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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Chiocchio and Welland City Council

FROM: Julianne Brunet, Chief Executive Offer,
Welland Public Library

DATE: November 18, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 Ontario Library Service Award Nomination

The Welland Public Library Board is pleased to announce that the C.A.N.A.L Cruiser Community Outreach Vehicle has been shortlisted for the 2026 Angus Mowat Award.

As part of the Ontario Public Library Service awards conferred annually by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, the Angus Mowat award recognizes a commitment to excellence in the delivery of public library service.

The C.A.N.A.L Cruiser mobile service delivery vehicle prioritizes convenient, community access to library resources, technology, programming, and essential services. The vehicle visits community events, neighbourhood gatherings, retirement residences, schools, daycares, parks, social service organizations, and local businesses to reduce barriers to library access and promote the library to underrepresented groups and lapsed users.

In its first two months of operation, the C.A.N.A.L Cruiser made 39 stops and welcomed 1,745 patrons on board. These patrons borrowed 201 items and used an impressive 525 items on site during visits. 1,489 questions were answered by Staff, which provided a wonderful opportunity to promote the library to new users. Further, the C.A.N.A.L Cruiser Crew used these opportunities to boost membership as many new cards were created and renewed. 96 users connected to the free on-board Wi-Fi during stops, and the circulating laptops were constantly in use, which helped to bridge the digital divide in the community. Further, Staff facilitated over 39 programs from the Bookmobile that engaged and delighted 1,328 community members of all ages and demographics in a variety of outdoor and literacy-based activities.

Over the summer, the C.A.N.A.L Cruiser supported the rapidly growing and evolving Welland Public Library system by positively contributing to increasing key performance metrics. From June – August 2026, WPL experienced:

- 26.5% increase in program offerings (591)
- 19.92% increase in program participation/attendance (15,610)
- 21.14% increase in physical materials circulation (67,628)
- 11.11% increase in in-person library visits (56,422)
- 33.63% increase reference transactions (11,869)
- 13.92% increase in new library memberships (1,031) and an over 50% (2,500+) increase to renewed memberships

The winning libraries will be announced at the Awards Gala at the Ontario Library Association Super Conference on January 28, 2027.

In 2025, the Welland Public Library won this award (in the medium library category), for its Proactive Mailout Initiative.

Office of the Clerk
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November 17, 2026

Via email: ksullivan@stcatharines.ca

City of St. Catharines
50 Church Street
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Re: City of St. Catharines Electricity Bill Relief for Flood Affected Residents

At their regular meeting held on November 4, 2026, Council of the Town of Pelham received correspondence from the City of St. Catharines relating to electricity bill relief for flood affected residents, and endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive correspondence from the City of St. Catharines requesting electricity bill relief for flood affected residents, for information;

AND THAT Council support and endorse the correspondence from the City of St. Catharines;

AND THAT the Clerk hereby be directed to circulate the support letter to the area Clerks and to the Hydro Companies.

On behalf of Council of the Town of Pelham, thank you for your correspondence.

Yours very truly,

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: NO. 176-26

SECONDED BY: DATE: November 9th, 2026

WHEREAS the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* requires Ontario municipalities to prepare and adopt Community Safety and Well-Being Plans; and

WHEREAS *Ontario Regulation 414/23* requires municipal councils to review and, where appropriate, revise their Community Safety and Well-Being Plans within four years of adoption and every four years thereafter, thereby creating an ongoing legislative planning obligation for municipalities; and

WHEREAS meaningful review and revision of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans require municipalities to undertake activities such as data collection and analysis, community and stakeholder engagement, priority setting, multi-sector collaboration, and the development of strategies to address identified community risks; and

WHEREAS the effectiveness of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans ultimately depends on municipalities and their community partners having sufficient resources not only to develop and periodically revise the plans but also to implement the priorities, programs and initiatives identified through the planning process; and

WHEREAS the Rural Ontario Municipal Association has identified the implementation of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans as an unfunded municipal mandate and has advocated for a dedicated funding stream to enable municipalities, particularly rural communities, to implement these plans; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has supported Community Safety and Well-Being planning through provincially funded programs involving participating communities rather than through the same province-wide statutory municipal planning requirement, including a $1.3 million investment announced in 2022 to support participating communities in developing Community Safety and Well-Being Plans and implementing local safety priorities, while Ontario municipalities are legislatively required to undertake Community Safety and Well-Being planning without dedicated provincial base funding or ongoing financial support for plan development and coordination; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba continues to provide support for CSWB activities, including funding directed toward the implementation of local Community Safety and Well-Being priorities and programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake calls upon the Government of Ontario to establish a dedicated, predictable and sustainable provincial funding program to assist municipalities with:

1. the legislatively required review and revision of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans, including associated consultation, engagement, research, data analysis and planning costs; and
2. the implementation of the priorities, strategies, programs and initiatives identified through Community Safety and Well-Being Plans; and

FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario be requested to consider a funding model that recognizes the unique financial, geographic, service-delivery and capacity challenges experienced by northern, rural and remote municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Rural Affairs, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

				CARRIED ✓ DEFEATED _____
Declaration of Interest (*)	NAME OF COUNCIL MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS	
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	HAGER, Janet			CLERK
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November 13, 2026 **Sent Via Email Only**

Honrouable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Honorouable Doug Ford,

Re: Requests to pause the current consultation process and extend the deadline for municipal submissions on Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 9, 2026, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 19-717-2026

WHEREAS: The Province of Ontario has introduced Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026, which proposes significant legislative changes affecting municipalities, planning, environmental protections, public consultation and other areas of provincial and municipal governance;

AND WHEREAS the proposed legislation contains numerous complex provisions that may have significant and long-term implications for municipalities, their residents, and their ability to make informed decisions in the public interest;

AND WHEREAS municipal councils have a responsibility to carefully review proposed legislation, understand its potential implications, and provide meaningful and informed input to the provincial government on behalf of their communities;

AND WHEREAS the 2026 municipal election was held on October 26, 2026, and newly elected municipal councils are in the process of transitioning into their new terms of office, with limited opportunity to view and assess the full implications of Bill 140 prior to the provincial consultation deadlines;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills recognizes that Bill 140 may contain provisions that could benefit municipalities and the public, but believes that meaningful consultation requires adequate time for municipalities to understand and assess the proposed changes before providing informed feedback;

AND WHEREAS municipal input is essential to ensuring that provincial legislation reflects the practical realities, unique circumstances, and needs of Ontario’s diverse municipalities, including small rural communities;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills is not, at this time, taking a position on the merits of every provision contained within Bill 140, but rather is seeking an adequate opportunity for meaningful municipal review and consultation before the legislation proceeds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Township of Stone Mills respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario pause the current consultation process and extend the deadline for municipal submissions on Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act,

2026, to provide newly elected municipal councils with sufficient time to review and assess the proposed legislation;

2. The Township further requests that the Province refrain from advancing the proposed legislation to final passage until municipalities have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to review the legislation, consult with their communities, and provide meaningful input;

3. The Township requests that the Province provide newly elected municipal councils with a minimum 90 days following the commencement of their new terms of office to review the legislation and submit their comments;

4. That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP, Ric Bresee, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support;

5. That the Township of Stone Mills submit this resolution as its formal comment on the consultation process for Bill 140, and request that it be considered by the Province in determining the appropriate consultation period.

Moved By Councillor Milligan
Seconded By Councillor Lalande
Carried

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

Sincerely,

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cc. Rob Flack, Minster of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox & Addington
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October 2, 2026

Via Email

Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North

Re: Support for Enhanced Municipal and Watershed Representation in the Proposed Regional Conservation Authority Governance Framework

At its meeting held on September 28, 2026, the Council of the Township of Ramara adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number CR.238.2026
Moved by Dana Tuju
Seconded by Joe Gough

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed the consolidation of Ontario's existing conservation authorities into nine Regional Conservation Authorities (RCA), with a proposed transition date of February 1, 2027, or such later date as may be prescribed;

AND WHEREAS Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting No. 026-0740 proposed regulations respecting the method for determining the number of members appointed by participating municipalities to RCAs and additional eligibility criteria for appointments to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA);

AND WHEREAS under the proposed governance framework, upper-tier and single-tier municipalities will be responsible for appointing members to RCAs, resulting in lower-tier municipalities no longer having the ability to directly appoint representatives to the governing board;

AND WHEREAS lower-tier municipalities continue to have a direct and significant interest in the programs, services, land use planning matters, natural hazard management, environmental protection and other responsibilities undertaken by conservation authorities within their communities;

AND WHEREAS meaningful local and watershed-based representation will be essential to ensuring that local municipal priorities, knowledge and watershed-specific considerations continue to inform decision-making within the new RCA structure;

AND WHEREAS the geographic size of the proposed RCAs further emphasizes the importance of ensuring that appointed Board members have a meaningful connection to the watershed they are responsible for governing;

AND WHEREAS there remains a need for additional information and guidance respecting several significant aspects of the proposed transition and future operation of the RCAs, including the governance framework, member recruitment and eligibility, travel and time commitments, budgeting, financial responsibility and the future apportionment and payment of conservation authority levies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara supports continued consultation with municipalities and existing local Conservations Authorities on the development and implementation of the new RCA governance framework;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to ensure that any individual appointed to a RCA Board of Directors reside within the applicable watershed of the RCA to which they are appointed, in order to ensure that Board members have a direct and meaningful connection to the communities, municipalities and watershed they are responsible for governing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the future regulations establishing the composition, role, and operation of Watershed Advisory Committees provide meaningful opportunities for lower-tier municipal representation and participation, recognizing that lower-tier municipalities will no longer directly appoint members to RCA Boards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be requested to reconsider the proposed eligibility restrictions for the OPCA Board in order to establish a meaningful connection between the RCAs and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, including consideration of providing for at least one representative from each RCA on the OPCA Board, or another formal mechanism to ensure direct communication and coordination between the two levels of governance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be requested to provide clear guidance to upper-tier and lower-tier municipalities respecting the recruitment and appointment of RCA Board members, including eligibility criteria, desired qualifications and expertise, expected roles and responsibilities, anticipated meeting frequency, travel requirements, and the time commitment associated with serving on the larger regional authorities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be requested to provide municipalities with additional information regarding the financial and operational implications of the consolidation, including how RCA budgets will be developed and approved, how municipal levies and apportionment will be determined and collected, whether upper-tier and single-tier municipalities will assume responsibility for levy payments on behalf of lower-tier municipalities, and how costs and financial obligations will be allocated throughout the transition and ongoing operation of the new RCAs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be encouraged to provide this information as soon as possible to allow municipalities sufficient time to understand the governance, operational and financial implications of the new model and to prepare for implementation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; Conservation Ontario; Simcoe North MPP Jill Dunlop; the County of Simcoe; all Ontario municipalities; the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority (LSRCA); and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA).

CARRIED.

The Township of Ramara respectfully requests your consideration of the enclosed resolution and encourages support for the continued involvement of municipalities and conservation authorities in the development and implementation of the proposed Regional Conservation Authority governance framework. The Township further believes that meaningful watershed-based representation, opportunities for lower-tier municipal participation, and greater clarity regarding governance and financial implications will be essential to the successful transition to the new model.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Harrington
Assistant Clerk

Cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Conservation Ontario
County of Simcoe
Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority (LSRCA)
Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA)

Bcc. All Ontario municipalities

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October 21, 2026

RE: 6.6 Re: Support for Enhanced Municipal and Watershed Representation in the Proposed Regional Conservation Authority Governance Framework

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 21, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-328: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.6 regarding support for Enhanced Municipal and Watershed Representation in the Proposed Regional Conservation Authority Governance Framework; and

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Conservation Ontario
County of Simcoe
Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority (LSRCA)
Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA)

BCC. All Ontario Municipalities

Township of La Vallee

RESOLUTION NO. 207

MOVED by: Eloise Hughes

Dated: November 16, 2026

SECONDED by: Brendan Hyatt

WHEREAS on October 27, 2026, the Government of Ontario introduced Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026; and

WHEREAS Schedule 7 of Bill 140 proposes to amend the *Environmental Assessment Act* by repealing Section 17.5, which currently requires landfill proponents to obtain written support from the host municipality—and, where applicable, any adjacent municipality whose land lies within 3.5 kilometres of the proposed site—before proceeding with a comprehensive environmental assessment; and

WHEREAS Section 17.5 was enacted by the Province of Ontario in 2020 through Bill 197 specifically to recognize the right of local municipalities to have a decisive voice over major landfill developments that carry generational impacts for local infrastructure, water resources, agricultural land, public health, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS repealing Section 17.5 removes essential local democratic oversight, strips municipalities of their "willing host" authority, and risks imposing large-scale private or regional waste disposal facilities on communities without local consent; and

WHEREAS Bill 140 was introduced immediately following the October, 2026 municipal elections and has been referred to the Standing Committee on the Interior with public consultation on the Environmental Registry of Ontario closing on November 26, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of La Vallee formally opposes Schedule 7 of Bill 140 (*Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026*) and calls upon the Government of Ontario to withdraw Schedule 7 in its entirety and preserve Section 17.5 of the *Environmental Assessment Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to maintain the requirement for written municipal support from both host and neighbouring municipalities within 3.5 kilometres prior to the advancement of any landfill environmental assessment; and

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

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Red Tape Reduction;
- Greg Rickford], Member of Provincial Parliament for Kenora-Rainy River;

- The Clerk of the Standing Committee on the Interior (scl@ola.org); Stefan Uguen-Csenge
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and
- All Ontario municipalities for their endorsement and support.

	Yea	Nay	Recorded vote	Pecuniary Interest
L. MacDonald				
G. Esselink				
E. Hughes				
B. Hyatt				
S. Loshaw				

L. MacDonald
Reeve

Carried ✓

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Nov 16, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Re: Request to pause the current consultation process and extend the deadline for municipal submissions on Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

We're in receipt of correspondence dated Nov 13, 2026 from The Township of Stone Mills, regarding concerns with the consultation timeline of Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026. The Council of the Township of Machar passed the following Resolution at their Regular meeting Nov 16, 2026:

189-2026
Moved by: Schoenberger
Seconded by: Smuck

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has introduced Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026, proposing significant legislative changes affecting municipal governance, planning, environmental protections, and local decision-making;

AND WHEREAS municipalities recognize the importance of streamlining regulatory processes and supporting responsible development, but must also have sufficient opportunity to review and understand the implications of proposed legislation;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipal elections were held on October 26, 2026, with newly elected Councils commencing their terms on November 15, 2026, leaving limited opportunity for incoming Councils to review the legislation and provide informed feedback within the Province's consultation timelines;

AND WHEREAS rural and Northern municipalities face unique challenges, making meaningful municipal consultation essential to ensuring provincial legislation reflects the needs and circumstances of all Ontario communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Machar respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario extend the consultation period for Bill 140 by a minimum of 90 days following the commencement of the new municipal Council term;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to refrain from proceeding with final passage of Bill 140 until municipalities have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to review the proposed changes and provide meaningful input;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.
Carried

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact

Sincerely,

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Clerk Administrator

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AND WHEREAS municipal councils have a responsibility to carefully review proposed legislation, understand its potential implications, and provide meaningful and informed input to the provincial government on behalf of their communities;

AND WHEREAS the 2026 municipal election was held on October 26, 2026, and newly elected municipal councils are in the process of transitioning into their new terms of office, with limited opportunity to view and assess the full implications of Bill 140 prior to the provincial consultation deadlines;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills recognizes that Bill 140 may contain provisions that could benefit municipalities and the public, but believes that meaningful consultation requires adequate time for municipalities to understand and assess the proposed changes before providing informed feedback;

AND WHEREAS municipal input is essential to ensuring that provincial legislation reflects the practical realities, unique circumstances, and needs of Ontario’s diverse municipalities, including small rural communities;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills is not, at this time, taking a position on the merits of every provision contained within Bill 140, but rather is seeking an adequate opportunity for meaningful municipal review and consultation before the legislation proceeds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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4. That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP, Ric Bresee, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support;

5. That the Township of Stone Mills submit this resolution as its formal comment on the consultation process for Bill 140, and request that it be considered by the Province in determining the appropriate consultation period.

Moved By Councillor Milligan
Seconded By Councillor Lalande
Carried

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

Sincerely,

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Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox & Addington
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November 16, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 10, 2026 the following resolution regarding essential train services along the Québec City to Windsor corridor was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. **2026-422**

DATE: **November 10, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor St-Jean**

WHEREAS reliable and frequent passenger rail service is a vital component of sustainable regional transportation, economic development, tourism, employment, education, healthcare access, and regional connectivity; and,

WHEREAS on October 25, 2026, Via Rail Canada implemented schedule adjustments and service reductions across the Quebec City-Windsor corridor, resulting in fewer daily trains; and,

WHEREAS service reductions negatively impact transit-dependent travellers across Eastern Ontario; and,

WHEREAS fewer daily trains undermines climate goals by discouraging travel by passenger rail and increasing highway congestion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Prince Edward County Council, urge Via Rail Canada and the federal Minister of Transport to reconsider its service reductions and commit to improving essential train services across the corridor;

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Mark Carney, the Federal Minister of Transport, Steven MacKinnon, and Member of Parliament, Chris Malette; the President and Chief Executive Officer of VIA Rail Canada, Mathieu Paquette, and

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 joint advocacy.

CARRIED

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Yours truly,



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