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Minutes

Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee

10:00 AM - Wednesday, July 29, 2026

99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn Ontario



Present: Chair Chris Fellows
Member Brian Bocek
Member Kristian Graziano
Member Lyndsey Jordan
Member Michael Didur
Member Penny Middleton
Member Trish Thornton
Mayor Peter Koetsier, Ex-Officio

Absent: Member Stephanie Armstrong
Member Steven Predko

Staff Present: Jennifer Schnier, Director of Sustainability
Mara Engel, Director of Operations
Trish Walton, Communications and Sustainability Assistant
Karen Way, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk
Sydney Levesque, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

10:00 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge that we are working on the lands traditionally occupied by the Indigenous peoples. Indigenous people continue to care for this land and continue to shape our Township. We show our respect, and will continually honour the treaties that were signed as we consider our decisions and actions.

3. Strategic Directions

Environmental Protection
Fiscal Responsibilities and Technology Efficiencies
Streamline Planning Policies and Procedures
Customer Experience and Community Engagement
District and Township Relationship
Engage with Indigenous Communities

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

Nil.

5. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Adoption of June 22, 2026 Minutes

RMAC-2026-003

Moved by Member Trish Thornton

Seconded by Member Penny Middleton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Georgian Bay Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee approves the minutes of June 22, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Open Forum

The following members of the public addressed Committee regarding Agenda Item 8(a) - Bike Repair Station:

- Vincent Altiparmakyan
- Blake Altiparmakyan

7. New Business

- (a) Bike Repair Station

Members discussed potential locations for the proposed bike repair station, including the baseball diamond. Members noted that electrical power is not required for the unit. It was also suggested that the station be located near the school to encourage and inspire children to ride bicycles.

M. Engel advised that the installation would need to be located on municipal property and identified the MacTier Arena as the most suitable location, as it is municipally owned and provides a well-lit area.

J. Schnier noted that the municipality cannot provide its business number in support of the initiative for grant applications. Any grant application would need to be submitted by the Township.

RMAC-2026-004

Moved by Member Trish Thornton

Seconded by Member Lyndsey Jordan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee receive the proposal respecting the installation of a public bike repair station in MacTier; and

THAT the Committee recommend that Council direct staff to investigate the feasibility of installing a public bike repair station in MacTier, including reviewing potential grant funding opportunities, municipal requirements, ownership and maintenance responsibilities, and any associated financial implications; and

THAT staff report back to Council with their findings and recommendations.

CARRIED

8. Staff Reports

- (a) MacTier Union Cemetery Volunteer Group
Corporate Services 2026-137

K. Way presented the staff report regarding the proposed establishment of a MacTier Union Cemetery Sub-Committee. She advised that the Township, as the licensed owner and operator of the MacTier Union Cemetery, is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario's requirements. The proposed sub-committee would provide comments, perspectives, and recommendations to support the preservation, beautification, and enhancement of the Cemetery for the benefit of the MacTier community.

Members expressed support for the concept but noted that the Committee does not currently have the capacity to take on additional volunteer responsibilities. It was suggested that the Township engage with the community to better understand priorities for future cemetery improvements. Members identified improved signage and fencing as potential enhancement opportunities.

Member Didur left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

RMAC-2026-005

Moved by Member Penny Middleton
Seconded by Member Trish Thornton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee recommend that Council establish the MacTier Union Cemetery Sub-Committee to support the beautification and ongoing enhancement of the MacTier Union Cemetery; and

THAT staff be directed to seek community volunteers to assist with cemetery beautification initiatives in collaboration with the Sub-Committee.

CARRIED

9. New Business Continued

- (a) Meeting Location and Start Time Discussion

RMAC-2026-006

Moved by Member Lyndsey Jordan
Seconded by Member Trish Thornton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee confirm that its regular meetings will continue to be held in the Township of Georgian Bay Council Chambers, 99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn, in a hybrid format permitting both in-person and virtual attendance; and

THAT the Committee approve changing its regular meeting day to Wednesdays, with a regular meeting start time of 3:00 p.m.; and

THAT staff be directed to update the Committee's meeting schedule and notify Committee members of the approved changes.

10. Adjournment

- (a) Adjournment of July 29, 2026 Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee

RMAC-2026-007

Moved by Member Michael Didur
Seconded by Member Penny Middleton

BE IT RESOLVED that the July 29, 2026 Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee now adjourns at 11:01 a.m. until August 24, 2026 or the call of the chair.

CARRIED



TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Bowerman

Resolution # **300-08-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Maguire

Carried

WHEREAS, Council received correspondence from the County of Simcoe regarding its resolution declaring intimate partner violence as an epidemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Assignack hereby declares intimate partner violence an epidemic, and fully supports the County of Simcoe's resolution, and calls upon the Province of Ontario to declare intimate partner violence an epidemic;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, local MPPs, the County of Simcoe, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).



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TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Hooper

Resolution # **303-08-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Bowerman

Carried

Whereas Council received communication from the Township of Clearview regarding their resolution advocating for provincial funding for traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques; Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council hereby supports the resolution passed by the Township of Clearview requesting the Province of Ontario to expand financial support for traffic calming and speeding mitigation measures to include all Ontario municipalities; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Clearview.



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IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Maguire

Resolution # **302-08-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Elliott

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Municipality of South Huron and the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) in urging the Province of Ontario to permanently maintain the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) at its doubled allocation of \$400 million annually to fund critical municipal infrastructure;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier, the Ministers of Infrastructure, Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Finance, local MPPs, AMO, and MFOA.



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REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Elliott

Resolution # **299-08-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Hooper

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Assignack Council supports the call on the Province of Ontario to:

Reinstate FIPPA compliance for the Premier, provincial Ministers, and their staff to ensure uniform public scrutiny.

Implement recommendations from the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to protect record keeping, security, and democratic accountability across the province.

FURTHER, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).



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REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Bowerman

Resolution # **304-08-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Elliott

Carried

Whereas Council received correspondence from the Township of Tudor and Cashel regarding Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for one-pound single-use propane cylinders;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council supports the Township of Tudor and Cashel in requesting that the Province of Ontario and RPRA review the EPR framework to ensure producers—not municipalities—provide convenient return options and fund the end-of-life management of single-use propane cylinders;

and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Township of Tudor and Cashel, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and RPRA.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 368/26
Title: OCIF Funding Support
Date: August 25, 2026
Moved by: Councillor Davey
Seconded by: Councillor Norrie

That Council receive for information Financial & IT Services - OCIF Funding Support Resolution report;

And that Council support the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) request that the Province of Ontario make permanent the doubling of Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) funding from \$200 million to \$400 million annually beginning in 2027; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, and Ontario municipalities.

☒ CARRIED ☐ DEFEATED ☐ DEFERRED



Terry Richardson, Mayor



Notice of Adoption of an Official Plan Amendment

Date: August 25th, 2026

TAKE NOTICE that on the 25th day of August 2026, the Council (Planning Matters) of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays passed **By-law No. 2026-119** pursuant to Section 17 and Section 22 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended. **By-law No. 2026-119** is a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 24 which makes changes to the Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan.

Official Plan Amendment No. 24 pertains to land municipally known as 1311 South Ril Lake Road. More specifically, it is legally described as Part of Lots 27 & 28, Concession 7, former Township of Ridout, Township of Lake of Bays, in the District of Muskoka.

Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person's or public body's address, fax number or email address) is made to the approval authority. The name and address of the approval authority for Official Plan Amendment No. 24 is:

Amy Back, Clerk
District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge, ON
P1L 1N3
(705) 645-2100
clerk@muskoka.on.ca

THE PURPOSE AND THE EFFECT of Official Plan Amendment No. 24 is to add site-specific policies to permit a reduced water frontage of 97 metres and 94 metres where a minimum water frontage of 122 metres is required as per Section H.48 of the Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan to facilitate the creation of one (1) new lot and one (1) retained lot with reduced water frontage intended for the development of single detached residential dwellings.

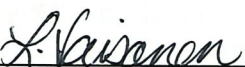
EFFECT OF WRITTEN AND ORAL SUBMISSIONS ON DECISION: written submissions were received from the public and considered as part of Council's decision-making process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding Official Plan Amendment No. 24 and its changes to the Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan is attached as Schedule "A". For further information and to review applicable materials, please contact:

Esther Schultz, Planner
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1012 Dwight Beach Road, ON P0A 1H0
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eschultz@lakeofbays.on.ca

Please refer to the attached Schedules for further information.

Dated at the Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, this 28th day of August, 2026.



Deputy Clerk
Township of Lake of Bays
1012 Dwight Beach Road
Dwight, Ontario, P0A 1H0
Ph: (705) 635-2272 Fax: (705) 635-2132

SCHEDULE “A” to By-law 2026-119

Amendment Number 24

TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS

SECTION 1: TITLE AND COMPONENTS

- 1.1 Section 7 herein constitutes Amendment Number 24 to the Official Plan of the Township of Lake of Bays.
- 1.2 Sections 1 to 6 herein do not constitute part of the formal amendment but provide more detailed information respecting the amendment.

SECTION 2: LAND SUBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT

- 2.1 The lands subject to Section 7 of this amendment include Part of Lots 27 & 28, Concession 7, Ridout Ward, being Lot 5 on Registered Plan of Subdivision 35M584. The Civic address is 1311 South Ril Lake Road, Roll No. 4427-030-006-06501, as shown on Schedule “A”.

SECTION 3: PURPOSE

- 3.1 The purpose of the amendment is to permit a reduced shoreline frontage on Ril Lake, a Category 2 lake, to facilitate the creation of one (1) new and one (1) retained lot for future residential purposes. The proposed lots are within the Waterfront designation with access from a year-round, Township-maintained road.

SECTION 4: BACKGROUND AND BASIS

- 4.1 The property subject to this amendment is currently developed with a single detached dwelling and accessory structures and has frontage on South Ril Lake Road (Township road). The property is currently serviced with private water and septic systems.
- 4.2 The subject lands are currently designated “Waterfront” within the Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan.
- 4.3 An application was made to create one (1) new lot and one (1) retained lot, having frontage on Ril Lake, a Category 2 lake, with access from South Ril Lake Road, a year-round Township maintained road, for future residential purposes.
- 4.4 Policy H.48 in the Township Official Plan stipulates that new lots on a Category 2 lake will have a minimum water frontage of 122 metres.
- 4.5 As the proposed severed and retained lots have 97 metres and 94 metres of water frontage respectively, an Amendment is required to permit the reduced frontage.
- 4.6 The Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement 2024 and conforms to the District of Muskoka Official Plan and the Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan.

SECTION 5: IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 The changes to the Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan as described in this Amendment shall be implemented in accordance with the Official Plan of the Township of Lake of Bays and Sections 17 and 22 of the *Planning Act* R.S.O. 1990.
- 5.2 The provisions of this Amendment shall be implemented through site-specific amendments to the Community Planning Permit By-law pursuant to Section 70.2 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

SECTION 6: INTERPRETATION

- 6.1 The provisions of the Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan shall apply with respect to the interpretation of this Amendment.

SECTION 7: THE AMENDMENT

- 7.1 To amend the Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan by inserting the following text after Policy H.86 g), and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly:

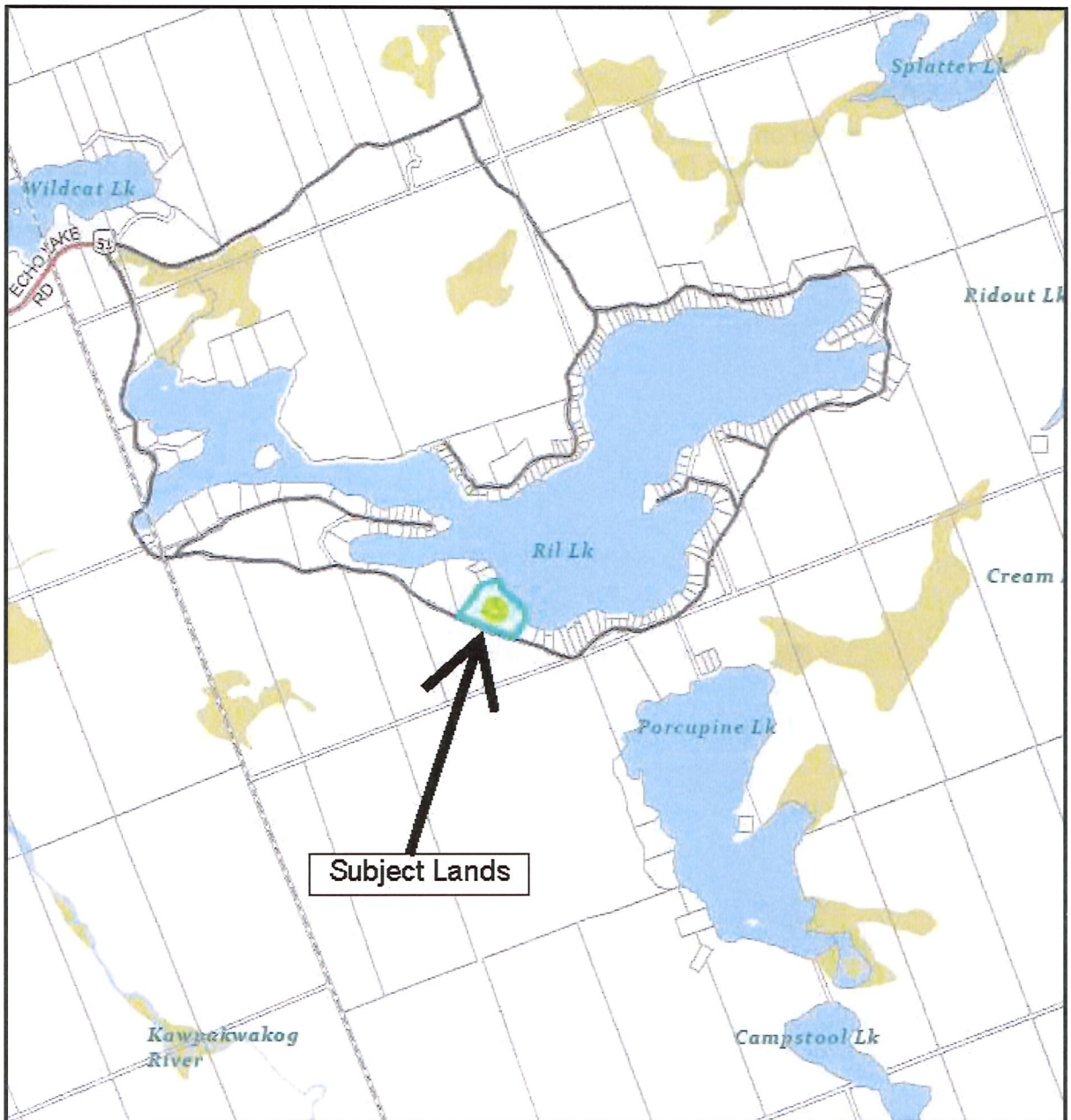
“RIL LAKE – CASS

- H.87 The lands identified on Schedule A to OPA 24 and known as being Part of Lots 27 & 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Ridout, now in the Township of Lake of Bays, being Lot 5 on Registered Plan of Subdivision 35M584, may be divided into a total of two (2) waterfront residential lots that front onto Ril Lake, a Category 2 lake, with a reduced water frontage of 97 metres for the severed lot and 94 metres for the retained lot.”

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Schedule "A" to By-law 2026-119 cont.

Key Map for Township OPA No. 24 (Cass)





Notice of Adoption of the Township of Lake of Bays Official Plan

Date of Decision: August 25, 2026

TAKE NOTICE that on the 25th day of August, 2026, the Council (Planning Matters) of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays passed **By-law No. 2026-121** pursuant to Section 17 and Section 21 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended. **By-law No. 2026-121** is a by-law to repeal the current Official Plan for the Township of Lake of Bays (being the Official Plan that was adopted on December 14, 1999 and amended January 12, 2016) and adopt the new Official Plan 2026.

Approval Authority:

Pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act, the District Municipality of Muskoka is the approval authority for the Official Plan adopted by Council. Once the District approves the Official Plan 2026, it will come into force and effect and will replace the existing Official Plan and all amendments thereto.

Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person's or public body's address, fax number or email address) is made to the approval authority. The name and address of the approval authority is:

Amy Back, Clerk
District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge, ON
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clerk@muskoka.on.ca

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the adopted Official Plan 2026 is to establish a comprehensive policy framework to guide land use planning, growth, and development within the Township of Lake of Bays to the year 2051. The Official Plan expresses the Township's long-term vision and objectives for balanced policy to guide growth, development, environmental protection, housing, economic development, and community planning while maintaining consistency with Provincial Policy and conformity with the District of Muskoka Official Plan policy.

Effect of Written and Oral Submissions on Decision:

All statutory written and oral submissions regarding the Official Plan and the Official Plan Review Process have been considered, and where appropriate, their recommendations have been incorporated into the Plan.

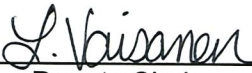
Where to Obtain Information:

Additional information is available online at the following link:
<https://engage.lakeofbays.on.ca/official-plan-review#engagement>

For further information about this by-law, and to review applicable materials, please contact:

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Dated at the Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, this 28th day of August, 2026.


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NOTICE of PASSING of Site-Specific Amendment to the
Community Planning Permit By-law 2021-111

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays passed

By-law 2026-120

on the 25th day of August, 2026

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT a specified person, applicant, registered owner of any land to which the by-law would apply, the Minister or public body may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Lake of Bays, **not later than:**

September 17th, 2026

APPEAL TO THE OLT: If you wish to appeal the decision of Council (Planning Matters) to the OLT, an appeal may be made by a specified person or public body by filing a notice of appeal with the Township Clerk via the Ontario Land Tribunal e-file service (first time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account) at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service/> by selecting "Lake of Bays (Township of)" as the Approval Authority, or by mail at the mailing address below, or by submission via email to csykes@lakeofbays.on.ca. If the e-file service is down, an appeal can also be submitted by mail at the mailing address below, or by submission via email to csykes@lakeofbays.on.ca. A Notice of Appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal, and must be accompanied by the fee required by the Tribunal.

NOTE: i) *Only the Minister, applicant, registered owner of any land to which the by-law would apply, specified person as defined under the Planning Act, and a public body may appeal the by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal.*

ii) *No specified person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the specified person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council, or in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the specified person or public body as a party.*

iii) *The appeal fee can be paid online through e-file or by certified cheque/money order to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario.*

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies, is attached. For further information and to review the application/by-law, please contact Esther Schultz, Planner (email: eschultz@lakeofbays.on.ca)

Dated at the Township of Lake of Bays Municipal Office, this 28th day of August, 2026.

Deputy Clerk

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF BY-LAW 2026-120:

Re: Application: Z 24-26 LOB
Applicants: Cass, Pamela
Roll Nos.: 4427-030-006-06501
Address: 1311 South Ril Lake Road

On August 25th, 2026, the Council (Planning Matters) of the Township of Lake of Bays passed By-law 2026-120 to redesignate the subject lands in conjunction with proposed changes in Official Plan policy (by way of OPA 02-26 LOB) from the Waterfront Residential ("WR") Planning Permit Area to the Waterfront Residential with an Exception ("WR-E104") Planning Permit Area in part and Waterfront Residential with an Exception ("WR-E105") Planning Permit Area in part to seek relief from Section 4.2.1.4.b) of the Community Planning Permit By-law which requires a minimum water frontage of 122 metres for new lots on Category 2 lakes, to facilitate the creation of one (1) severed and one (1) retained lot with reduced water frontage of 97 metres and 94 metres respectively intended for the development of single detached residential dwellings with access from South Ril Lake Road, a Township maintained year-round road.

The following reports were submitted with the application, and the recommendations made therein incorporated into the site-specific planning permit area:

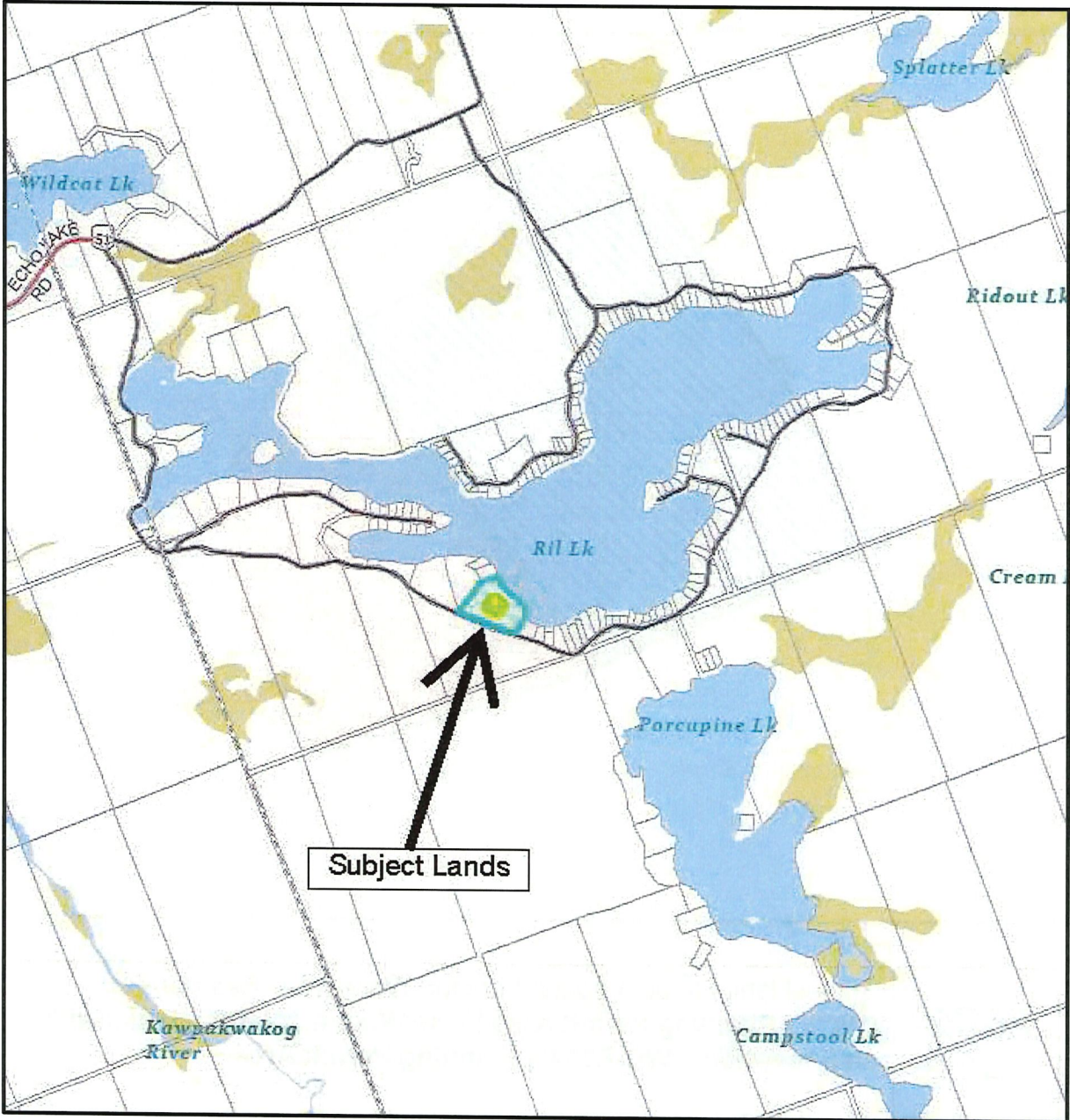
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Application Z 24-26 LOB (Cass)

- Site Suitability Report; and,
- Fish Habitat Assessment and Environmental Review

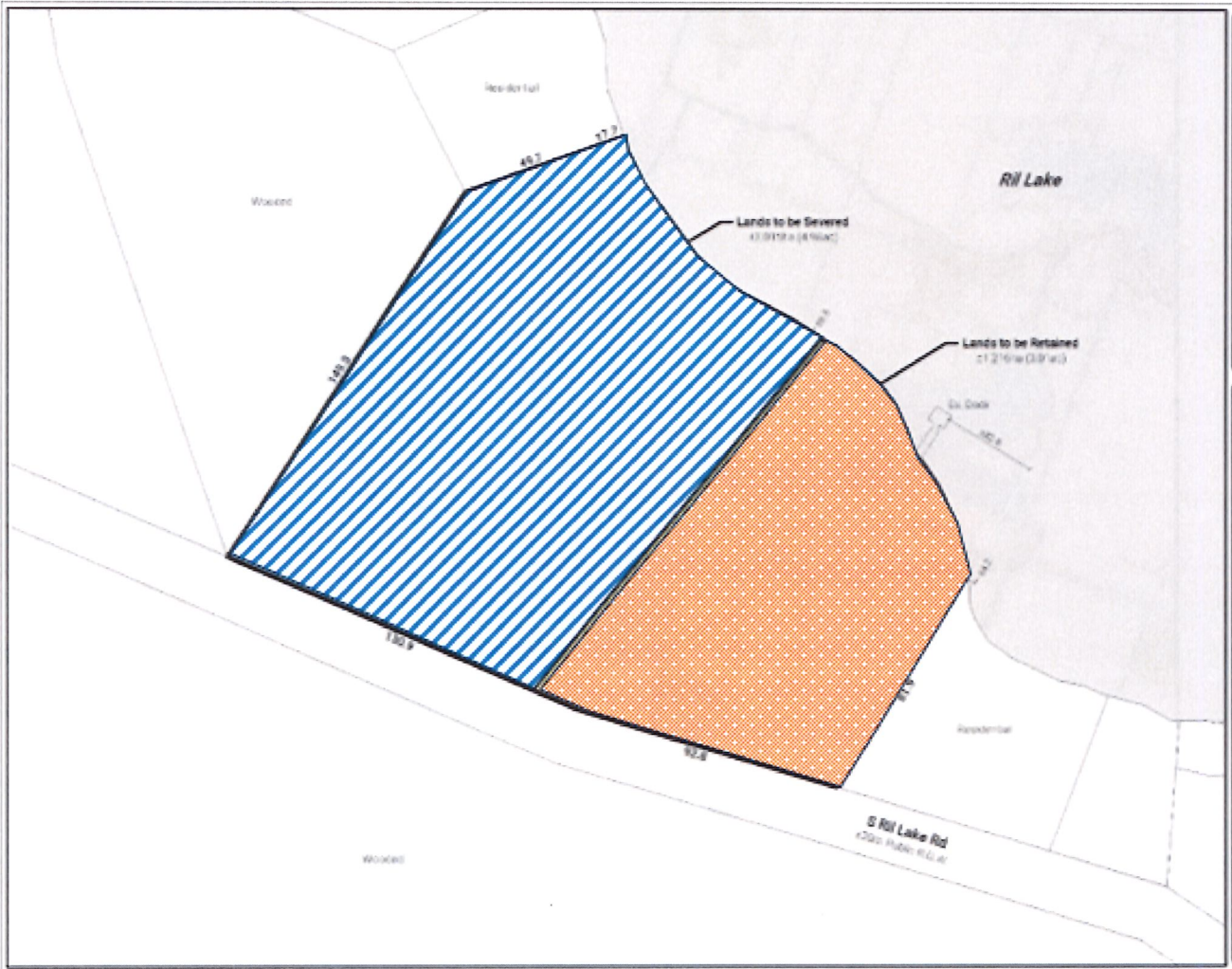
Written submissions were received from the public that were considered as part of Council's decision-making process.

Please refer to the attached Schedules for further information.

SCHEDULE "A"
By-law Amendment No. 2026-120
File Z 24-26 LOB (Cass)
Part of Lots 27 & 28, Concession 7, Ridout Ward
1311 South Ril Lake Road
Roll No. 4427-030-006-06501



SCHEDULE "B"
By-law Amendment No. 2026-120
File Z 24-26 LOB (Cass)
Part of Lots 27 & 28, Concession 7, Ridout Ward
1311 South Ril Lake Road
Roll No. 4427-030-006-06501



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August 20th, 2026

Re: Funding for Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Reviews

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford, I am writing to provide you with a copy of Resolution No. 26/150, adopted by Council on August 18, 2026.

Small, rural and northern municipalities require current Official Plans and Zoning By-laws to support housing, attract investment, encourage economic development and responsibly plan for infrastructure and municipal services. However, completing comprehensive reviews of these documents can place a significant financial burden on municipalities with limited tax bases, staffing capacity and financial resources.

The Town of Latchford recently applied to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for assistance with modernizing its land-use planning framework. The Town was advised that stand-alone studies are not eligible under the current program guidelines. This funding gap may force smaller municipalities to delay necessary planning updates or redirect limited municipal funds away from other essential services.

Council is respectfully requesting that the Government of Ontario establish a dedicated, sustainable and recurring funding program to assist municipalities with the costs of reviewing and updating Official Plans and Comprehensive Zoning By-laws. The program should recognize the differing financial and administrative capacities of municipalities and provide enhanced assistance to small, rural, northern and lower-tier municipalities.

Eligible expenses should include professional planning services, technical studies, public and Indigenous consultation where applicable, mapping and geographic information system updates, growth analyses, servicing and infrastructure assessments, and other supporting work required to develop modern and effective planning documents.

We respectfully ask your government to recognize Official Plans and Zoning By-laws as critical housing-enabling and economic development infrastructure. Providing municipalities with the resources to complete this important work will help remove barriers to development, create greater certainty for residents and investors, and better position communities across Ontario for responsible and sustainable growth.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further with you or the appropriate provincial representatives.

Kindest Regards,

MRobinson

Malorie Robinson
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Latchford

Cc:

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Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy minister.fin@ontario.ca

Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Vic Fedeli, medjct.minister@ontario.ca

Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, George Pirie mnedg.minister@ontario.ca

Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario, Patti Hadju patty.hajdu@parl.gc.ca

MP Nipissing – Timiskaming, Pauline Rochefort pauline.rochefort@parl.gc.ca

MPP Timiskaming – Cochrane, John Vanthof jvanthof-qp@ndp.on.ca

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Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) roma@roma.on.ca

Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) admin@noma.on.ca



CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 26/150

Date: August 18th, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Newell

SECONDED BY: Councillor McDonald

Whereas, municipalities are required to plan for responsible growth, housing, economic development, infrastructure, environmental protection and the long-term needs of their communities through comprehensive land-use planning documents, including Official Plans and Zoning By-laws;

And whereas, Official Plans and Zoning By-laws must be periodically reviewed and updated to ensure they remain consistent with current provincial legislation, policies, community needs, development pressures and opportunities for economic growth;

And whereas, the cost of undertaking comprehensive Official Plan and Zoning By-law reviews can represent a significant financial burden, particularly for small, rural and northern municipalities with limited tax bases, staffing capacity and financial resources;

And whereas, outdated planning documents can create barriers to residential, commercial and industrial development, limit a municipality's ability to respond to changing economic opportunities, and make it more difficult to identify and prepare lands for future growth;

And whereas, modern and current planning documents provide municipalities, residents, businesses and investors with greater certainty regarding where and how development can occur and allow municipalities to proactively plan for housing, employment lands, infrastructure and municipal services;

And whereas, investment in municipal planning is an investment in economic development, housing readiness and community growth, as updated Official Plans and Zoning By-laws can help municipalities remove unnecessary barriers to development and establish clear policies to support new investment;

And whereas, the Town of Latchford applied to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for assistance with the modernization of its land-use planning framework and was advised that stand-alone studies are ineligible under the current NOHFC program guidelines;

And whereas, municipalities should not be required to choose between funding essential municipal services and undertaking the comprehensive planning work necessary to position their communities for future housing and economic growth;

Now therefore be it resolved that, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford hereby calls upon the Government of Ontario to establish a dedicated and

sustainable funding program to assist municipalities with the costs associated with reviewing, updating and modernizing Official Plans and Comprehensive Zoning By-laws;

And further that, such a funding program recognize the differing financial and administrative capacities of municipalities and provide enhanced funding opportunities for small, rural, northern and lower-tier municipalities where the cost of comprehensive planning reviews can represent a disproportionate burden on the municipal tax base;

And further that, eligible costs include, but not be limited to, professional planning services, technical studies and background reports required to support Official Plan and Zoning By-law reviews, public and Indigenous consultation where applicable, mapping and geographic information system updates, growth and development analysis, infrastructure and servicing assessments, and other supporting work necessary to establish modern and effective municipal planning documents;

And further that, the Province recognize municipal Official Plans and Zoning By-laws as critical economic development and housing-enabling infrastructure that provide the regulatory foundation necessary to support investment, development and sustainable community growth;

And further that, consideration be given to establishing a recurring funding intake so municipalities can undertake required planning reviews proactively rather than delaying necessary updates because of financial constraints;

And finally that, a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth; the Minister of Infrastructure; the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor); John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming—Cochrane; Pauline Rochefort, MP Nipissing-Timiskaming; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and all municipalities in Ontario, requesting their support and endorsement of this resolution.

CARRIED

Village of Merrickville Wolford

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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.



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August 17, 2026

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The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Wasaga Beach – Finlay's Law on
Emergency Room Reform**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of August 11, 2026, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health
Jeff Burch, MPP for Niagara Centre
Fred Davies, MP for Niagara South
The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA)
The Ontario Medical Association (OMA)
The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC)
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Wasaga Beach – Innovative Housing and Support Models for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Please be advised that, at its meeting of August 11, 2026, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding Innovative Housing and Support Models for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
The Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care
The Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
Jeff Burch, MPP for Niagara Centre
Fred Davies, MP for Niagara South
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Wasaga Beach – Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation

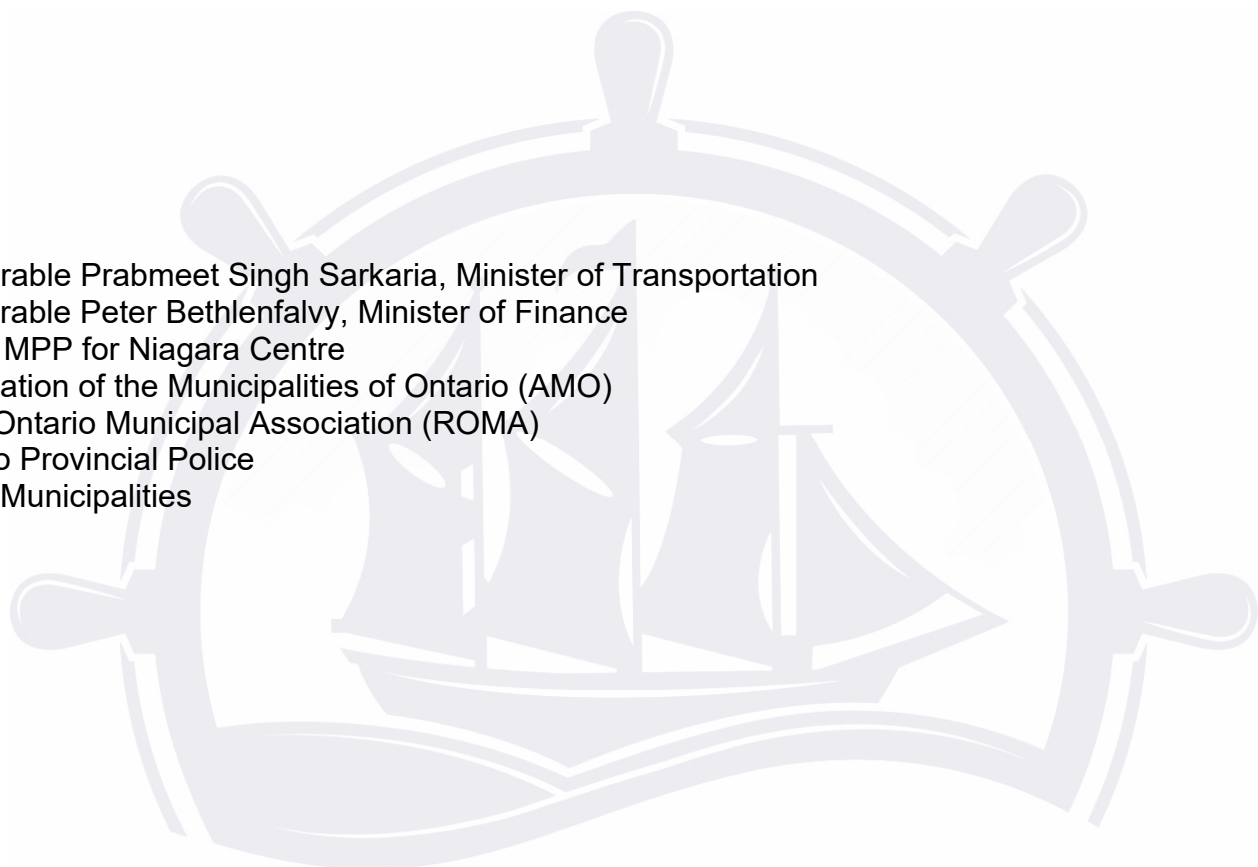
Please be advised that, at its meeting of August 11, 2026, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Jeff Burch, MPP for Niagara Centre
The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
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MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 265-26

Date: Jul 21, 2026

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Resolution from the Town of Whitby regarding a Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

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

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 1X8

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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September 1, 2026

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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their August 10, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

328-2026

Moved By: Jim Dietrich

Seconded by: Ted Oke

That South Huron Council supports the Huron OPP Detachment Board's July 20, 2026 Supporting Resolution 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 Huron OPP Detachment Board and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson, Administrative Assistant
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Encl.

cc:

Premier Ford, doug.fordco@pc.ola.org; Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org; Minister of Transportation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister.mto@ontario.ca; MP Ben Lobb, ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca; MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO resolutions@amo.on.ca; ROMA, roma@roma.on.ca; Huron OPP Detachment Board, kwebster@southhuron.ca and all municipalities in Ontario.



July 21, 2026

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

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**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,

Kendra Webster
Administrator (Municipality of South Huron)
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cc:

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Village of Sundridge Council Resolution
August 19, 2026
Item (9.8)

Clearview Township – Resolution re Public Sector Salary Disclosure Inflation Adjustments
(originally appeared as Item 7 (E.3))

Resolution #2026-196

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

THAT The Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receive the Resolution from the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Clearview regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure Inflation Adjustments;

AND THAT The Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge supports the Corporation of the Township of Clearview in their request that the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be amended to reflect the impact of inflation on the \$100,000 salary threshold for reporting, by either adding wording to reflect annual adjustments related to the consumer price index (CPI) or providing an adjusted salary of \$150,000;

AND THAT the threshold continue to be amended annually based on the consumer price index;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier; Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; all MPP's; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

August 28, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford
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Re: Elimination of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF)

At its meeting of August 20, 2026, Council considered the Notice of Motion from Councillor Giddings regarding the Elimination of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF) and passed the following motion:

Motion No. THC-260820-21

Moved by Councillor Daniel Giddings
Seconded by Councillor Gene Brahaney

Whereas the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) eliminated the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF), effective June 16, 2026, ending a long-standing cost relief program that assisted employers where pre-existing conditions contributed to the cost or duration of workplace injury claims; and

Whereas municipalities are significant employers of workers performing physically demanding duties and may experience increased WSIB costs as a result of the elimination of SIEF; and

Whereas the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund was established to provide cost relief to employers when pre-existing conditions significantly contributed to workplace injury claims, thereby encouraging employers to hire and retain workers with disabilities and pre-existing medical conditions; and

Whereas the Workplace Safety and Insurance system was established to provide a fair and balanced insurance system that protects both workers and employers; and

Whereas increased workplace insurance costs have the potential to place additional financial pressures on municipal operating budgets and property taxpayers;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board review the impacts of eliminating the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF) consult with employers, municipalities, labour representatives and other stakeholders, and consider modernizing or revising the program rather than eliminating employer cost relief altogether, including by modernizing, revising or replacing the current program with an improved cost-relief mechanism that continues to fairly recognize the impact of pre-existing conditions.

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills;
- Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South;
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- All Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario;
- the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board;
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC);
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce;
- Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB);
- Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA);
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA);
- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM);
- Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO);
- Local Members of Parliament (for awareness);
- Local Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce;
- Northumberland County; and
- all Ontario municipalities, requesting their consideration and support.

Carried.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Polley', written in a cursive style.

Jessica Polley
Clerk