidy Sweet

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Deputy Clerk

Township of Alnwick/Haldimand

Encl.

Cc Honourable Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Official Opposition

Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture

Philip Lawrence, Northumberland – Peterborough South

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

David Piccini, MPP Northumberland – Peterborough South

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British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association

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Press Release

Regarding: Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants Sesquicentennial International Tribute

From 1869 right up to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated right across Canada, from the United Kingdom, to be used as indentured farm workers and domestics. Believed by Canadians to be orphans, only two percent truly were. These children, known as the British Home Children (“BHC”) and Child Migrants, were sent to Canada by over 50 organizations including the well-known and still working charities: Barnardo’s, The Salvation Army, Quarrier’s and Fairbridge, to name a few. BHC are an integral part of the fabric of our nation - often, rightfully, called Canada’s Nation Builders. Their vast contributions to our country should never be forgotten. Descendants of BHC, number in the millions in Canada alone!

The British Home Children Advocacy and Research Association (“BHCARA”) is a Canadian based not for profit organization dedicated to the story of Canada’s British Home Children (BHC). Founded in 2012 by Barrie, Ontario’s Lori Oschefski, the BHCARA now reaches thousands of people through their Facebook group of over 6,700 members and their mailing list of over 4,000 subscribers. Our website now has over 1 million hits and we have a high media presence. The mandate of the organization is to promote the story of the British Home Children, to advocate for those who no longer have a voice and to provide free research help to those seeking their family histories; often providing closure from painful pasts.

On November 8, 1869 the very first party of BHC arrived in Canada, making 2019 the 150th anniversary of this arrival. The date of September 28th has been chosen for a special international tribute as this date is commemorated nationally as British Home Child Day in Canada; a unanimous passage of MP Guy Lauzon’s private member’s motion M-133 in the House of Commons, Feb. 7, 2018. This initiative for this tribute started when BHCARA member Kim Crowder approached MS. Oschefski for support in the illumination of the High Level Bridge in her city of Edmonton, Alberta. Since then, many members have become involved reaching out in their communities for support. BHCARA member Tracy Smithers contacted Her Majesty the Queen and received a prompt letter of support back from her!

The BHCARA is asking communities to participate in the “**Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute**” by illuminating memorials, monuments, buildings, City Halls or other areas with the colours of the BHCARA; red, white and blue. Cities and towns are also participating by proclaiming this day as “British Home Child Day” in their community. Some cities are sharing this message on their digital billboards.

The tribute is a symbolic gesture showing these children, in their sesquicentennial year, are not forgotten. Many Canadian and UK cities have agreed to participate with over sixty-five supporters to date, including the iconic Niagara Falls, Toronto’s CN Tower, The Northern Lights Display in Vancouver and St. Andrews House - Head Quarters of the Scottish Government in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Town of Midland and Orillia are participating by proclaiming September 28th as BHC Day in their cities. A full listing of our supporters can be viewed at www.britishhomechildren.com.

The BHC are a critical part of our nation’s fabric, this country was built on the backs of these children. We would appreciate your support in sharing the news of this important and extraordinary tribute to Canada’s Nation Builders. A history of the British Home Children follows.

Very best regards
Lori Oschefski
CEO BHCARA
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The History of The British Home Children

By Roberta Horrox

The British Child Migration Scheme officially started in Canada, in 1869, when Maria Rye arrived with sixty-eight children from England. In Canada, the children from this scheme became known as British Home Children. Maria Rye's idea grew to over fifty organizations sending over 100,000 to Canada between 1869 and 1948. These children ranged from a few months to 18 years of age; being sent to Canada to work as indentured labourers and servants. The child migration scheme was supported by both British and Canadian governments which paid organizations for each child sent, additional bonus fees were paid for sending more children; however, no bonus was paid for children from workhouses. This scheme was viewed as a win-win situation, as Britain reduced the cost of caring for many poor destitute children; while Canada gained cheap labour for a country that was just starting to expand. While many believe the children were orphans this was not the case, as only 2% were true orphans; the majority were from single parent families, most often due to a parent dying or from families that were poor and destitute. Many factors led to Britain having so many poor, destitute people. These children through no fault of their own were caught up in this tragedy. As child migration to Canada came to a halt, it increased to Australia with approximately 7,000 children being sent there. Child migration to Australia ended in 1970s. The major difference was that children sent to Australia were most often institutionalized. New Zealand took in 549 child migrants, with fewer children being sent to Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and Cape of Good Hope Colony in South Africa.

In Canada, while some of the children were treated well, most were seen as nothing more than cheap labour, some suffered abuse; some cases of horrific abuse resulted in death. Whether these children were treated well or abused one thing in common is the feeling of loss; loss of family, friends, country and culture. Some were sent to homes that didn't speak English. Often told by sending agencies that they were unwanted, uncared for, or that their parents had died, while their parent(s) were told they were adopted by good British families. If siblings arrived in Canada together they were more often than not separated once they got here. Although checks were supposed to take place on a regular basis, things fell short due to vast number of children, lack of enforcement, shortage of inspectors, the immense distance, and difficulty traveling to remote places in order to perform the checks on the children. When inspectors did visit, the children didn't necessarily get to speak to, or even see, the inspector; and if they did it often occurred with the master present. Therefore the children would hide the truth for fear of being reprimanded or further abuse.

Many British Home Children were stigmatized by members of the communities they came to live in, often being told they were street rats, guttersnipes and a multitude of other derogatory terms. If a British Home Child lived in a community and something bad happened, usually a British Home Child was blamed. They had no one to turn too, no one to stick up for them, they suffered in silence. As a survival mechanism they shut down, blocking memories; they became silent of their trauma, silent of any abuse; silent and ashamed of their past, and their lives as British Home Children. Most carried this stigmatism throughout their lives, refusing to tell even their immediate family where they had come from. Some children had their names changed or spelling of names became corrupted, while some were too young to know their correct names, birthday dates, or the names of their parents. These children were not given the necessary documents to prove who they were; this became an issue when they became older wanted to travel, or needed proof of identity such as applying for pension. The children were promised an education, the vast majority did not receive the education promised. Silently and unwittingly aspects of their traumatic experiences were often passed down to their children. For instance, as a corruption of their BHC experience, when they became older with families of their own they were unable to show love or affection for their own children. During WWI nearly every eligible British Home Boy voluntarily signed up for the Canadian Expedition Force; 1,000 Home Boys paid the ultimate sacrifice. The most common date of death was April 9, 1917, the first day of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

In Nov 2009, then Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, issued an apology for their role in the Child Migration Scheme; then in Feb 2010, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown issued an apology for Britain's role. In Canada, Canadian Parliament declared 2010 Year of the British Home Child. On Feb 16, 2017 the Canadian House of Commons issued an apology and on Feb 7, 2018 MP Guy Lauzon's private member's motion M-133 was unanimously passed making Sept 28th, National British Home Child Day in Canada. To date our prime minister has not issued an official apology on behalf of the government.



On January 31, 2019, the Government of the United Kingdom issued a press release entitled “Ex-Gratia Payment Scheme for former British Child Migrants” to compensate former child migrants that were still alive on March 1, 2018, “in recognition of the fundamentally flawed nature of the historic child migration policy”. In a background Statement, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse Interim (UK) report stated, “The Government has long acknowledged and accepted, assessment at the time of the national apology in 2010 and went further, calling it a ‘shameful episode of history’ and this failure in the first duty of a nation, which is to protect its children”. For the Child Migrants sent to Canada this payment is much too late, as so few are still living.

BHC organizations in Canada, and Child Migrant organizations in Australia and the UK that have been formed to give voices to all British Child Migrants. These organizations were formed to help educate the public on The British Child Migration Scheme, as well as help descendants search and reconnect with lost family members. Of note, “The Guest Children” who were children sent to Canada by their parents for protection during the war are not part of the British Child Migration Scheme. The two are entirely different, but often misconstrued.

With this year being the 150th anniversary of British Home Children in Canada; work continues to give these children their voices.

The following website is an excellent resource: British Home Child Advocacy and Research (BHCARA) - CEO Lori Oschefski website <https://www.britishhomechildren.com> BHCARA also has a facebook group



Township of Central Frontenac Office of the Clerk

I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution, approved by Township of Central Frontenac Council at its Regular Meeting of Council held July, 14, 2026, regarding Support for MFOA: Making Permanent the Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Motion No. 2026-267

Moved by: Lynn Klages; seconded by: Phillip Smith

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 Township of Central Frontenac 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 THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, and the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy.

Dated at Sharbot Lake, Ontario

This 28th day of July, 2026



Jody Legue, Deputy Clerk



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July 28, 2026

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Sent by Email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

RE: Clearview Council Support Resolution – Request for Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Please be advised that at its meeting held on July 27, 2026, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting the Huronia West O.P.P Detachment Board in their request for traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques.

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Whereas history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing across Ontario;

Whereas the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

Whereas the commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

And Whereas such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the Huronia West O.P.P. Detachment Board in their request for the Province of Ontario to expand their stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

And That this resolution be sent to the following:

- Premier Doug Ford
- Minister of Transportation
- Minister of Finance

- MPP Brian Saunderson
- AMO
- ROMA
- All 444 Municipalities in Ontario

Motion carried.

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

Sincerely,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Hon. Steven MacKinnon, The Minister of Transport
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, The Minister of Finance
Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament – Simcoe-Grey
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- mobile access
- digital licence storage
- improved account management

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Community partners remove abandoned docks from Catchacoma-Mississagua Lake System



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In total, **133 abandoned and dilapidated docks** were removed from a seven-lake chain in the Kawartha Highlands, diverting more than **75**



tonnes of debris through nearly **2,000 volunteer hours**.

With the cleanup complete, the focus now shifts to education and prevention, helping waterfront property owners understand their responsibilities and prevent dock abandonment in the future.

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Did You Know? Road Salt Can Harm Our Lakes

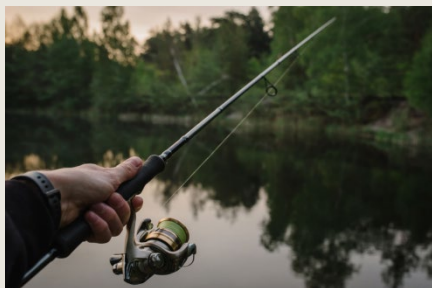


Road salt doesn't just affect roads—it can damage trees and eventually impact our lakes.

Watch Dr. Neil Hutchinson explain how excess road salt contributes to tree damage and why using less salt around homes and cottages can make a difference.

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QUICK READS



Why Your Favourite Fishing Spot Is Changing

Healthy lakes support healthy fisheries, but invasive species like **common carp** and **invasive**



Why Are PFAS Levels Higher After Wastewater Treatment?

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phragmites are changing aquatic habitats across Canada.

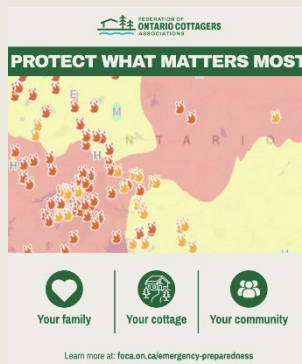
Learn how these species affect water quality, fish habitat, and what researchers are doing to **protect our lakes**.

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creating PFAS—they're uncovering hidden compounds that standard testing often misses.

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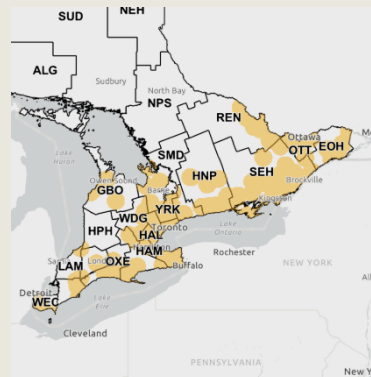


Fire Safety Reminder

Wildfire conditions can change quickly. Check your local fire danger rating and fire restrictions before burning outdoors.

- ✓ Check current fire conditions
- ✓ Follow local fire restrictions
- ✓ Keep fires small and fully extinguish them

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Tick Season is Still Here

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[More information](#)

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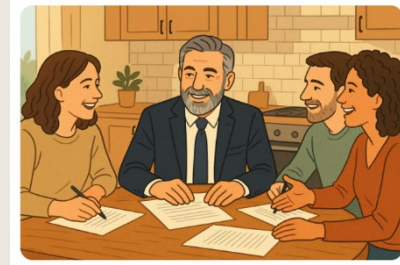
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Do you know someone making a difference in your waterfront community?

As part of the **2026 International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development**, FOCA is celebrating the people who help keep our lakes and communities thriving.

Nominate a volunteer by sending us a photo (with their permission) and a few sentences about their impact.

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When a critical environmental cause needed support, one local family answered the call.

This dedicated powerhouse of family volunteers brought together representatives from across our local lake communities, in the Madawaska Valley, including Frank Burchat (Carson Trout Lepine Greenan Lakes Association), Ambrose Burchat (Kamaniskeg Area Property Owners Association), and Amy Burchat-Korneluk (Paugh Lake Cottages Association), all safely guided by High Altitude Sign Specialist and Safety Supervisor, Greg Burchat.

By coming together, this family of volunteers hopes to send a clear message to all visitors entering our lakes in the Beautiful Township of Madawaska Valley to **CLEAN DRAIN & DRY** your boat.

May this sign inspire travelers from all directions to support our local efforts in keeping the beautiful waters of the **Madawaska Valley free from aquatic invasive species.**

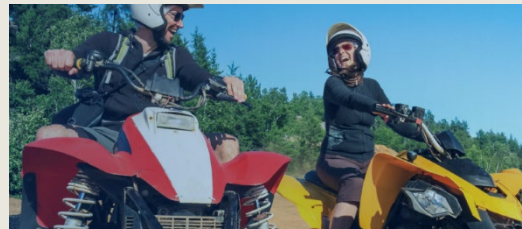
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July 21, 2026

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

**Re: Letter of Support – Appeal to Attorney General of Ontario for Review
and Reform of Provincial Offences System**

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Please be advised that the Huron OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution at their July 20, 2026, Meeting:

Resolution: 37-2026

Moved by: Member Lamport

Seconded by: Member Anderson

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's May 26, 2026 correspondence regarding Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques; and

That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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Encl.

cc:

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May 26, 2026

Re: OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its Regular Meeting on May 25, 2026, passed the following motion pertaining to the OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques:

Resolution #: R-24-05-25-26

Moved by: Councillor Maitland

Seconded by: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the resolution from the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board dated May 7, 2026 regarding traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the resolution from the OPP Detachment Board and direct staff to circulate the resolution of support to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MPP Steve Clark, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards, and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca.

Thank you.



Julia McCaugherty-Jansman
Clerk



May 7, 2026

Traffic Calming/Speeding Mitigation Techniques

The North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board, at its Meeting on May 7, 2026, passed the following motion with the request for municipal support:

Moved by: Ian Fraser

Seconded by: Jim Goodman

WHEREAS history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing across Ontario;

WHEREAS the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

WHEREAS this commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

AND WHEREAS such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grenville 1 OPP Detachment Board respectfully request North Grenville and Merrickville-Wolford Councils advocate that the province expand its stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the following:

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Transportation

Minister of Finance

MPP Steve Clark

AMO

ROMA

All Ontario Police Service Boards

And all 444 Municipalities in Ontario

Carried.



Village of Merrickville Wolford

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August 4, 2026

Re: Resolution of Support - Sustainable Provincial Fire Services Funding

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its Regular Meeting on July 27, 2026, passed the following motion regarding the Resolution of Support - Sustainable Provincial Fire Services Funding:

Resolution #: R-17-07-27-26

Moved by: Councillor Maitland

Seconded by: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the resolutions from the Township of Terrace Bay and the Town of Smiths Falls regarding the request for sustainable provincial grant funding for fire services;

AND FURTHER THAT Council does hereby endorse and support the request as presented and directs staff to circulate the resolution of support to the identified parties within the resolutions.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca.

Thank you.

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman
Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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June 17, 2026

Premier Doug Ford

premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford,

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

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

Resolution: CR142–2026

Moved by: Councillor Webb

Seconded by: Councillor Dube

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

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

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

- Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay Superior North
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario



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Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

MPP Thunder Bay Superior North, Lise Vaugeois – lvaugeois-co@ndp.on.ca

Minister of the Solicitor General – Michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org

Minister of Infrastructure – kinga.surma@pc.ola.org

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – rob.flack@pc.ola.org

AMO – resolutions@amo.on.ca

NOMA – admin@noma.on.ca

ROMA – roma@roma.on.ca

OAFC – info@oafc.on.ca

OPFFA – admin@ontariofirefighters.org

OVFFA – president@ffao.on.ca

All Northern Ontario Municipalities



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

June 17th, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to:

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



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

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

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

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

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



GENERAL/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda Item 17.b.

Date: July 15, 2026

GFC- 10 -15/07/26

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Edwards

WHEREAS Hospice Muskoka has provided exceptional palliative care in our community since October of 2020 through Andy's House and from September 2025 through Andy's House at Home;

AND WHEREAS Hospice Muskoka receives less than 50% of its annual budget from the Government of Ontario, with the remainder funded by donations;

AND WHEREAS Palliative care needs are increasing in our community and Hospice Muskoka can meet those needs at half the cost of admission to MAHC, and with specialty level care provided;

AND WHEREAS, Hospice Muskoka has 3 unfunded beds that have remained operational entirely with donor dollars since January 2026 to meet the increased demands for palliative services;

AND WHEREAS, Hospice Muskoka launched the Andy's House at Home with donor dollars in 2025 and has now reached capacity of the current staff;

AND WHEREAS, Hospice Muskoka has advocated to the Government of Ontario for stable base funding for Andy's House and Andy's House at Home repeatedly over the past 2 years. ~~The total annual request is less than \$100,000;~~ *e*

AND WHEREAS, Hospice Muskoka is now in a position of needing to consider eliminating access to the three unfunded beds and/or consider scaling back the Andy's House at Home program to cut costs;

AND WHEREAS, the result of program cuts will impact hundreds of palliative people each year who will be forced to use the Emergency Room and hospital for palliative care needs, at double the cost of hospice palliative care programs currently being offered by Hospice Muskoka;

AND WHEREAS The annual increase in costs for MAHC to absorb these people will be in the millions of dollars;

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

1. Provide Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) funding for Nurse Practitioner and Social Worker services delivered by Ontario Hospices;

2. Increase provincial funding for residential hospice beds to 50% of the comparable cost of an acute care hospital bed, recognizing the significant value hospices provide in reducing hospital utilization and improving end-of-life care;
3. Establish stable, sustainable funding for hospice operating costs to reduce reliance on charitable donations and community fundraising for the delivery of essential palliative and end-of-life care services;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Premier of Ontario, The Minister of Health, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, MMP Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; President and Chief Executive Officer of Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare; and all municipalities within the District of Muskoka.

Association of Municipal Affairs.

RECORDED VOTE:	NAYS	YEAS
COUNCILLOR BOSOMWORTH	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR BURRY	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR MOYER KENT	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR MAZAN	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR MCINTYRE	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR NISHIKAWA	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR ROBERTS	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR ZAVITZ	☐	☐
MAYOR KELLEY	☐	☐
TOTALS	_____	_____
Recorded Vote Requested by: _____		

DEFEATED ☐

CARRIED ☒

Susan Moyer

CHAIR



The Corporation of the Township of
NORTH STORMONT
RESOLUTION

Date: July 21, 2026

Resolution No. 185-2026

MOVED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
Deputy Mayor S. Densham
Councillor A. Bugelli
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor C. Shane

SECONDED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
Deputy Mayor S. Densham
Councillor A. Bugelli
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor C. Shane

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 TOWNSHIP OF NORTH STORMONT 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 Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Executive Director of MFOA, Donna Herridge, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all municipalities in Ontario.



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

The Honourable Rob Flack,
Minister of Municipal Affairs
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Township of Puslinch
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July 29, 2026

RE: Town of Whitby's resolution regarding the Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on July 15, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-223:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.13 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports Town of Whitby's resolution regarding the Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: C. Harris, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk - clerk@whitby.ca



The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing -
minister.mah@ontario.ca

Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP, Pickering-Uxbridge - peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org

Lorne Coe, MPP, Whitby - lorne.coe@pc.ola.org

Jennifer K. French, MPP, Oshawa - jfrench-co@ndp.on.ca

Todd J. McCarthy, MPP, Durham - todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org

Rob Cerjanec, MPP, Ajax - rcerjanec.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - laurie.scott@pc.ola.org

Robin Jones, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario -
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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
Supervisor, Legislative Services
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Copy: C. Harris, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk - clerk@whitby.ca

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - minister.mah@ontario.ca
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Todd J. McCarthy, MPP, Durham - todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org
Rob Cerjanec, MPP, Ajax - rcerjanec.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org
Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - laurie.scott@pc.ola.org
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All Ontario Municipalities



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July 31, 2026

Via email: edermott-simpson@pentanguishene.ca

Town of Penetanguishene
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Penetanguishene ON L9M 2G2

Re: Heads and Beds Payment-in-lieu of Taxes Program – Municipal Collaboration Opportunity

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their July 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

301-2026

Moved By: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

That South Huron Council support the June 24, 2026 Correspondence of the Town of Penetanguishene resolution regarding Heads and Beds in-lieu of taxes; and

That staff participate in the joint discussion; and

That this supporting resolution be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson, Administrative Assistant
Municipality of South Huron
sjohnson@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 x. 225

Encl.

cc:
all municipalities in Ontario



June 24, 2026

To: Ontario municipalities affected by the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes Program

RE: Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes Program – Municipal Collaboration Opportunity

On behalf of the Town of Penetanguishene, I am writing to share the enclosed Council resolution regarding the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program and to invite your municipality to participate in a collective discussion on this matter.

The Heads and Beds PILT program, originally established in 1970 and last updated in 1987, to \$75 per head/bed for provincially owned institutional facilities. As you may be aware, this rate has remained unchanged for nearly four decades and has not kept pace with inflation, municipal service responsibilities, or other Provincial PILT programs.

As a result, municipalities hosting these facilities continue to experience growing financial pressures, as the funding received does not reflect the true cost of providing essential municipal services.

The Town of Penetanguishene has made continuous efforts over several years to seek a fair and reasonable resolution to this matter, including multiple delegations with the Ministry of Finance. Despite these efforts, the current system remains, in our view, both outdated and inequitable.

We recognize that Penetanguishene is not alone in facing these challenges. Other municipalities across Ontario may be experiencing similar financial impacts as a result of this outdated program. As part of our ongoing advocacy efforts, we are reaching out to municipalities that receive Heads and Beds PILT funding to gauge interest in participating in a collective discussion. The intent is to determine whether there is a shared municipal interest in pursuing a collaborative advocacy approach with the Provincial Government to seek a complete review of the program and a fair and equitable solution.

If your municipality is interested in taking part in a joint discussion, or if you wish to share your experience on this issue, we welcome the opportunity to connect. Please confirm your municipalities interest by emailing our Executive Assistant, Emily Dermott-Simpson at edermott-simpson@penetanguishene.ca.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your leadership and look forward to hearing from you.



Sincerely,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

Doug Rawson, Mayor
Town of Penetanguishene





COUNCIL RESOLUTION FORM

Date: May 5, 2026 **Disposition:** CARRIED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor D. La Rose **Item No.:** 10 vi.

Seconded by: Councillor G. Vadeboncoeur

Description: Resolution – Heads and Beds In-Lieu of Taxes

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes program was established in 1970 at a fixed rate of \$25 per full-time university student, increased to \$50 in 1973 when hospitals and provincial correctional facilities were included, and last increased in 1987 to \$75 per head/bed; and

WHEREAS the fixed rate has remained unchanged for nearly four decades and has not kept pace with inflation, which would place the rate at approximately \$180 today; and

WHEREAS the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes has also not kept pace with provincially mandated municipal service responsibilities or other Provincial payment-in-lieu programs that are based on property assessment and municipal tax rates; and

WHEREAS the Town of Penetanguishene has formally requested regulatory amendments through multiple delegations with the Ministry of Finance, seeking a fair and reasonable resolution to the current situation, which the Town considers to be unfair and unreasonable; and

WHEREAS the Town is of the opinion that a complete and thorough review of the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes program is necessary to ensure municipalities and

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
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	Yea	Nay
S. Marchand		
B. Waters		
G. Vadeboncoeur		
D. La Rose		
B. Desroches		
D. Leroux		
D. Rawson		


MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

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 he/her/their seat(s) abstained from
 discussion and did not vote.

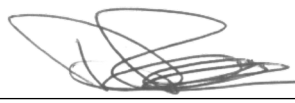


local taxpayers are treated fairly and equitably in relation to the costs associated with provincially owned facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene direct staff to circulate this resolution to affected municipalities across the Province of Ontario to gauge interest in participating in a collective lobbying initiative regarding the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of this outreach is to determine whether there is shared municipal interest in pursuing collaborative advocacy with the Provincial Government to seek a fair and equitable approach to the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes program.

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
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	Yea	Nay
S. Marchand		
B. Waters		
G. Vadeboncoeur		
D. La Rose		
B. Desroches		
D. Leroux		
D. Rawson		



MAYOR

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