



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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Friday, March 27, 2026

Mandy Cannon
Interim CAO/Clerk
Township of McNab/Braeside
2473 Russett Drive
Arnprior, ON
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SENT VIA EMAIL: mcannon@mcnabbraeside.com

RE: Resolution – Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

Dear M. Cannon,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 23, 2026, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Petrie
Seconded By: Councillor McMillan
That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from the Township of McNab/Braeside regarding the Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/js

Enclosed: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy Resolution

cc: Hon. Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, stan.cho@pc.ola.org
Association of Municipalities of Ontario, amo@amo.on.ca
All Ontario Municipalities



March 3, 2026

Deanna Hastie, CPA, CA
Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Town of Goderich
57 West Street
Goderich, Ontario N7A 2K5

Dear Deanna:

Thank you so much for taking time to meet with Larry and myself this past Friday. On behalf of MacKay Centre for Seniors which includes its membership of 540 plus the many volunteers, and the Board of Directors. We are very thankful for receiving a wonderful and significant Bequest of \$25,000.

We respect the Donor is to be confidential and anonymous.

In following up on your direction to have the funds released this letter confirms the funds will be used diligently by MacKay Centre for Seniors in maintaining and managing its ongoing operations. This will go a long way in offering the many venues to its members, to which all of them are so very appreciative.

If there is anything you require further by all means let me know.

I will leave it with you to circulate this letter to Council and to be included in the appropriate Council Agenda.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Hartwick", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Stephanie Hartwick
Executive Director

DATE: MONDAY MARCH 23, 2026

RESOLUTION NO: 26-66

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LAURA ROSS

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATHEW GARDINER

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mattawa supports the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding the Ontario Veterinary College's Enrollment Capacity.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College; the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association; the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness; Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote – Yes No

Recorded Vote Requested by:

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bélanger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Gardiner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Levesque	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Mick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Ross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Thibert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Bigelow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger

Deferred Tabled Lost Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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February 26, 2026

The Ontario Veterinary College
 50 Stone Road East
 Guelph, ON N1G 2W1

RE: Ontario Veterinary College expansion of enrollment capacity

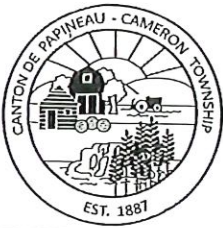
The Council of The Corporation of The Township of Papineau-Cameron met at their Regular Council Meeting on February 24, 2026 and passed the attached resolution 2026-50 that relates to the Ontario Veterinary College's enrollment capacity.

Yours truly,

Venessa Wilson
 Administrative Assistant

Encl: Resolution 2026-50, Township of Papineau-Cameron

Cc: The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
 The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
 The Honorable Victor Fedeli, MPP, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
 The Honorable Trevor Jones, MPP, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
 The Honorable Nolan Quinn, MPP, Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security
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DATE: February 24, 2026

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2026-50

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger*

SECONDED BY: *M Chenier*

WHEREAS large animal livestock owners in Northern Ontario have extremely limited access to large animal veterinary services;

AND WHEREAS the cost of large animal veterinary services in Northern Ontario is significantly higher due to long travel distances and the limited number of large animal veterinarians available to service the region;

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township that three qualified individuals within our community have applied to the Ontario Veterinary College for large animal veterinary, but were denied admission due to limited enrollment capacity;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township formally requests that the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association consider expanding enrollment capacity at the Ontario Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Hon. Trevor Jones MPP Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Nolan Quinn MPP Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED: *Robert Corriveau*
(Mayor)

NOT CARRIED: _____
(Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			

COPY

From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - 2026 Property Tax Policy
Date: March 30, 2026 3:22:47 PM

On March 26, 2026 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve the 2026 property tax ratios to be established in accordance with the recommendations and table referred to in this report.
2. The Regional Solicitor and General Counsel be authorized to prepare bylaws to implement the above recommendations.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the local municipalities.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[2026 Property Tax Policy](#)

Please contact Bonny Tam, Director, Treasury Office at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75885 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - 2026 Property Tax Rate
Date: March 30, 2026 3:22:50 PM

On March 26, 2026 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve 2026 Regional tax rates for 2026 for property classes according to the table referred to in the report.
2. Council approve deadlines for local municipalities to pay the final two instalments of their 2026 Regional property tax levy on or before September 29, 2026 and December 15, 2026, respectively.
3. The Regional Solicitor and General Counsel be authorized to prepare a bylaw to implement the above tax rates.
4. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[2026 Property Tax Rate](#)

Please contact Bonny Tam, Director, Treasury Office at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75885 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Administration of Water and Wastewater Billing Credits
Date: March 30, 2026 3:19:24 PM

On March 26, 2026 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to approve billing credits for water and wastewater service charges in accordance with principles outlined in this report.
2. Regional Clerk circulate this report to Clerks of local municipalities.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[Administration of Water and Wastewater Billing Credits](#)

Please contact Wendy Kemp at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75141 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Updating Council's Vision
Date: March 30, 2026 3:20:28 PM

On March 26, 2026 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve the update to Council's Vision, including the supporting definition of Vision Statement "Strong, Caring, Safe Communities", revised definitions for Vision's four Areas of Focus, and updated list of community indicators (Attachment 2).
2. Council approve the approach to developing the 2027 to 2031 Strategic Plan, as outlined in this report, ensuring alignment with Council's Vision.
3. Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[Updating Council's Vision](#)

Please contact Karen Antonio-Hadcock, Senior Director, Strategies and Initiatives at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75903 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - York Region Transit Mobility On-Request Service Delivery
Date: March 30, 2026 3:22:54 PM

On March 26, 2026 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council receive this report for information on York Region Transit's Mobility On-Request program.
2. Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of local municipalities.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[York Region Transit Mobility On-Request Service Delivery](#)

Please contact Richard Montoya, Director - Transit at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75928 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services
Department

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The Corporation of the Township of
NORTH STORMONT
RESOLUTION

Date: March 24, 2026

Resolution No. 068-2026

MOVED BY:

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

[Signature]

SECONDED BY:

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

[Signature]

WHEREAS the Township of North Stormont acknowledges the municipal infrastructure including roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems support public safety, vitality and quality of life in Ontario's rural and small urban communities; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist these communities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenues; and

WHEREAS in 2022, the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF allotment from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five year term, that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of 2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope jeopardizing smaller municipalities' ability to sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt; and

WHEREAS predictable multi-year funding indexed to real work costs is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long range asset management plans, reduce emergency repair work and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure funding; and

WHEREAS the Township of North Stormont requires a dedicated provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF funding beyond 2026, ensuring fiscal stability to ensure infrastructure resilience and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township of North Stormont calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF allotment of not less than \$400 million beyond its five year term ending in 2026 with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the annual OCIF envelope and each individual municipal allotment to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculated on a calendar year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five year OCIF funding framework that

guarantees allocation percentages to municipalities enabling long term capital planning and stable cash flow management.

4. The Province undertake a form review of the OCIF allocation at least once every four years incorporating municipal asset management, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.

5. A dedicated contingency reserve of five percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs of project overruns without reallocating core funding.

6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures in a transparent publicly acceptable online dashboard.

FURTHERMORE, that the Council of the Township of North Stormont supports the resolution of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal dated September 29, 2025; the resolution of the Municipality of South Huron dated October 20, 2025, the resolution of the Township of Puslinch dated November 15, 2025; the resolution of the County of North Cumberland dated January 28, 2026 resolution of the Township of North Glengarry dated February 23, 2026 regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHERMORE that this supporting resolution and be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED DEFEATED DEFERRED


Chair

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: A. Bugelli

Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest

Vacated His/Her/Their Seat

RECORDED VOTE

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

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting**

Resolution # 7

Date: Monday February 23, 2026

Moved by: Michael Madden

Seconded by: Carma Williams

WHEREAS the Township of North Glengarry acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—including roads, bridges, and water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality, and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities; and

WHEREAS in 2022, the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026; and

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials, and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities’ ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt; and

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance, and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs, and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing; and

WHEREAS the Township of North Glengarry requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability, and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township of North Glengarry calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics, and rural equity considerations.

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting**

Resolution #

Date: Monday February 23, 2026

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- 5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs, or project overruns without reallocating core funding.
 - 6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments, and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry supports the September 29, 2025 resolution of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the October 20, 2025 resolution of the Municipality of South Huron, and the November 19, 2025 resolution of the Township of Pulsinch regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHER THAT this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED



MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

	YEA	NEA
Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams	—	—
Councillor: Jacques Massie	—	—
Councillor: Brian Caddell	—	—
Councillor: Jeff Manley	—	—
Councillor: Michael Madden	—	—
Councillor: Gary Martin	—	—
Mayor: Jamie MacDonald	—	—

March 31, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
 Prime Minister of Canada
 80 Wellington St.
 Ottawa, ON
 K1A 0A2



Come for a visit. Stay for a lifestyle.

Via Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

Re: Mayor Crate/Deputy Mayor Metcalf - Proposed Alto High-Speed Rail Corridor – Municipal Position

At its meeting of March 24, 2026, Council considered the Proposed Alto High-Speed Rail Corridor – Municipal Position brought forward by Mayor Crate/Deputy Mayor Metcalf and passed the following motion:

Motion No. THC-260324-30

Moved by Councillor Rob Pope
 Seconded by Councillor Daniel Giddings

Whereas the Government of Canada has initiated planning and consultation for the proposed Alto high-speed rail corridor between Toronto and Québec City;

And Whereas preliminary study corridor mapping released by the Alto project indicates that potential route options could pass through the Municipality of Trent Hills;

And Whereas the currently identified study corridor would have significant potential impacts within Trent Hills, including passing through two of the Municipality's three primary urban settlement areas, Campbellford and Hastings, as well as extensive agricultural lands that are central to the local economy;

And Whereas the proposed corridor raises serious concerns regarding impacts to agricultural operations, municipal roads, infrastructure, private property, and established rural and urban communities;

And Whereas there are significant unknown costs to municipalities associated with the proposed corridor, including impacts to municipal infrastructure, service delivery, transportation networks, and emergency response;

And Whereas Trent Hills and residents have not received sufficient detailed information regarding potential local impacts, including land use, environmental effects, municipal infrastructure interfaces, and long-term financial or operational implications;

And Whereas the Municipality of Trent Hills supports responsible transportation infrastructure that strengthens regional connectivity while respecting the needs of local communities;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills formally opposes the currently identified Alto high-speed rail study corridor routes that would pass through the Municipality;

And Further That Council requests that the Government of Canada and the Alto project team remove Trent Hills from the study corridor and pursue alternative routing that avoids impacts to the Municipality's agricultural lands, infrastructure, and settlement areas;

And Further That this resolution be circulated to the Government of Canada, the Alto project team, Philip Lawrence, MP for Northumberland–Peterborough South, Northumberland County, other affected municipalities, and AlderVille First Nation.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,



Robert Crate
Mayor



Mike Metcalf
Deputy Mayor

CC: Alto Project Team
Philip Lawrence, MP for Northumberland-Peterborough South
Northumberland County
AlderVille First Nation

**MISSISSAUGA**

RESOLUTION 0060-2026
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on April 1, 2026

0060-2026 Moved by: Councillor B. Butt

Seconded by: Councillor S. McFadden

WHEREAS locally elected school board trustees provide essential community representation and ensure accountability within Ontario's education system;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga relies on dedicated trustee representation to reflect local priorities and advocate for the success of students across our diverse communities;

AND WHEREAS recent provincial supervision of the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, alongside proposed governance changes, raises concerns regarding the future of local democratic accountability;

AND WHEREAS maintaining direct, elected representation is critical to ensuring that Mississauga's unique geographic and growth needs are reflected in education decision-making;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Mississauga Council affirms its strong support for maintaining democratically elected school board trustees for both the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board;
2. Council formally recognizes the vital role of locally elected trustee representation for Mississauga and supports the continuation of meaningful, locally accountable representation;
3. The Province of Ontario be requested to pause any legislative or regulatory changes that would reduce or eliminate elected trustees until a transparent, province-wide consultation with municipalities, school boards, trustees, parents, students, educators and other education stakeholders is completed;
4. The City Clerk forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, all MPPs representing Mississauga, the Peel District School Board, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, all MPPs representing Peel Region, and all Ontario municipalities to encourage collective advocacy for local democratic representation in education.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor C. Parrish				
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor A. Tedjo	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor N. Hart	X			
Councillor J. Horneck	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor M. Reid	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor B. Butt	X			

Carried (11, 0)



TOWNSHIP OF EAST ZORRA-TAVISTOCK

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April 2, 2026

Re: Township of Oro-Medonte – Association of Ontario Road Supervisors Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments

Please be advised that at their regular meeting on April 1, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock carried the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Scott Zehr
Seconded by Councillor Matthew Gillespie

THAT Council supports the resolution from Township of Oro-Medonte regarding the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors request for Provincial Legislation Amendments to strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Premier of Ontario
- Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
- Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation
- MPP Ernie Hardeman
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)
- Ontario municipalities

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

Meaghan Vader

Meaghan Vader
Corporate Initiatives Manager/Clerk
mvader@ezt.ca



March 13, 2026

Hon. David Piccini
Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
14th Floor, 400 University Ave
Toronto ON M7A 1T7

Re: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns

Dear Minister Piccini,

At its meeting of Council on March 11, 2026, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte received correspondence from Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the above-mentioned request for support.

The Township of Oro-Medonte fully supports AORS in their request, as our staff have, on numerous occasions, been subjected to abusive and aggressive behaviour from members of the public. We respectfully request your support in advancing measures that will strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors. With provincial partnership, municipalities can better safeguard the individuals who work tirelessly to maintain critical services and keep our communities functioning safely.

Sincerely,



Mayor Randy Greenlaw

Cc: Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini
 14th Floor, 400 University Avenue
 Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

Walid Abou-Hamde, Ontario Road Builders' Association Chief Executive Officer



Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner
 George Drew Building, 25 Grosvenor Street
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February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise serious concerns regarding the safety of municipal workers and subcontractors who are increasingly facing harassment, threats, and dangerous interference from members of the public while delivering essential municipal services - particularly during winter maintenance and emergency operations.

Across Ontario, municipal public works teams are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure that residents depend on every day, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, and drainage systems. During significant weather events, these workers are frontline responders, ensuring emergency vehicles can travel safely and that communities remain connected and accessible. However, the behaviour directed at them has escalated well beyond routine complaints and has become a direct threat to both worker safety and public safety.

Through consultations with AORS members province-wide, we continue to receive troubling reports that illustrate the seriousness of this issue. These include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snowplow and refusing to get off until the driver agreed to plow his road next.
- Two staff members confronted and aggressively accosted in public - one at a gas station and another while simply waiting in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions and a mailbox strike that were not even related to that municipality.
- A voicemail threatening to shoot a plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident jumping in front of an active plow during a major snow event and refusing to move, delaying operations for over an hour and jeopardizing service levels and overall emergency response.

These examples represent only a small sample of the experiences municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are facing across the province. What was once occasional frustration has escalated into intimidation, threats of violence, and direct interference with equipment and operations.

Equally concerning is that municipalities do not always receive consistent enforcement support when these incidents occur. We have heard directly from members who contacted the Ontario Provincial Police for assistance and were advised that, unless a physical assault had already taken place, the situation was "not a police matter." Waiting until a worker has been physically harmed before intervention is neither preventative nor acceptable.

This gap leaves municipalities and workers vulnerable and sends an unintended message that threatening or obstructive behaviour toward municipal staff carries little consequence. It also places supervisors and by-law officers in situations that may exceed their authority or capacity to manage safely.

We believe a proactive and coordinated response is needed. Municipal workers and their subcontractors should not have to choose between their personal safety and providing critical services during storms and emergencies.

We respectfully ask that the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police take a clear and strong stance that interference, threats, and harassment directed at municipal public works staff will not be tolerated. Specifically, we would welcome:

- Clear direction and guidance to police services, including the OPP, that threats, intimidation, and obstruction of municipal workers performing essential duties warrant timely enforcement and support.
- Recognition that interference with winter maintenance and emergency public works operations presents a broader public safety risk, not merely a municipal operational issue.
- Enhanced coordination between municipalities and local police services during significant weather events and emergency responses to ensure worker safety and continuity of service.
- Consideration of legislative or policy tools that provide stronger deterrence and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal staff and contractors.

Municipal public works professionals are essential workers. They keep roads open for ambulances, fire trucks, school buses, and the travelling public. Their safety should be treated with the same seriousness as that of other frontline responders.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns and explore practical steps to ensure consistent enforcement support and stronger protections for municipal workers across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued leadership in public safety.

Sincerely,



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President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott
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Cc (via e-mail)
Premier Doug Ford



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April 1, 2026

RE: Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

Dear Leaders,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 1st, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-04-01-06
Moved by: Councillor Keller
Seconded by: Councillor Quade

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and
WHEREAS Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and
WHEREAS Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and
That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Billy Denault, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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April 1, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
Province of Ontario

RE: Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Leaders,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 1st, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the correspondence from the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board.

Resolution No: 2026-04-01-05
Moved by: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

“Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board regarding Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems, as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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January 2, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
 Minister of Transportation
 Province of Ontario

RE: Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board, we are writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a persistent and dangerous problem in Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at serious risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require additional tools to address this issue effectively and consistently.

The Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the Highway Traffic Act. These systems have proven effective in deterring dangerous driving behaviour, improving compliance, and enhancing accountability. Provincial funding and support would enable municipalities to implement these technologies equitably and at scale.

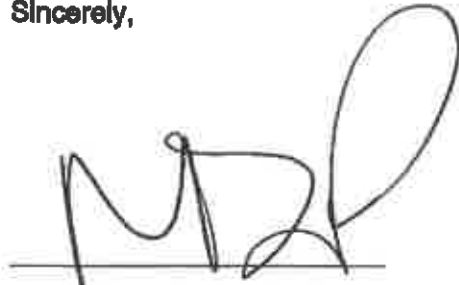
Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board also proudly supports the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. Adam's story underscores the urgent need for stronger enforcement, public education, and modern safety solutions to protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to continue advancing this life-saving work by providing municipalities with the funding mechanisms, legislative support, and implementation guidance necessary to deploy stop-arm cameras and complementary safety technologies province-wide.

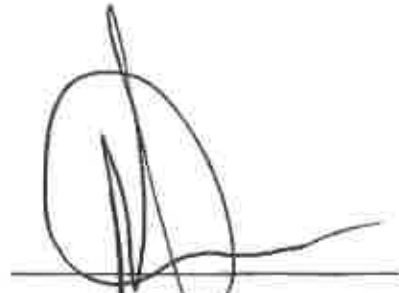
Protecting children is a shared responsibility. With provincial leadership and municipal partnership, we can take meaningful action to prevent further tragedies and ensure Ontario's roads are safer for students and families.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to road safety.

Sincerely,

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Mayor N. Peckford (Co-chair)
Municipality of North Grenville

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Cameron', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor M. Cameron (Co-chair)
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

cc:
The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Enclosed: Co-signing Template



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The Honourable Zee Hamid
Associate Solicitor General for Auto Theft and Bail Reform
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MPP Billy Denault
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RE: Provincial Ball Notification Program

Dear Leaders,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 1st, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the correspondence from the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East.

Resolution No: 2026-04-01-04
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East regarding a Provincial Bail Notification Program as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the all OPP Detachment Boards, and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Carried.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST

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February 20, 2026

VIA EMAIL

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MPP John Vanthof
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Dear Leaders,

On behalf of the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East I am pleased to offer this letter in strong support of Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) agencies across the province and the development of a coordinated Provincial Bail Notification Program.

VCAO organizations are essential partners in community safety and well-being. They provide immediate, trauma-informed support to individuals and families affected by crime and tragic circumstances, often at the most vulnerable moments in their lives. Their staff and volunteers work closely with police services to ensure survivors receive timely safety planning, crisis intervention, and connections to critical supports. This partnership enhances our ability to respond effectively, reduces risk, and strengthens trust with those we serve.

Timely and reliable bail notification is a vital component of victim safety. The current system is inconsistent across jurisdictions and leaves survivors at risk when they are not informed of release conditions or bail decisions that may impact their safety planning. A province-wide bail notification program, led in partnership with VCAO agencies, will ensure victims receive clear, coordinated, and rapid notification, regardless of where the offence occurred or where the accused is released. This is not only a matter of safety but also an essential part of ensuring victims' rights, dignity, and confidence in the justice system.

The OPP Detachment Board- James Bay East fully supports:

1. Strengthened investment in VCAO agencies, recognizing them as critical frontline partners in community safety and in supporting survivors of crime.

2. A standardized, province-wide bail notification system, designed in partnership with police services, VCAOs, and Justice partners to promote timely communication, reduce risk, and improve outcomes for victims.
3. Ongoing collaboration between police and VCAO, including shared training, coordinated response models, and information pathways that improve both public safety and victim care.

VCAO agencies deliver high-quality services that directly complement police response. A provincial bail notification program will further enhance our collective ability to keep communities safe and uphold the rights of survivors. We urge the Government of Ontario to move forward with the development, implementation, and sustainable funding of this program.

Thank you for your consideration. The OPP Detachment Board-James Bay East is committed to working collaboratively and constructively with our VCAO partners and with provincial ministries to support this important and urgently needed initiative.

Yours truly,

OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST



Cassandra Child, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.
Secretary/Treasurer

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All Ontario municipalities
All Ontario OPP Detachment Boards

Sent by Email

April 8, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
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The Honourable Doug Ford
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Subject: Corr. 01-26
Megha Trivedi, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Prince
Re: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on March 23, 2026 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 01-26, from Megha Trivedi, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Prince, dated February 10, 2026, regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General, The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all municipalities in Ontario.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your information.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel

City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Doug Downey, Solicitor General
All Ontario Municipalities
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Chief Administrative Officer



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February 10th ,2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
 Office of the Prime Minister
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Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

RE: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 10th , 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Prince passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.

Resolution Number: 2026 - 33

Moved by: Councillor M. Christenson

Seconded by: Councillor J. Weir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Prince support the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's resolution regarding a call to action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Megha Trivedi
 Clerk-Treasurer
 Township of Prince



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February 4, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
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RE: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Aylmer.

Resolution No: 2026-02-04-05
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Aylmer’s resolution regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada’s Children.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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January 15, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister

Re: Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 15, 2026, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aylmer supports the City of Welland's call to action for justice and protection of Canada's children; and,

Whereas the safety and well-being of children is a fundamental responsibility shared by all levels of government; and,

Whereas recent incidents involving sexual offences against children have deeply affected communities across Ontario and Canada, raising serious concerns about public safety and the adequacy of existing legislative protections; and,

Whereas violent sexual crimes against children represent some of the most serious offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and have lifelong impacts on victims, families, and communities; and,

Whereas municipalities play a critical role in advocating for policies that protect residents and promote safe communities; and,

Whereas there is a growing concern that gaps in bail, sentencing, parole eligibility, and offender monitoring allow high-risk individuals to re-enter communities pre-maturely, placing children at continued risk;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children, including but not limited to:



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1. **Bail and Sentencing Provisions** - ensuring that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual offences against children are subject to the strictest possible bail conditions and sentencing outcomes that reflect the severity of these crimes;
2. **Parole and Early Release** - limiting parole eligibility, statutory release, or other forms of early release for offenders convicted of sexual offences against children who pose ongoing risks to public safety;
3. **Sex Offender Monitoring** - strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and related provincial tools to improve accuracy, enforcement, and timely access to information for law enforcement; and
4. **Victim and Community Safety** - prioritizing the protection of children and community safety within the justice system above administrative or procedural efficiencies;

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario
 The Attorney General of Ontario
 The Solicitor General of Ontario
 The Prime Minister of Canada
 The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
 Member of Provincial Parliament, Rob Flack
 Member of Parliament, Andrew Lawton
 The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and;
 All 444 Ontario Municipalities

And be it further resolved that Council encourages municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to work collaboratively to present a unified municipal voice advocating for stronger protections for children across Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Owen Jaggard
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Mayor Frank Campion c/o Theresa Ettore Theresa.ettore@welland.ca

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December 2, 2025

Subject: A Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Fellow Mayors,

I write to you today not only as the Mayor of Welland, but as a member of a community that has been deeply shaken by an unthinkable act in August 2025: the brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child. This tragedy has horrified our residents, leaving families in grief and disbelief, and compelling us as leaders to confront the uncomfortable truth that our justice system is failing to adequately protect our most vulnerable.

While no policy can erase the trauma this child and their family will endure, we have a moral obligation to act. This moment demands leadership from all of us, to raise our collective voices and ensure that meaningful reform takes place.

I urge you to join me in calling on provincial and federal governments to take immediate and decisive action by advancing the following measures:

- The full and expedited implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public—particularly victims of violent sexual crimes—are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
- Strengthening bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- That parole eligibility for sexual offences against children reflects the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
- Strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry, providing communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

Canadians must be able to trust that our justice system prioritizes public safety—especially the safety of children—above all else. Communities like ours cannot bear the weight of knowing that legislative gaps may allow dangerous offenders to harm again.

I am calling on you, my colleagues in municipalities across Canada, to:

1. Pass council resolutions urging your respective provincial governments to review and strengthen laws protecting children from violent offenders.
2. Collaborate through FCM and provincial municipal associations to bring a united municipal voice to Ottawa and all legislatures across the country, advocating for the timely implementation and continued enhancement of justice reforms.
3. Engage your local MPs, MPPs/MLAs, and their governments to advocate for continued legislative and judicial reform.

4. Support awareness and prevention efforts within your communities to reinforce the safety and well-being of every child.

Together, we can create a wave of leadership that demands justice and refuses complacency. The protection of children transcends politics and geography; it is a shared duty that defines who we are as a nation.

Thank you for standing with us in this urgent cause. I would welcome the opportunity to coordinate efforts with you and your councils to move this national call forward.

With respect and solidarity,



Frank Campion
Mayor of Welland

Sent by Email

April 8, 2026

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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park Room 281
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premier@ontario.ca

Subject: Corr. 02-26
Tonia Bennett, Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk, Northumberland County
Re: Correspondence, 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on March 23, 2026 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 02-26, from Tonia Bennett, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk, Northumberland County, dated February 24, 2026, regarding Correspondence, 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry', be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General, The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all municipalities in Ontario.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your information.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel

City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Doug Downey, Solicitor General
All Ontario Municipalities
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Chief Administrative Officer



**The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland**
555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

February 24, 2026

The Right Hon. Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)
Honourable Sean Fraser (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada)
Honourable Gary Anandasangaree (Minister of Safety)
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Honourable Doug Downey (Attorney General of Ontario)
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner (Solicitor General of Ontario)
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South)
Member of Parliament for Northumberland Clarke, Philip Lawrence
Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'

At a meeting held on February 18th, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2026-02-18-122, adopting the below resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**Whereas** item 7.a from the February 3, 2026 Corporate Support Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Council Resolution # 2026-02-18-122

Carried



**The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at bennett@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Tonia Bennett

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tonia Bennett".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County



Council Resolution

Moved By L. Cleveland

Seconded By d. Logel

Agenda Resolution Number
Item 12.b. 2026-02-18- 122
(1)

Council Date: February 18, 2026

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Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders.”

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor’s Name

Deferred _____
Warden’s Signature

Carried  _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature



December 19, 2025

Honorable Mark Carney

Sent via email: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Dear Honorable Mark Carney:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council, at its meeting held December 16, 2025 adopted the following:

12.2.7 Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry - Councillor Samwell

WHEREAS the community of Welland and the surrounding communities were deeply impacted by a recent heinous crime that highlighted critical gaps in Canada's criminal justice and offender-management systems; and

WHEREAS on September 4, 2025, Mayor Frank Campion of the City of Welland wrote to the Premier of Ontario urging comprehensive reform to strengthen sentencing, parole, and bail provisions for violent sexual offenders, and to enhance public safety protections; and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2025, Mayor Mat Siscoe of the City of St. Catharines wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada expressing strong support for these reforms and calling for immediate federal action to strengthen sentencing, parole, and accountability measures for violent sexual offenders; and

WHEREAS the City of Thorold, at its meeting of September 9, 2025, adopted Resolution 14.2 requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offenders Registry), 2000 to make Ontario Sex Offender Registry publicly accessible; and

WHEREAS several Niagara municipalities; including Grimsby, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and St. Catherines have subsequently endorsed this call for greater transparency and reform; and

WHEREAS municipal councils, though not responsible for criminal law or parole, play a vital role in advocating for the safety and well-being of their residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. THAT the Council of the City of Brantford hereby supports the City of Thorold's Resolution calling for the Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry and the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 4, 2025, calling for reform to sentencing, parole, and registry provisions concerning violent sexual offenders; and
- B. THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offender Registry), 2000 to make the Ontario Sex Offender

Registry publicly accessible, subject to appropriate privacy and safety safeguards; and

C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- i. The Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- ii. The Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
- iii. The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety;
- iv. The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- v. The Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
- vi. The Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario;
- vii. Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock;
- viii. Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Will Bouma;
- ix. The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- x. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- xi. All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier City Clerk,
cgauthier@brantford.ca

CC - The Honorable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; - Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca

The Honorable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety
Gary.Anand@parl.gc.ca

The Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; - premier@ontario.ca

The Honorable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; -
Doug.Downey@ontario.ca

The Honorable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org

Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock; -
larry.brock@parl.gc.ca

Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Will Bouma; -
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The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) amo@amo.on.ca

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) FCMInfo@fcm.ca

All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 144
Title: City of Sarnia - Bill 9
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Moved by Councillor J. Flieler
Seconded by Councillor J. Palmateer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the concerns raised regarding Bill 9, *Strengthening Municipal Accountability and Public Trust*, particularly the need for a more effective and impartial mechanism to address serious misconduct by members of council;
AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to forward correspondence of support to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPP, AMO, and Ontario municipalities.

Carried

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

March 25, 2026

Re: Time-Sensitive: Strengthening Municipal Accountability and Public Trust (Bill 9)

Dear Premier Ford,

When we met in Sarnia last August, we discussed Bill 9 and its intent to strengthen municipal accountability. At that time, I affirmed my support for the province's effort to move this legislation forward. The fundamental principles of Bill 9 are sound and provide an important foundation; however, the Bill requires a significant change before it becomes law.

The introduction of a standardized code of conduct and the proposed integrity commissioner reforms are positive and necessary steps forward. However, based on more than four decades of experience in municipal politics, I believe the Bill's greatest flaw lies in its mechanism for removing councillors in **serious cases of misconduct**. Requiring local councils to participate in the removal of a peer, particularly through unanimous agreement, places councils in an inappropriate and untenable position. On matters of serious contention, unanimity is rarely achievable, rendering the mechanism effectively futile. This approach undermines both fairness and public confidence and fails to provide municipalities with a meaningful ability to act in extreme cases.

In circumstances of this magnitude, decisions should not rest with a council. Instead, such matters should be heard and ruled upon by an independent, non-partisan authority, removed from local political dynamics and capable of making impartial determinations in the public's interest.

If the provincial government intends to maintain municipal councils' responsibility for adjudicating such decisions, the threshold for action must be revised. A two-thirds majority, or a simple majority of council excluding the subject member, would provide a more reasonable, fair, and workable standard.

This is a time-sensitive issue, and the need for action is becoming more urgent as municipalities continue to encounter situations they are powerless to address. Without meaningful change, the current conditions and lack of adequate protection will have a chilling effect on those considering public office at the municipal level. Capable, community-minded individuals may be discouraged from seeking election if there is no effective independent mechanism to address extreme misconduct, protect the integrity of council and the well-being of the community.

I am copying this letter to mayors and councils across Ontario in the hope that they will also raise their voices on this matter before the legislation is finalized, to ensure this serious flaw is addressed in what is otherwise an important and necessary piece of legislation for the Province of Ontario and its municipalities for the 2026-2030 council term of office.

Thank you for your consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns and possible paths forward at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Mike Bradley
Mayor, City of Sarnia



Cc: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
John Fraser, MPP, Interim Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Marit Stiles, MPP, Leader of the Official Opposition, Ontario NDP Party
Bob Bailey, MPP for Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Mayor and Council for municipalities across Ontario
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Lambton County Council
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The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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April 9, 2026

Honorable Joel Lightbound
Joel.lightbound@parl.gc.ca

Dear Mr. Lightbound.

At the Township of Terrace Bay's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday April 7, 2026, the following resolution of support was passed:

RE: Resolution Regarding Reduced Rate Distribution of Library Resources

Resolution: 88-2026

Moved By: Councillor Dube

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

WHEREAS public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

AND WHEREAS inter-library loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

AND WHEREAS reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

AND WHEREAS recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

AND THAT Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and inter-library loan services;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honorable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Patty Hajdu, MP Thunder Bay-Superior North, Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay-Superior North and all Ontario municipalities for support.



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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Sincerely,

J. Hall

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

MP Patty Hajdu – patty.hajdu@parl.gc.ca

MPP Lise Vaugeois – lvaugois-gp@ndp.on.ca

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April 9, 2026

Via email: david.piccini@pc.ola.org

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
14th Floor, 400 University Ave
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

Dear Hon. David Piccini,

Re: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their April 7, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

160-2026

Moved By: Ted Oke

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

That South Huron Council supports the March 13, 2026, correspondence of the Township of Oro Medonte regarding a Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Infrastructure, MPP Lisa Thompson, AORS, AMO, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron

kwebster@southhuron.ca

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Encl.

cc: Minister of Transportation, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org; the Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Kinga Surma, kinga.surma@pc.ola.org; MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AORS, admin@aors.on.ca; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; and all municipalities in Ontario.



March 13, 2026

Hon. David Piccini
Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
14th Floor, 400 University Ave
Toronto ON M7A 1T7

Re: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns

Dear Minister Piccini,

At its meeting of Council on March 11, 2026, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte received correspondence from Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the above-mentioned request for support.

The Township of Oro-Medonte fully supports AORS in their request, as our staff have, on numerous occasions, been subjected to abusive and aggressive behaviour from members of the public. We respectfully request your support in advancing measures that will strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors. With provincial partnership, municipalities can better safeguard the individuals who work tirelessly to maintain critical services and keep our communities functioning safely.

Sincerely,



Mayor Randy Greenlaw

Cc: Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation
Hon. Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure
Doug Downey, MPP Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)
Ontario Municipalities
Members of Oro-Medonte Council



Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini
 14th Floor, 400 University Avenue
 Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

Walid Abou-Hamde, Ontario Road Builders' Association Chief Executive Officer



Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner
 George Drew Building, 25 Grosvenor Street
 Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise serious concerns regarding the safety of municipal workers and subcontractors who are increasingly facing harassment, threats, and dangerous interference from members of the public while delivering essential municipal services - particularly during winter maintenance and emergency operations.

Across Ontario, municipal public works teams are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure that residents depend on every day, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, and drainage systems. During significant weather events, these workers are frontline responders, ensuring emergency vehicles can travel safely and that communities remain connected and accessible. However, the behaviour directed at them has escalated well beyond routine complaints and has become a direct threat to both worker safety and public safety.

Through consultations with AORS members province-wide, we continue to receive troubling reports that illustrate the seriousness of this issue. These include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snowplow and refusing to get off until the driver agreed to plow his road next.
- Two staff members confronted and aggressively accosted in public - one at a gas station and another while simply waiting in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions and a mailbox strike that were not even related to that municipality.
- A voicemail threatening to shoot a plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident jumping in front of an active plow during a major snow event and refusing to move, delaying operations for over an hour and jeopardizing service levels and overall emergency response.

These examples represent only a small sample of the experiences municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are facing across the province. What was once occasional frustration has escalated into intimidation, threats of violence, and direct interference with equipment and operations.

Equally concerning is that municipalities do not always receive consistent enforcement support when these incidents occur. We have heard directly from members who contacted the Ontario Provincial Police for assistance and were advised that, unless a physical assault had already taken place, the situation was "not a police matter." Waiting until a worker has been physically harmed before intervention is neither preventative nor acceptable.

This gap leaves municipalities and workers vulnerable and sends an unintended message that threatening or obstructive behaviour toward municipal staff carries little consequence. It also places supervisors and by-law officers in situations that may exceed their authority or capacity to manage safely.

We believe a proactive and coordinated response is needed. Municipal workers and their subcontractors should not have to choose between their personal safety and providing critical services during storms and emergencies.

We respectfully ask that the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police take a clear and strong stance that interference, threats, and harassment directed at municipal public works staff will not be tolerated. Specifically, we would welcome:

- Clear direction and guidance to police services, including the OPP, that threats, intimidation, and obstruction of municipal workers performing essential duties warrant timely enforcement and support.
- Recognition that interference with winter maintenance and emergency public works operations presents a broader public safety risk, not merely a municipal operational issue.
- Enhanced coordination between municipalities and local police services during significant weather events and emergency responses to ensure worker safety and continuity of service.
- Consideration of legislative or policy tools that provide stronger deterrence and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal staff and contractors.

Municipal public works professionals are essential workers. They keep roads open for ambulances, fire trucks, school buses, and the travelling public. Their safety should be treated with the same seriousness as that of other frontline responders.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns and explore practical steps to ensure consistent enforcement support and stronger protections for municipal workers across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued leadership in public safety.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)
Premier Doug Ford



April 10, 2026

Sent to: mrughani@walkforvalues.com

Dear Manish Rughani:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – April 24, 2026 – Human Values Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize April 24, 2026 as Human Values Day.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in red on April 24, 2026 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



Emily Thomas-Hopkins
Legislative Coordinator
Town of Newmarket
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April 10, 2026

Sent to: mrughani@walkforvalues.com

Dear Manish Rughani:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – April 24, 2026

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim April 24, 2026 as Human Values Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in red on April 24, 2026 to recognize Human Values Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



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April 10, 2026

Sent to: maria@braincancercanada.org

Dear Maria Peragine:

RE: Lighting Request – May 1, 2026 – Brain Cancer Awareness Month

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in grey on May 1, 2026 to recognize Brain Cancer Awareness Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



April 10, 2026

Sent to: ngalaski@gbscidp.ca

Dear Nancy Galaski:

RE: Proclamation Request - May 1 – 31, 2026 – Guillain-Barre Syndrome/Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy Awareness Month

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize May 1 to 31, 2026 as Guillain-Barre Syndrome/Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy Awareness Month.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



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April 10, 2026

Sent to: ngalaski@gbscidp.ca

Dear Nancy Galaski:

RE: Proclamation Request – May 1 – 31, 2026 – Guillain-Barre Syndrome/Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy Awareness Month

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim May 1 to 31, 2026 as Guillain-Barre Syndrome/Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy Awareness Month. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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