



MAYORAL DIRECTION

MDI 2026-01

Direction to Prepare a Staff Report to Council on AI Data Centres

Authority: Part VI.1 (Special Powers and Duties of Head of Council) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, R.S.O. 2001, Section 284.3 and Section 284.4 (Direction to Employees) the Mayor may direct staff to:

- a) undertake research and provide advice to the head of council and the municipality on policies and programs of the municipality or of the head of council as they relate to the powers and duties under this Part; and
- b) carry out duties related to the exercise of the power or performance of the duty, including implementing any decisions made by the head of council under this Part

With the servicing of the Forest Industrial Park underway, and the concerns from neighbouring municipalities that have put restrictions on AI data centres in their communities, I, Doug Cook, direct staff bring a report to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting regarding the steps to take to prevent AI data centres on municipally owned property.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2026.



MAYOR - Doug Cook