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Township of Georgian Bay

Minutes

Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee

3:00 PM - Monday, August 24, 2026

99 Lone Pine Road, Port Severn Ontario



Present: Chair Chris Fellows
Member Brian Bochek
Member Lyndsey Jordan
Member Penny Middleton
Member Stephanie Armstrong
Member Steven Predko
Member Trish Thornton
Mayor Peter Koetsier, Ex-Officio

Absent: Member Kristian Graziano
Member Michael Didur

Staff Present: Greg Mariotti, Chief Administrative Officer
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

3:06 p.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 July 29, 2026 Minutes

RMAC-2026-008

Moved by Member Penny Middleton

Seconded by Member Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee approves the minutes of July 29, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Open Forum

Nil.

7. Staff Reports

- (a) MacTier Baseball Field Upgrades
Operations - Parks & Facilities 2026-167

M. Engel presented the MacTier Baseball Field Upgrades report, outlining options to either maintain a dedicated ball diamond or transition the site to a multi-use sports field. She noted that the 2026 Capital Budget includes \$40,000 for replacement of the existing backstop and that a multi-use field could accommodate a broader range of sports, recreational programming, and community events. Staff sought input from the Committee regarding the preferred option before determining the full cost implications.

The Committee discussed opportunities to gather community feedback on the proposed upgrades. It was suggested that a dedicated webpage be created and linked through the Refresh MacTier webpage to provide information and an opportunity for residents to submit feedback. Staff noted that available resources do not support holding a town hall meeting for every new initiative or item arising in MacTier and that online engagement could provide a practical way to seek broader community input.

RMAC-2026-009**Moved by** Member Steven Predko**Seconded by** Member Penny Middleton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee receive the report regarding the MacTier Ball Diamond upgrade options.

CARRIED

- (b) Light Up the Caboose
Sustainability & Communications 2026-166

T. Walton presented the Light Up the Caboose report, outlining a proposed seasonal initiative to decorate MacTier's historic caboose with holiday lighting and create a community celebration in conjunction with the CPKC Holiday Train. She noted that the initiative is intended to celebrate MacTier's railway heritage, encourage community pride and giving, support local businesses, and establish a reusable annual holiday tradition.

T. Walton advised that \$1,000 has been approved in the 2026 Operating Budget for the initiative and that volunteers would be needed to assist with decorating and hosting the event. Proposed activities include a ceremonial lighting countdown, holiday music and refreshments, a food bank donation opportunity, and a family photo location.

M. Engel suggested that T. Walton reach out to Chad and members of the volunteer fire department to determine their availability to assist with decorating and other volunteer needs for the event.

RMAC-2026-010**Moved by** Member Trish Thornton**Seconded by** Member Penny Middleton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee receive the Light Up the Caboose report for information.

CARRIED

8. New Business

- (a) Mosquito Lake – Potential Renaming

S. Levesque provided an overview of the process and considerations associated with renaming Mosquito Lake, noting that it is an officially recognized geographic name and that any change would require research, consultation, staff resources, and ultimately provincial approval.

S. Levesque suggested that the Committee not advance the item at this time and that, should there be interest in pursuing a name change in the future, additional research and justification be brought forward for consideration.

The Committee agreed not to advance the matter at this time.

(b) Advertising and Sponsorship Opportunities

J. Schnier advised that the Township's Advertising Policy is currently under review by the Senior Management Team and, once finalized and approved, will be made publicly available on the Township's website.

(c) Councillor Updates Regarding MacTier Matters

The Committee discussed the flow of information regarding municipal projects and initiatives affecting MacTier and the importance of providing timely updates to assist in keeping the community informed. S. Predko advised that he would continue adding interested residents to his email distribution list to assist with sharing information.

Staff advised that efforts would continue to keep the community informed through the Township's social media and other communication channels. It was also suggested that important or timely matters be pinned to the top of the MacTier Matters page to make information easier for residents to locate.

M. Engel provided an update on upcoming infrastructure work in MacTier, advising that sidewalk work is anticipated for mid to late September and that streetlight replacement is currently scheduled for November. In response to a question regarding accessibility, M. Engel confirmed that the sidewalk work would meet applicable accessibility requirements.

(d) MacTier Playground Barriers

The Committee commented on the appearance of the concrete block barriers at the new MacTier playground and expressed a preference for a more visually appealing alternative. M. Engel advised that the barriers are required for safety purposes and that there are plans to have them painted to improve their appearance.

The Committee also discussed accessibility at the new playground. M. Engel advised that, during development of the park, community feedback was sought regarding specific accessibility needs; however, no requests were received. She noted that she remains open to feedback and will consider adjustments, where feasible, to address identified accessibility needs.

(e) MacTier Arena Water Supply

The Committee asked whether the water supply would remain operational throughout the winter. M. Engel advised that the water main break experienced last winter was an unforeseen occurrence and confirmed that the water supply is intended to remain operational throughout the winter.

(f) Volunteer Appreciation Event

The Committee discussed the importance of recognizing and celebrating volunteers for their hard work, dedication, and contributions to the community.

RMAC-2026-011

Moved by Member Trish Thornton

Seconded by Member Penny Middleton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee recommends to Council that, beginning in 2027 with the new term of Council, the Township host an annual Township-wide Volunteer Appreciation Day to recognize and celebrate the contributions of volunteers throughout the Township of Georgian Bay; and

THAT members of Council be involved in the event and participate in recognizing the contributions of volunteers from across the Township; and

THAT funding for the Volunteer Appreciation Day be considered as part of the 2027 Budget; and

THAT staff be directed to coordinate the date, format, location, and associated arrangements for the event.

CARRIED

(g) Committee Responsibilities and Community Engagement

K. Way provided an overview of how Committee members can access meeting materials and outlined the process for bringing forward New Business items for inclusion on future agendas.

9. Adjournment

(a) Adjournment of August 24, 2026 Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee

RMAC-2026-012

Moved by Member Trish Thornton

Seconded by Member Brian Bochek

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 24, 2026 Refresh MacTier Advisory Committee now adjourns at 4:30 p.m. until September 28, 2026 or the call of the chair.

CARRIED



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The Corporation of the Town of Aylmer
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September 22, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Delivered via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at their Regular Meeting on September 16, 2026, Council of the Town of Aylmer adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. 200-26

Moved by Councillor Desrosiers and seconded by Councillor Rauhe:

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer receive the correspondence from the Town of Ingersoll, Town of Plympton-Wyoming, and Prince Edward County regarding Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax; and,

That Council support the resolution regarding Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax; and,

That the resolution be forwarded to other municipalities in Ontario, Elgin-Middlesex-London MPP and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack, all relevant ministries and the provincial government.

CARRIED

Regards,

Owen Jaggard
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Andrew Lawton, Member of Parliament for Elgin-St. Thomas-London South
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All municipalities in Ontario

May 18, 2026

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

RESOLUTION NO. **2026-207**

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Braney**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Engelsdorfer**

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Braney, Councillor Engelsdorfer





The Municipality of the
VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

Moved By: RB Date: September 15, 2026

Seconded By: NK Resolution # 2026- 256

Be it resolved;

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS the Village of Burk's Falls contribution to library services has increased from \$11,788.00 in 2001 to \$64,738 in 2026, placing an increasing financial burden on municipal taxpayers;

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

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

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

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

Recorded Vote requested by: _____

Ryan Baptiste	for / opposed
Ashley Brandt	for / opposed
Sean Cotton	for / opposed
Chris Hope	for / opposed
Nancy Kyte	for / opposed

X
Carried

Defeated

Deferred

Pecuniary Interest declared by:

[Signature]
Mayor

September 15, 2026

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

The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria,
Minister of Transportation
minister.mto@ontario.ca

Re: Establish Regulatory Framework for e-Scooters

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on September 14, 2026 supported the following resolution from the Town of Parry Sound regarding the above noted matter;

WHEREAS electric kick-style scooters (e-scooters) have become an increasingly popular and affordable form of transportation in Chatham-Kent and across Ontario; and

WHEREAS e-scooters can provide an accessible, low-emission transportation option and help address transportation needs in communities such as Chatham-Kent that do not have conventional public transit; and

WHEREAS Ontario's current e-scooter pilot program places responsibility on individual municipalities to determine how e-scooters may operate locally, creating administrative and enforcement challenges, particularly for smaller municipalities with limited resources; and

WHEREAS the continued use of a pilot framework has resulted in uncertainty and inconsistent approaches to e-scooter regulation across the Province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent requests that the Province of Ontario establish a province-wide regulatory framework for e-scooters that recognizes their unique operating characteristics, maintains appropriate safety standards, and provides municipalities with authority to address local needs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent requests the support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) in advocating for a framework that reduces unnecessary administrative and enforcement burdens on local municipalities; and

FI NALLY BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Local MPPs, and all municipalities across Ontario.

Sincerely,

Judy Shantz, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Local MPPs
Ontario Municipalities

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September 28, 2026

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

Re: Township of East Zorra-Tavistock Resolution - Review of OLT and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at their regular meeting on September 16, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock adopted the following resolution:

Moved by: Jeremy Smith
Seconded by: Scott Rudy

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

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

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

CARRIED

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

Kind regards,

Ashley Gerencser
Deputy Clerk

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

August 13, 2026

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

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

Dear Premier Ford,

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

Resolution # 2026-230

Moved by Councillor Eus; seconded by Councillor Bowman

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

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

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

CARRIED

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

Kind regards,

Julie Clayton

Julie Clayton
Deputy Clerk

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



The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

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

Moved by: Councillor Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

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

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

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

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

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

June 25, 2026

Via Email

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

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

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

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



Kathryn Douglas
Supervisor, Legislative Services
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Hamilton

September 24, 2026

Re: Request for the Expansion of Ontario's Deposit-Return Program

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, passed the following resolution that was included in the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting from August 31, 2026:

10.2 Request for the Expansion of Ontario's Deposit-Return Program

(Cassar/Hwang)

WHEREAS, Ontario operates a successful deposit-return system for alcohol, seeing an average of 75 percent of all empties returned to Beer Stores each year, and deposit-return provides a consumer incentive to consciously recycle;

WHEREAS, Ontario has the lowest beverage container recovery rate in Canada—at roughly 50% of containers being recycled, and is one of only two provinces in Canada without a deposit-return program for non-alcoholic beverages;

WHEREAS, on average these systems in other provinces achieve a recovery rate of 75% for plastic bottles and 78% for all beverage containers, with Alberta achieving 83% recovery;

WHEREAS, Ontario relies on a residential-only blue box system to collect non-alcoholic containers;

WHEREAS, as much as 30% of beverage products that consumers purchase are consumed away from home and therefore disposed of in public and commercial trash bins and then sent to landfill where those valuable materials are lost;

WHEREAS, according to the Canadian Beverage Association (CBA), recent polling suggests 80% of Ontarians want a deposit-return system and the Ontario government proposed expanding the deposit return program to include non-alcoholic containers in 2023;

WHEREAS, not only do deposit-return systems have high return rates for consumers at home, they also retrieve beverage containers from industrial, commercial and institutional sectors who are incentivized to redeem the deposit value;

WHEREAS, Ontario is uniquely positioned to accelerate the modernization of beverage container recycling since a deposit-return program for alcohol containers, managed by the Beer Store, already exists and could be leveraged for this purpose;

WHEREAS, time is of the essence as Beer Stores are closing, reducing accessibility to locations already outfitted to return beverage containers, and diminishing collection capacity;

WHEREAS, the Government has set 2030 recovery targets, as outlined in Ontario Regulation 391/21 under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016. These targets include an 80% recovery target for non-alcoholic beverage containers;

WHEREAS, without a deposit-return system, the increased costs to producers could be passed on to consumers;

WHEREAS, AMO "supports broader industry efforts to increase waste diversion rates. This includes industry efforts to establish a model for an expanded and more effective Deposit Return System that includes non-alcoholic beverage containers. A workable solution to reform the existing Deposit Return System will help boost the province's beverage recovery rate and support overall diversion of recycling materials away from landfills.";

WHEREAS, the Canadian Beverage Association is in full support of a deposit-return system because according to the CBA the transition to Circular Materials has not resulted in an increase in materials being recycled, and a deposit-return system promotes higher recycling rates, reduces litter and environmental impact, and helps ensure valuable beverage containers are collected, recycled, and reintegrated into a circular economy; and

WHEREAS, Peel Region, City of Toronto, City of Ottawa, the City of Waterloo and Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (of which Hamilton is a member) have passed recent motions supporting deposit-return for non-alcoholic beverages.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Corporation of the City of Hamilton urges the province of Ontario to immediately implement a deposit-return program to manage non-alcoholic beverage containers; and
- (b) That this resolution will **be distributed** to: the Canadian Minister of Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy, Dominic LeBlanc, the Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Julie Dabrusin, the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Victor Fedeli; the Ontario Minister of the Environment,

Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, Hamilton-area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Trennum', with a stylized, cursive script.

Matthew Trennum
City Clerk

Cc. Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy
Hon. Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Jeff Beattie, MPP, Hamilton East - Stoney Creek
Robin Lennox, MPP, Hamilton Centre
Monica Ciriello, MPP, Hamilton Mountain
Donna Skelly, MPP, Flamborough - Glanbrook
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities
Councillor Craig Cassar
Councillor Tammy Hwang

From: Lakeland Holding <marketing@lakelandnetworks.com>

Sent: September 23, 2026 1:13 PM

To: Info <info@gbtownship.ca>

Subject: Lakeland Buying Canadian



PRESS RELEASE | For Immediate Release

Date: Sept 23, 2026

Lakeland Walks the Talk on Buying Canadian, Keeping Nearly All Procurement Dollars at Home

Lakeland companies keep the vast majority of its purchasing dollars in Canada

MUSKOKA, ON – At a time when many Canadians are making a conscious effort to support domestic businesses, Lakeland Holding Ltd. is demonstrating that commitment through its own purchasing practices, with the vast majority of procurement dollars staying in Canada and most spending occurring in Ontario.

A recent review of vendor spending found that Lakeland Power sourced 100 per cent of its 2026 purchases from Canadian suppliers, while Bracebridge Generation and Lakeland Solutions sourced 99.4 per cent, Lakeland Energy (includes Lakeland Networks) sourced 87 per cent, and Lakeland Holding sourced 98 per cent from Canadian businesses. Ontario companies received the largest share of spending across the organization.

"People want to know where their dollars are going, and we're proud to say that almost all of our spending stays in Canada," said Chris Litschko, CEO of Lakeland Holding Ltd. "Every dollar spent with a Canadian supplier helps support jobs, businesses, and economic growth in our communities and across the country."

The results reflect Lakeland's *Canadian Pride Purchasing Policy*, which prioritizes Canadian-made products and services whenever practical while maintaining high standards for quality, reliability, sustainability, and value.

While Lakeland actively seeks Canadian suppliers whenever feasible, most spending outside Canada is associated with specialized software, cybersecurity tools, and technology platforms

required to operate modern utility, telecommunications, and generation infrastructure. In many cases, suitable Canadian alternatives are not currently available.

"Whenever a Canadian option exists, we actively look for it," added Litschko. "Our goal is to support Canadian businesses wherever possible while ensuring our customers continue to receive safe, reliable, and secure services."

As a municipally owned company serving Muskoka, Parry Sound, and surrounding communities, Lakeland believes supporting Canadian suppliers is an important way to strengthen the economy while continuing to deliver reliable electricity, energy, generation, and telecommunications services. Through thoughtful procurement decisions, the company continues to create value for customers, communities, and municipal shareholders.

About Lakeland Holding Ltd.

Lakeland Holding Ltd. and its group of companies provide essential electricity, energy, generation, and telecommunications services across the Districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka, Parry Sound, and surrounding communities.

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From: Frank Moeckel
Sent: September 23, 2026 1:58 PM
To: Clerks <clerks@gbtownship.ca>
Subject: Request to Council - ZBA Fee Reduction for Consent B26-15

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Zoning By-law Amendment application fee associated with Consent Application B26-15 for 177 High Street be reduced to \$950.

The ZBA is required solely as a condition of the approved severance and is limited to establishing the 30 metre wetland setback identified through the RiverStone Environmental Impact Study. It is not a new development proposal or broader rezoning request.

The planning and environmental matters have already been reviewed through the consent process, including the EIS, environmental peer review, revisions, staff review, and consideration by the Committee of Adjustment. Planning staff have also confirmed that no additional pre-application consultation or Planning Justification Report is required for this ZBA. Pasted text

Previous Township ZBA materials specifically identified a \$950 fee for a "Zoning By-law Amendment as a Condition of Consent." Given that my application falls directly within that type of amendment, and considering its very limited scope and the work already completed through B26-15, I respectfully ask Council to exercise its discretion to apply that same reduced fee in this instance.

I have already paid the applicable consent application fee and deposit, and the consent approval also requires 5% cash-in-lieu of parkland and payment of any applicable third-party costs. I understand these are separate requirements, but I hope Council will consider the overall context and proportionality of the ZBA fee in this case. Notice of Decision - Consent B2...

I am only requesting a reduction of the Township's ZBA application fee and am not seeking any reduction in legitimate third-party costs or disbursements.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Frank Moeckel



**Committee of Adjustment
Notice of Decision for Consent**

Section 53, Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13.

Consent Application:	B26-15
Property Address:	177 High Street
Roll Number:	446501000504000
Legal Description:	Part Lot 3, Concession 6, being Part 1, Plan 35R-2780, Freeman

Decision:

In consideration of all written and oral submissions made relating to the subject consent, the application B26-15 is **approved** subject to conditions.

Purpose of the Application:

To create 1 (one) new residential lot by severing the subject lands, resulting in the following lot configurations:

	Lands to be Severed	Lands to be Retained
Lot Frontage	20.1 m (65.9 ft.)	235.9 m (774 ft.)
Lot Area	6070 m ² (1.5 acres)	20.1 ha. (50 acres)

Approved Resolution of the Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Georgian Bay Committee of Adjustment hereby grants provisional approval of Consent Application B26-15 to create 1 new residential lot having an area of 6,070 square metres and a lot frontage of 20.1 metres, subject to the following conditions:

1. THAT the Clerk of the Township provide written confirmation that a Zoning By-law Amendment is in force and effect requiring a minimum setback of 30m from the wetland as illustrated in and recommended by the Environmental Impact Study prepared by RiverStone Environmental Solutions Inc.
2. THAT a Consent Agreement be entered into with the Township of Georgian Bay and registered on the title to ensure the implementation and adherence to the mitigation measures included in the Environmental Impact Study prepared by RiverStone Environmental Solutions Inc., to the satisfaction of the Township.
3. THAT the Owner enters into an Agreement with the District of Muskoka, if deemed necessary by the District, to satisfy all the requirements, financial or otherwise of the District, which may include, but shall not be limited to, the locations of water wells, provision of roads, installation of services, facilities, drainage and the timing and payment of a development charge.
4. THAT the Owner provide a property tax certificate or, correspondence from Township Financial Services, indicating that all property taxes have been paid up-to-date with respect to the properties subject to this Decision.
5. THAT the Owner pay 5% in lieu of parkland dedication for the severed land in accordance with Section 51.1(3) of the *Planning Act* to the Township of Georgian Bay. The Township shall retain an appraiser at the applicant's expense, or the applicant may retain an appraiser with an

AACI, CRA or DAR designation, to prepare the appraisal based on the land value of the severed lands as of the day before the day of the approval of the provisional Consent Decision.

- 6. THAT a draft Reference Plan be completed by an Ontario Land Surveyor (OLS), and a digital copy (pdf) filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment.
- 7. THAT a copy of the deposited Reference Plan (R-Plan) be provided to the Secretary-Treasurer.
- 8. THAT a draft transfer be prepared by a Solicitor and submitted to the Secretary Treasurer, in preparation for the creation of the Certificate of Official, describing the parcel(s) created by consent.
- 9. THAT all fees and disbursements (legal, engineering, planning), if any, incurred by the Township with respect to the applications be paid for by the respective owners.

Pursuant to Section 53(42) of the Planning Act, the 'Certificate of Consent' be affixed to the deed within two years of the giving of the Notice of Decision.

Section 53(43) of the Planning Act requires that the transaction approved by this consent must be carried out within two years of the issuance of the certificate (i.e., stamping of the deed).

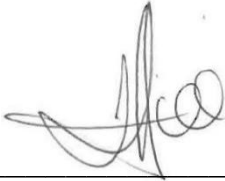
Appeals:

The above decision and/or conditions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT") by the applicant, the Minister or a specified person or public body.

The last day of filing an appeal is the 8th day of October 2026

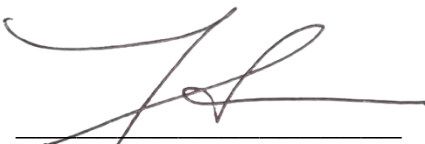
A "Notice of Appeal" may be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Township of Georgian Bay or via the Ontario Land Tribunal e-file service (first-time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account) at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service> by selecting Township of Georgian Bay as the Approval Authority or by mail. The appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal and be accompanied by the fee required by the Ontario Land Tribunal payable to the Minister of Finance.

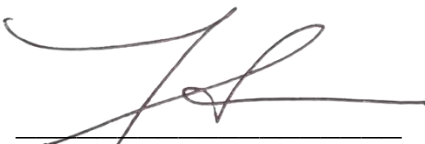
The following members, in the majority, concurred with the Decision:


Chair Tom Hill


Member David Matthews


Member Stephen Jarvis


Member Louise Rivett


Member Tony Schmidt

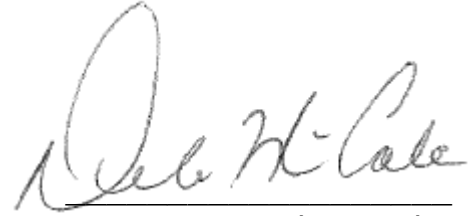

Member Steven Pred


Member Allan Hazelton

Certification:

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Decision of the Committee of Adjustment with respect to the application recorded herein.

Dated at the Township of Georgian Bay this 18th day of September 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deb McCabe", written over a horizontal line.

Deb McCabe
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 – 110

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: September 15, 2026

Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
Councillor **B. KEITH**
Councillor **D. McCANN**
Councillor **C. McDONALD**
Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: DEFEATED: Postponed to:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound supports the Township of Tudor & Casher's resolution regarding a request for review of extended producer responsibility for one-pound single-use propane cylinders; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey

September 22, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Province of Ontario
The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health, Government of Canada
The Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response and
MPP for Simcoe North
Adam Chambers, MP for Simcoe North

**Re: Support for Continued Research, Clinical Guidance, and Access to Care for
Individuals Experiencing Persistent Lyme-Related Illness**

At its meeting held on September 14, 2026, the Council of the Township of Ramara adopted the following resolution regarding persistent Lyme-related illness and access to care. Council respectfully requests your consideration and support of this resolution.

Resolution Number CR.221.2026

Moved by Jennifer Fisher

Seconded by Joe Gough

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a growing public health concern in Ontario and across Canada due to the expanding range of tick populations and increasing incidence of tick-borne illnesses;

AND WHEREAS early diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease are essential to reducing the risk of long-term health complications;

AND WHEREAS some individuals continue to experience persistent, debilitating symptoms following recommended treatment for Lyme disease, significantly affecting their quality of life, ability to work, and overall well-being;

AND WHEREAS Lyme disease is recognized and insured under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP), but Canada has not adopted a nationally accepted clinical definition of "chronic Lyme disease," and current Canadian clinical guidance instead recognizes Post-Treatment Lyme Disease Syndrome (PTLDS);

AND WHEREAS the absence of a nationally accepted definition for persistent Lyme-related illness may contribute to inconsistencies in diagnosis, treatment options, physician education, access to care, and publicly funded services for affected patients;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have an interest in advocating for equitable access to healthcare services that improve the health and well-being of their residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ramara calls upon the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to collaborate with medical experts, researchers, healthcare providers, and patient representatives to:

- Continue research into persistent symptoms following Lyme disease and emerging evidence related to long-term outcomes;
- Review existing clinical guidance as new scientific evidence becomes available;
- Enhance physician education and awareness regarding the diagnosis and management of patients experiencing persistent Lyme-related symptoms;
- Improve access to multidisciplinary assessment and care for individuals experiencing ongoing symptoms following Lyme disease; and
- Review current funding policies and access to medically necessary diagnostics and treatments, where supported by emerging evidence and best clinical practice;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests the Province of Ontario advocate to the Government of Canada for continued national leadership in developing evidence-informed guidance on persistent Lyme-related illness;

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

- Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Province of Ontario;
- Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health, Government of Canada;
- Public Health Agency of Canada;
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
- Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response and MPP for Simcoe North;
- Adam Chambers, MP for Simcoe North; and
- All Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED.

The Township of Ramara respectfully requests your support for this resolution.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Harrington
Assistant Clerk

Cc. Public Health Agency of Canada
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Bcc. All Ontario Municipalities

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September 17, 2026

Re: Support for Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Beyond 2026

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held on September 16, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate approved the following:

No. 2026-344

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Be it resolved that Staff Report CAO2026-022 be received for information; and

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 Southgate 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.

Carried

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110, ext 233.

Sincerely,

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Holly Malynyk, Deputy Clerk
Township of Southgate

Encl: MFOA Letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) be made permanent

CC:

Hon. Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
All 444 Municipalities in Ontario

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Acting Minister of Infrastructure
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

June 25, 2026

Dear Minister McCarthy,

RE: Making permanent the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation

I am writing on behalf of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario, and the municipalities it serves, to request that the Government of Ontario make permanent the five-year doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200 million/year to \$400 million/year in advance of the 2027 OCIF allocation calculations.

The Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) is the professional association of municipal finance officers with more than 2,300 individual members. We represent individuals who are responsible for handling the financial affairs of municipalities and who are key advisors to councils. MFOA is a strong advocate for best practices that encourage long-term fiscal sustainability, including long-term financial planning and asset management planning.

In recent years, governments at all levels have reoriented their priorities to address the ongoing housing crisis, with heightened attention on growth-related infrastructure and increasing housing production. Application-based or incentive-based funding programs for municipalities have placed greater emphasis on growth-related or housing-enabling capital projects (e.g., Development Charge Reduction Program, Building Communities Strong Fund – Community Stream, Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, Building Faster Fund). OCIF remains one of the few federal or provincial funding programs where the focus remains primarily on the preservation and renewal of existing infrastructure to maintain or improve municipal service levels.

With support from the Government of Ontario and MFOA, municipalities have made significant improvements to their municipal asset management plans and programs. The Government of Ontario introduced O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) in late 2017, which provided a standard framework for infrastructure planning. To support the transition to O. Reg. 588/17, MFOA has partnered with the Government of Ontario on many asset management initiatives, including guides, workshops, direct consulting support and other resources. As a result of these and significant municipal efforts, most municipalities in Ontario have an asset management inventory that identifies their infrastructure assets, including conditions, replacement costs and renewal schedules of those assets.

By leveraging municipal asset management plans in 2020, the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario estimated the state-of-good-repair backlog to be \$52.1 billion for core municipal infrastructure. That is an estimated cost of restoring such infrastructure to a 'good' condition. The report notably focused primarily on core assets and thus likely understated the full extent of the backlog. Addressing this should not be a priority that falls by the wayside due to an increased focus on growth-related capital projects by other funding programs. OCIF's flexible design provides municipalities with the opportunity to fund asset management staff, which can improve data and analysis quality, and it provides a critical means by which municipalities address the infrastructure funding challenges identified in their asset management plans.

In 2021, the Government of Ontario doubled OCIF for a five-year period. Minister Surma, in announcing that initiative, commented that the Government of Ontario was "providing stability and predictability to small, rural and northern communities as they repair, upgrade and modernize their critical infrastructure so that they are safer, healthier and more reliable for all." And Minister Bethlenfalvy said that "by nearly doubling our investment in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, our government is supporting public safety, job creation and economic growth." In the current climate of geopolitical uncertainty, tariffs and the resulting economic shocks and instability, the need to provide municipalities predictability and to preserve and enhance the economic activity and benefits provided by well-supported and well-maintained municipal infrastructure is as imperative as it was in 2021.

We have also heard from our members on this matter. Municipalities outside of high-growth regions have expressed concern about the diminishing level of grant funding opportunities for municipalities trying to preserve the economic value of their existing infrastructure. Additionally, while growing municipalities have made significant efforts to emplace new, housing-enabling infrastructure, which has been rewarded through the Building Faster Fund, many of their state-of-good-repair capital plans remain underfunded. To maximize the economic potential of federal and provincial investment in infrastructure, all orders of government must work together to preserve service levels and the public value of existing infrastructure, and permanently doubling OCIF to \$400 million/year will especially help small and rural municipalities preserve that economic foundation throughout Ontario.

By adopting a Team Ontario approach during recent and ongoing economic challenges, we have seen how significant progress can be made when municipalities and the provincial government work together to achieve a common goal. Should you wish to follow up on this letter, please contact MFOA Executive Director, Donna Herridge (donna@mfoa.on.ca).

Sincerely,



Dr. Adam Found, Ph.D., PLE
President and Chair

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

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September 17, 2026

**Re: Support - Town of Parry Sound – Request for Province to Establish
Regulatory Framework for E-Scooters**

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held on September 16, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate approved the following:

No. 2026-346

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Southgate Council receive for information the correspondence from the Town of Parry Sound regarding the establishment of a regularly framework to govern e-scooters; and

That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Bruce-Grey Owen Sound MPP Paul Vickers, and Ontario municipalities.

Carried

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110, ext 233.

Sincerely,

Holly Malynyk, Deputy Clerk
Township of Southgate

Encl: Town of Parry Sound – Request Province Establish Regulatory Framework for E-scooters

CC:

AMO

ROMA

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. Steven MacKinnon, The Minister of Transportation

Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka

Paul Vickers, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

All 444 Municipalities in Ontario

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 –

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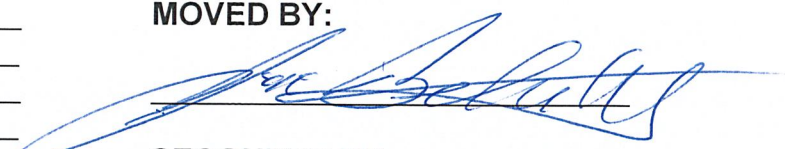
YES NO

DATE: September 1, 2026

Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
Councillor **B. KEITH**
Councillor **D. McCANN**
Councillor **C. McDONALD**
Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

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MOVED BY:



SECONDED BY:



CARRIED: ✓ **DEFEATED:** _____ **Postponed to:** _____

WHEREAS electric kick-style scooters (e-scooters) have become an increasingly popular and affordable form of transportation in Parry Sound and across Ontario; and

WHEREAS e-scooters can provide an accessible, low-emission transportation option and help address transportation needs in communities such as Parry Sound that do not have conventional public transit; and

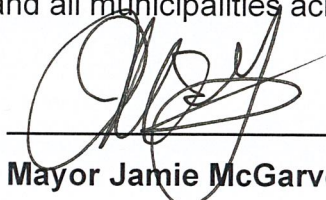
WHEREAS Ontario's current e-scooter pilot program places responsibility on individual municipalities to determine how e-scooters may operate locally, creating administrative and enforcement challenges, particularly for smaller municipalities with limited resources; and

WHEREAS the continued use of a pilot framework has resulted in uncertainty and inconsistent approaches to e-scooter regulation across the Province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound requests that the Province of Ontario establish a province-wide regulatory framework for e-scooters that recognizes their unique operating characteristics, maintains appropriate safety standards, and provides municipalities with authority to address local needs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parry Sound requests the support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) in advocating for a framework that reduces unnecessary administrative and enforcement burdens on local municipalities; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Parry Sound–Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith, and all municipalities across Ontario.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey

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September 3, 2026

**Re: Clearview Township – Support Resolution – Request for Traffic Calming
and Speeding Mitigation Techniques**

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held on September 2, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate approved the following:

No. 2026-317

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Southgate lend its support to the correspondence from Clearview Council Support Resolution – Request for Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques; and

That the resolution of support be circulated to those already included in the original resolution as well as MPP Paul Vickers.

Carried

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110, ext 233.

Sincerely,

Holly Malynyk, Deputy Clerk
Township of Southgate

Encl: Clearview Township – Support Resolution - Request for Traffic Calming and
Speeding Mitigation Techniques

CC:

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. Steven MacKinnon, The Minister of Transportation

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, The Minister of Finance

Paul Vickers, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

Brian Saunderson, MPP, Simcoe-Grey

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July 28, 2026

Premier Doug Ford
Premiers Office, Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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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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