



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

Index of Attachments

Date: March 13, 2026

	Pages
General Correspondence Items	
1. Township of North Glengarry Council Resolutions Regarding OCIF Township of North Glengarry March 2, 2026	1
2. Town of Englehart Resolution 2026-35 Town of Englehart March 3, 2026	16
3. Project Update: Yonge Street, Towns of Newmarket and East Gwillimbury, March 2026 York Region March 4, 2026	30
4. Resolution - Nation Building Improvements to Highways 11 17 Municipality of Markstay-Warran March 4, 2026	31
5. Letter of Support - Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Township March 5, 2026	60
6. Letter of Support - OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68	64

Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Township

March 5, 2026

- | | | |
|-----|---|----|
| 7. | Resolution and Letter of Support - Improved School Bus Safety | 67 |
| | Township of Perry | |
| | March 5, 2026 | |
| 8. | Regional Council Decision - Circular Materials Ontario | 70 |
| | York Region | |
| | March 6, 2026 | |
| 9. | Regional Council Descision - Draft - Region-wide and Nobleton Area-Specific Wastewater Development Charges Background Studies and Bylaws | 72 |
| | York Region | |
| | March 6, 2026 | |
| 10. | Regional Council Decision - Proposed Motion from Mayor Lovatt | 74 |
| | York Region | |
| | March 6, 2026 | |
| 11. | Plympton-Wyoming Support - Protect Our Food Act, Distribution of Library Resources, & Opposition to CA Consolidation | 76 |
| | Town of Plympton-Wyoming | |
| | March 9, 2026 | |
| 12. | School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems | 81 |
| | Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan | |
| | March 9, 2026 | |
| 13. | Letter to Senators - Rideau Lakes Concerns re Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget) | 84 |
| | Township of Rideau Lakes | |
| | March 10, 2026 | |
| 14. | Ottawa City Council Resolution - Proposed New Regulation under | 86 |

the Restricting Consumption of Illegal Substances Act

City of Ottawa

March 10, 2026

- | | | |
|-----|--|-----|
| 15. | Resolution - Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 | 88 |
| | Township of North Dumfries | |
| | March 11, 2026 | |
| 16. | Support of the Resolution of the Township of
Edwardsburgh/Cardinal regarding Support Ontario Community
Infrastructure Fund | 92 |
| | Town of The Blue Mountains | |
| | March 11, 2026 | |
| 17. | Support of the Resolution of the Township of Southgate regarding
Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 | 95 |
| | Town of The Blue Mountains | |
| | March 11, 2026 | |
| 18. | OPP - Sustainable Police Services Funding | 98 |
| | The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward | |
| | March 13, 2026 | |
| 19. | Request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal
Fiscal Framework | 100 |
| | Town of Whitby | |
| | March 13, 2026 | |
| 20. | Resolution to Support - For Info. 2-2026 - Brudenell, Lyndoch and
Raglan Township re Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario
Sex Offender Registry | 104 |
| | Township of Wellesley | |
| | March 13, 2026 | |
| 21. | Resolution to Support - For Info. 5-2026 - Municipality of Wawa re
School Bus Safety and Stop Arm Cameras | 109 |

Township of Wellesley

March 13, 2026

Proclamation, Lighting Requests and Community Flag Raising

- | | |
|---|------------|
| 1. Earth Month (Town Initiated) | 112 |
| Proclamation - April 1 to 30, 2026 | |
| Lighting - April 22, 2026 (Green) | |
| 2. National Dental Hygienists Week | 113 |
| Proclamation - April 4 to 10, 2026 | |
| Lighting - April 2, 2026 (Purple) | |

Information Reports

None.

**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

-
- 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	—	—



Northumberland County

Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

January 28, 2026

Honourable Kinga Surma (Minister of Infrastructure),
 Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing),
 Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance),
 Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
 and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South),
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM),
 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
 All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, 'Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)'

At a meeting held on January 21st, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2026-01-21-052, adopting the recommendation below from the January 5, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting:

Moved by: Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the Municipality of South Huron and the Township of Puslinch recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Kinga Surma (Minister of Infrastructure), the Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2026-01-21-052

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 M. Martin

Agenda
Item 10.a

Resolution Number
2026-01-21-052

Seconded By J. Logel

Council Date: January 21, 2026

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held January 5, 6 and 7, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Public Works Committee, Item 8.b, Report 2026-002 'Changes to Tipping Fees at Community Recycling Centres'- **Held by Councillor Cleveland**

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Carried  _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature



Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: January 5, 2026

Agenda Item: 7.b

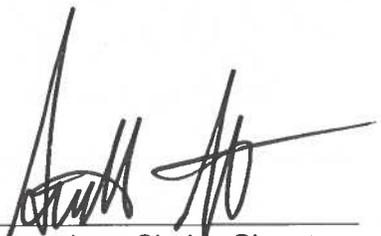
Resolution Number: 2026-01-05-004

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: R. Crate

Council Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

"That the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the Municipality of South Huron and the Township of Puslinch recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Kinga Surma (Minister of Infrastructure), the Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

Resolution Number 2025-253

September 29, 2025

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

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

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;

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;

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;

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;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal 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 Edwardsburgh Cardinal 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,

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

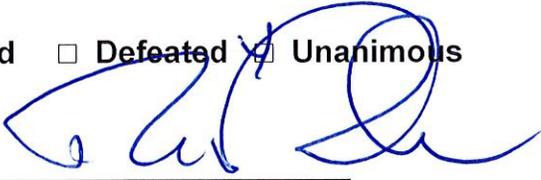
September 29, 2025

Resolution Number: 2025- 253

demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.

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.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
 - o The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - o The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 - o The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - o The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
 - o Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - o Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 - o Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - o The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 - o All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: 

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		



EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

Phone: 613-658-3055
 Fax: 613-658-3445
 Toll Free: 866-848-9099
 E-mail: mail@twpec.ca

P.O. Box 129,
 18 Centre St.
 Spencerville, Ontario
 K0E 1X0

VIA EMAIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 All Upper- and Lower-Tier Municipalities in Ontario

Please be advised that at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2025, the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

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

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;



EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

Phone: 613-658-3055
 Fax: 613-658-3445
 Toll Free: 866-848-9099
 E-mail: mail@twpec.ca

P.O. Box 129,
 18 Centre St.
 Spencerville, Ontario
 K0E 1X0

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;

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;

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;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal 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 Edwardsburgh Cardinal 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.
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.



EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

Phone: 613-658-3055
 Fax: 613-658-3445
 Toll Free: 866-848-9099
 E-mail: mail@twpec.ca

P.O. Box 129,
 18 Centre St.
 Spencerville, Ontario
 K0E 1X0

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.

7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
 - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 - All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

Natalie Charette
 Interim Clerk
clerk@twpec.ca

**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH HURON**

322 Main Street South P.O. Box 759

Exeter Ontario

N0M 1S6

Phone: 519-235-0310 Fax: 519-235-3304

Toll Free: 1-877-204-0747

www.southhuron.ca

October 23, 2025

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

Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their October 20, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

418-2025
Moved By: Aaron Neeb
Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

That South Huron Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025, Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Thompson, AMO, OSUM, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
kwebster@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc: Minister of Infrastructure Hon. Kinga Surma, kinga.surma@pc.ola.org;
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack,
rob.flack@pc.ola.org; Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy,
peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org; MPP Lisa Thompson,
lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; OSUM,
osum@osum.ca; FCM, resolutions@fcm.ca; and all Ontario Municipalities



Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
VIA EMAIL:
premier@ontario.ca

Marit Stiles, MPP
Leader of the Official
Opposition
VIA EMAIL:
mstiles-qp@ndp.on.ca

Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Road 34
Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0
www.puslinch.ca

November 28, 2025

Hon. Kinga Surma
Minister of Infrastructure
VIA EMAIL:
kinga.surma@pc.ola.org

Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Housing
VIA EMAIL:
rob.flack@pc.ola.org

RE: 6.17 Municipality of South Huron Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund & 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 19, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-382:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.17, 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be received for information; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025 Resolution and the Municipality of South Huron Resolution of October 20, 2025 regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of



Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

TOWN OF ENGLEHART

61 Fifth Avenue , Englehart , Ontario , P0J 1H0

Tel: 1-705-544-2244

<https://www.Englehart.ca/>

February 25, 2026

RESOLUTION**Resolution # 2026-35****Agenda Item # 5.3** Committee of the Whole followed by the Regular Meeting**Moved By :** Jo-Anne Farmer**Seconded By :** Pam Bannink

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Englehart does not support the legislative changes to the OMERS Act contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes; FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Englehart supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP Paul Vickers, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

This is a certified and true copy of the original document Amy Vickery, CAO/Clerk.



OMERS Governance Changes & Bill 68



Contents

- OMERS: Current Governance Model
- OMERS Sponsors Organizations
- What happened?
- What does this matter?
- Why municipalities need to care?
- What can we do?

OMERS: Current Governance Model

- Prior to 2006, OMERS was fully controlled by the provincial government, as its sole sponsor: decisions regarding pension benefits and contributions were the responsibility of the provincial government
- In 2006, the provincial government removed itself from plan oversight and devolved the plan's sponsorship to the employers and employees who contribute to the plan.
- Now, OMERS is a defined benefit jointly sponsored pension plan where employee and employer sponsors are jointly responsible for funding the plan and making decisions around plan design.
- OMERS is governed by two corporate boards, each made up of members appointed by employee and employer sponsor groups:
 - The **Sponsors Corporation** determines plan design, contribution rates, and appointments to the Administration Corporation Board.
 - The **Administration Corporation** is responsible for the overall administration of the Plan, including making investment decisions and paying pension benefits to retirees.

The current OMERS governance model of two corporate boards with distinct responsibilities works because it balances independence, accountability, and fairness across the many different employers and employees.

OMERS: Sponsor Organizations

Employer Sponsors	Employee Sponsors
Association of Municipalities of Ontario	CUPE Ontario CUPE 416/79
City of Toronto	OPSEU
Ontario Public School Boards Association & Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association	Police Association of Ontario
Ontario Association of Police Services Boards	Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies	Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation
Electricity Distributors Association	Retirees Group

*Sponsor organizations currently appoint members to the Sponsors Corporation and *nominate* members to the Administration Corporation (Sponsors Corporation reviews nominations and appoints to AC).

What happened?

- In 2024, the OMERS Sponsors Corporation conducted a regular review of contribution rates
 - Identified that lower-paid plan members were in effect subsidizing the retirement benefits of higher-paid plan members; adjusted rates to reallocate the financial burden in a more equitable way
- Following the release of this decision, the Police Association of Ontario, Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, and Metrolinx wrote to the Premier requesting a governance review
 - The government launched a review in 2024
- AMO/MEPCO has consistently stated that the current OMERS governance structure functions well and does not require structural change.
- In November 2025, the government:
 - Released the Report of the Special Advisor, containing recommendations for significant governance change
 - One day later, tabled legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* as part of Fall Economic Statement omnibus legislation
 - Passed legislation in early December

Why does this matter?

Report recommendations and legislation mean significant changes to OMERS governance that:

- Shifts from a stewardship model focused on long-term sustainability and affordability to one focused more on advocacy and interest-based bargaining
- Weakens sponsor and municipal employer oversight by shifting power to the administrator (Administration Corporation) with respect to appointments and resources
- Provides significant authority to the Minister to prescribe rules and regulations related to Sponsors Council business, which risk interference in the plan design and potential new costs without the say of sponsors, employers, or employees

This is another example of provincial overreach into areas of municipal responsibility without a clear rationale or a full understanding of impacts.

Why municipalities need to care?

- Municipalities have less of a voice in the pension plan that we fund
- Province will be able to make decisions about the plan through regulation, and municipalities and employees will have to cover any new costs
- An interest-based approach to benefits and contributions decisions creates greater financial risks for municipalities (e.g. decisions that could lead to higher contribution rates or lower benefits)
- Less sponsor control over the Administration Corporation makes it harder to hold administrators responsible for plan performance

Ultimately, municipal governments are the default funder of the pension plan. This new model creates a greater risk of funding shortfalls, which will need to be covered by municipal taxpayers.

What can we do?

- Tell government and local MPPs that pension governance matters, and that municipalities should have control over their own plan by:
 - Passing a resolution
 - Sending a letter
 - Meeting with your local MPP
 - Raising this issue in delegations at ROMA (key messages on next slide)

Key messages

- The OMERS pension plan is important to municipalities: it is a recruitment and retention tool and a valuable benefit for our employees.
- We are concerned about the OMERS governance changes because:
 - Municipalities have less of a voice in the pension plan that we fund and rely on
 - These changes could lead to higher costs for municipalities. We cannot afford new costs without increasing taxes or cutting services.
- We believe that the current OMERS structure with two corporate boards is working; it provides predictability and stability.
- Pensions need to stay independent and accountable. They cannot be politicized.
- We are asking you to work with AMO and the other plan sponsors to chart a path forward that limits major changes and protects the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.



Appendix

Poirier Report Summary

	Recommendations
Sponsors Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind down Sponsors Corporation and replace with a Sponsors Council • Maintain current composition with the addition of five (5) non-voting members • Re-establish employer/employee co-chair model and employer/employee sponsor caucuses
Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend current Independent Board Chair term for three (3) years • Sponsors to directly appoint members to Administration Corporation Board • Give Administration Corporation Board veto (2/3 majority vote) over sponsor appointments
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End corporate structure for Sponsors Corporation and access to independent resources • Administration Corporation to reimburse Sponsors Council for “reasonable costs” • Costs of arbitration be borne exclusively by sponsor organizations
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislate normal retirement age (NRA) 60/65 flexibility within plan text

Bill 68 Summary

- As part of Fall Economic Statement, Government introduced Bill 68 legislation to enact several (but not all recommendations)
- Provides authority to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing to:
 - Dissolve Sponsors Corporation at a date determined by Ministerial order
 - Establish a Sponsors Council, subject to any rules Minister deems appropriate
 - Make regulations governing any elements of the Sponsors Council by-laws
 - Approve Sponsors Council by-laws, as established initially by the Administration Corporation
- Prohibits Sponsors from appointing:
 - to the Sponsors Council anyone who has been a member of the Administration Corporation Board or the Sponsors Corporation Board
 - to the AC anyone who has been a member of the Sponsors Corporation Board or the Sponsors Council

Yonge Street Improvements

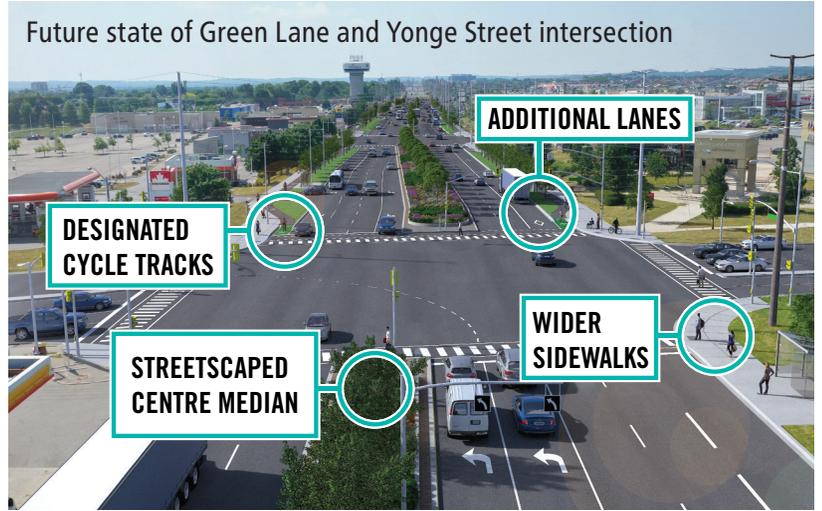
York Region is widening and improving Yonge Street from Davis Drive to Green Lane in the Town of Newmarket and Town of East Gwillimbury to enhance service to the community and prepare for future growth.

PROJECT UPDATE

Construction continues to take place on the east side of Yonge Street and includes:

- Excavating and widening the road
- Installing new fire hydrants, and storm sewer and watermain components
- Working on street lighting and traffic signals

Future stages of construction include installing sidewalks, cycle tracks and medians, paving and streetscaping. When the east side of the road is complete, construction will switch to the west side.



Future state of Green Lane and Yonge Street intersection

LANE SHIFTS

Yonge Street
Davis Drive to Green Lane

Drive with care

Crews are refreshing line markings when possible. In winter, paint wears off quickly due to road salt, grit and wet conditions. For new paint to set properly, the road must be dry.

Yonge Street near Bristol Road, looking south. Large trench boxes secured the work area during deep excavation for underground stormwater equipment.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Anticipated completion is late 2027. As with all construction projects, work may be delayed due to weather.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Lane reductions outside of peak travel times
- Lane shifts and temporary impacts to sidewalks and entrances
- Night work and weekend work as required
- Access maintained to businesses and entrances

Travellers are encouraged to use traffic and navigation apps to plan their commute. We understand construction causes inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Slow Down

Speed limit is reduced to 50km/h through the work zone.



- Visit york.ca/YongeStreet for project updates and to subscribe for e-news
- Follow [@YorkRegionGovt](https://twitter.com/YorkRegionGovt) on social media

Accessible formats of this notice and communication supports available upon request.

Have questions? Contact us today.

Phone: 1-877-464-9675

TTY: 711

Email: transportation@york.ca

After hours emergency: 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75200





Agenda Number: 1.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-069
Title: Opening remarks and call meeting to order
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by:

Dave P.

Seconded by:

Chris

THAT Council opens the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

Mayor



Agenda Number: 4.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-070
Title: Approval of the Agenda
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: Ross
Seconded by: Rachelle

THAT Council accepts the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

Mayor



Agenda Number: 6.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-071
Title: Closed Session
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: Dano
Seconded by: Raulo

THAT Council move to Closed Session at pm. 7:24

CARRIED
 [Signature]

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

Mayor



Agenda Number: 6.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-072
Title: Closed Session
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by:

Rachel Dane

Seconded by:

THAT Council open the Closed Session at pm. 7:06

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]

Mayor



Agenda Number: 6.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-073
Title: Closed Session
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by:

Pierre Ross

Seconded by:

Ross

THAT Council approve the Closed Session agenda as presented.

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]

Mayor



Agenda Number: 6.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-074
Title: Closed Session
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: Dano
Seconded by: P. J. ...

THAT Council adjourn the Closed Session at pm. 7:30

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]
Mayor



Agenda Number: 6.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-075
Title: Closed Session
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by:

Pano

Seconded by:

P. Sen

THAT Council move to Open Session at pm. 7h44

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]

Mayor

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARKSTAY-WARREN

RESOLUTION

Agenda Item # 10.a

NO: 2026- Rcm - 075.5

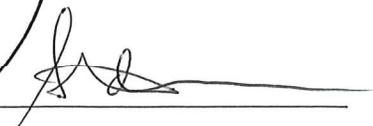
DATE: March 2, 2026

MOVED BY: Rachelle

SECONDED BY: Dave

THAT Council approve Library report as presented

CARRIED



DEFEATED

MAYOR

DIVISION VOTE

	YEA	NAY		Disclosure on interest
Steven Olsen				
Rachelle Poirier				
Ross Evans				
Dave Boland				
Pierre Frappier				



Agenda Number: 11.a.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-076
Title: Adoption of Minutes
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: Ross
Seconded by: Plew

THAT Council approves the Consent Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

[Signature]

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

Mayor

Agenda Number: 14.b.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-077
Title: Highway 11/17 Nation Building Improvements - Town of Joly
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by:

Rae Rachelle

Seconded by:

Dave

WHEREAS Canada's east-west trade and national mobility rely on the Trans-Canada Highway system, including Highways 17 and 11 across Northern and Eastern Ontario, which carry significant freight volumes but remain predominantly two-lane corridors;

AND WHEREAS to four-lane the entirety of Highway 17 is the ultimate goal of the communities along the corridor;

AND WHEREAS the proven "2+1" highway design, alternating passing lanes with a continuous median barrier, delivers safety outcomes comparable to full twinning at substantially lower cost, land, and environmental impact, and can be scaled or converted to four lanes (2+2) as volumes grow;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced a 2+1 pilot between North Bay and Temagami and a further extension toward Cochrane, creating a near-term implementation pathway;

AND WHEREAS modernizing Highways 17 and 11 will improve safety, reduce closures, strengthen supply-chain reliability for mining, forestry, agriculture, tourism and manufacturing, and enhance national resilience and emergency response capacity;

AND WHEREAS a phased 2+1 build - prioritizing Highway 11 (North Bay -+ Cochrane, then Cochrane -+ Nipigon) and key sections of Highway 17 (western border of County of Renfrew-+ Sudbury; Sault Ste. Marie--+ Sudbury; Thunder Bay--+ Kenora) - aligns with nation building criteria, supports economic reconciliation with indigenous partners, and enables integrated EV charging and low-carbon construction practices;

AND WHEREAS analysis summarized by the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, (FONOM) demonstrates high freight demand on these routes and strong safety / economic rationale for a 2+1 program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren formally endorses the adoption and phased implementation of a 2+1 highway program on Highways 17 and 11 as a nation-building project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada be urged to designate this initiative as a project of national interest under the Building Canada Act and to partner with Ontario to co-fund and accelerate planning, design, procurement, and construction;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario be urged to expand the announced pilot to a corridor-wide program, sequencing works according to readiness, safety benefit and economic importance;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario prioritize these projects into the Ministry of Transportation's Major Projects Division;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT both governments ensure early, ongoing, and capacity supported engagement with affected Indigenous Nations, with opportunities for Indigenous training,

contracting, and equity participation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the program incorporate corridor-wide safety features (barrier-separated 2+1 cross-sections, controlled passing frequency, wildlife considerations), resilience measures (closure mitigation, climate adaptation), and clean-growth elements (EV charging readiness, recycled aggregates, lower-carbon materials);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transport (Canada), the Minister of infrastructure (Canada), the Ontario Minister of Transportation, our local MP and MPP, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens'

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED



Mayor

Agenda Number: 15.a.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-078
Title: Relocation of Markstay Public Library and Support to Markstay's Seniors Club
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: Dane
Seconded by: Pierre as amendment

WHEREAS Council approved a resolution on February 2, 2026 directing the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to work with the Markstay Seniors Club to identify a suitable solution that provides reasonable space and accommodation for the Club's programs and activities, and to work with the Markstay Public Library to develop and implement a relocation plan to the Municipal Building located at 8 Church Street, and to explore shared use where feasible, and to report back to Council with recommendations, timelines, and any financial or operational implications;

AND WHEREAS the Rainbow District School Board has provided notice requiring the Markstay Public Library to vacate the current school-based library space by April 10, 2026;

AND WHEREAS the Markstay Seniors Club has confirmed it will vacate on March 12, 2026; with the lease/occupancy ending March 13, 2026; and relocate programming to the Riverside Community Church, 12 Millichamp St, Markstay;

AND WHEREAS Council has identified an implementation timeline for the library relocation, including renovations to the 8 Church Street building within approximately two (2) weeks at an estimated cost of approximately \$9,500, and a target move date of April 8, 2026, in order to complete the relocation before April 10, 2026;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct the CAO to proceed with implementing the Markstay Public Library relocation plan to the Municipal Building at 8 Church Street, including completing renovations required for library use within approximately two (2) weeks at an estimated cost of approximately \$9,500, and coordinating the relocation for April 8, 2026, to ensure the move is completed before April 10, 2026;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the following municipal transition supports for the Markstay Seniors Club relocation to the church location, subject to operational feasibility, safety requirements, and confirmation of permissions/agreements with the church; AND has requested municipal transition assistance related to the March 12, 2026, as outlined below

1. winter maintenance support by providing a quantity of sand annually to the church for use on-site to support safe access to the back door for the March 12, 2026 move and for ongoing safe access, with delivery subject to Public Works scheduling and standard municipal practices;
2. allowing the Seniors Club to keep the existing shed currently located beside the former club

house on municipal property until summer 2026 for the purpose of transition, with staff to confirm timing and a plan for removal/relocation;

3. providing one-time support for moving supplies up to a maximum of \$200 (U-Haul boxes and packing paper), upon submission of receipts;
4. if placement of a shed at the church is not feasible due to winter conditions, authorizing staff to identify a temporary location on municipal property until spring 2026, subject to site suitability and risk considerations;
5. coordinating municipal labour/equipment support for March 12, 2026 move assistance, subject to availability, WSIB/workplace safety requirements, and supervision by municipal staff;

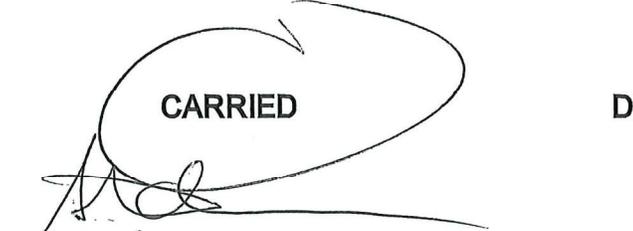
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct the CAO to bring back a report and draft Terms of Reference to establish a small joint working group comprised of 2–3 representatives of the Markstay Seniors Club, 2–3 representatives of the Markstay Public Library Board, and the CAO, meeting twice per year, to maintain dialogue and explore long-term opportunities including the concept of a future joint/multi-use facility in Markstay;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council confirm that a “return to space” commitment for the Seniors Club related to a new future multi-use building is granted at this time, and that any future space allocation, lease, or guarantee would be subject to Council approval at the time, including building design, funding, operating model, policies, and agreements;

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED



Mayor

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARKSTAY-WARREN

RESOLUTION

Agenda Item # 15.a

March 2, 2026

NO: 2026- RCM - 078.25

DATE: _____

MOVED BY: Rachelle

SECONDED BY: Ross

THAT Council modify conditions ^{#1} of providing
sand annual in a sand box.

CARRIED

DEFEATED



MAYOR

DIVISION VOTE

	YEA	NAY		Disclosure on interest
Steven Olsen				
Rachelle Poirier				
Ross Evans				
Dave Boland				
Pierre Frappier				



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARKSTAY-WARREN

RESOLUTION

Agenda Item # 15.a

NO: 2026- RCM - 078.5

DATE: March 2, 2026

MOVED BY: Dave

SECONDED BY: Pierre

THAT Council provide sand one-time sand

CARRIED

DEFEATED

MAYOR

DIVISION VOTE

	YEA	NAY		Disclosure on interest
Steven Olsen				
Rachelle Poirier				
Ross Evans				
Dave Boland				
Pierre Frappier				

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARKSTAY-WARREN

RESOLUTION

Agenda Item # 15.a

DATE: March 2

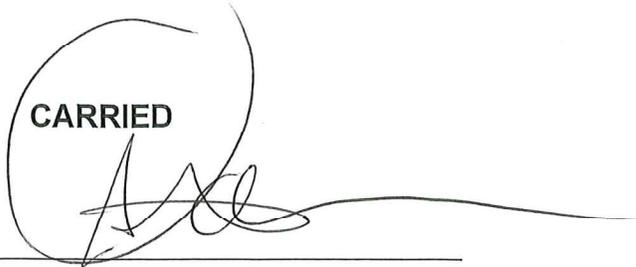
NO: 2026-RCM - 078.75

MOVED BY: Pierre

SECONDED BY: Rachel

THAT Council add under #4 to store personal property & before Aug 1, 2026.

CARRIED



DEFEATED

MAYOR

DIVISION VOTE

	YEA	NAY		Disclosure on interest
Steven Olsen				
Rachelle Poirier				
Ross Evans				
Dave Boland				
Pierre Frappier				



Agenda Number: 15.b.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-079
Title: 2026 Elections - Alternative Voting Systems Services
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: Rose

Seconded by: Dave

THAT approve RFP voting system

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]
Mayor

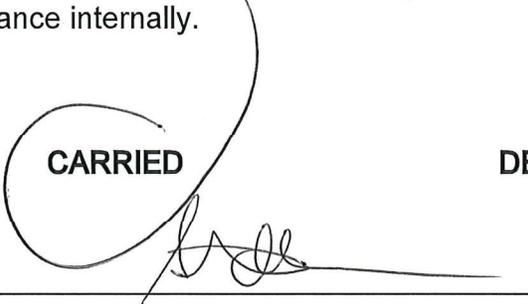


Agenda Number: 15.c.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-080
Title: Plow Truck Tender versus Repairs
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: P. Puro
Seconded by: D. Dawson

WHEREAS the Municipality issued a tender for the repair and/or replacement of a municipal plow truck;
AND WHEREAS the tender closing date has passed and submissions have been reviewed in accordance with the Municipality's Procurement Policy;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby directs that the tender process for the plow truck repair/replacement be formally closed;
AND THAT Council authorizes staff to proceed with completing the required plow truck repairs and maintenance internally.

CARRIED



DEFERRED

DEFEATED

Mayor



Agenda Number: 15.d.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-081
Title: Moving Closed Sessions to 6:00 p.m. versus at end of meeting
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: Dano.

Seconded by: Russ

THAT Council direct CAO to move Closed Sessions to 6:00 P.m and have Public Sessions Begin at 7:00 P.m.
as per RCM 066 S

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]

Mayor



Agenda Number: 16.a.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-083
Title: By-Law 2026-08 To adopt Helipad Maintenance Agreement
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: *Rachelle*
Seconded by: *Ben*

THAT Council performs the 1st and 2nd reading of proposed By-Law 2026-08 to adopt the Helipad Maintenance Agreement.

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]
Mayor



Agenda Number: 16.a.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-084
Title: By-Law 2026-08 To adopt Helipad Maintenance Agreement
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: Dave Ross
Seconded by: [Signature]

THAT Council performs the 3rd reading and final reading of proposed By-Law 2026-08.

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]
Mayor



Agenda Number: 16.b.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-086
Title: By-Law 2026-09 To approve Grant funding for Renovations to the Markstay-Warren Multi-Plex
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: _____
Seconded by: _____

THAT Council performs the 3rd reading and final reading of proposed By-Law 2026-09.

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

 Mayor



Agenda Number: 16.c.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-087
Title: By-Law 2026-15 Procurement Policy 2026
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: Rachel
Seconded by: Pos

THAT Council performs the 1st and 2nd reading of proposed By-Law 2026-15 to approve the 2026 Procurement Policy bylaw.

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]
Mayor



Agenda Number: 16.c.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-088
Title: By-Law 2026-15 Procurement Policy 2026
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by:

Pen

Seconded by:

Dano

THAT Council performs the 3rd reading and final reading of proposed By-Law 2026-15.

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

Mayor



Agenda Number: 16.d.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-089
Title: By-Law 2026-13 Being a bylaw to confirm proceedings
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: Prew
Seconded by: Rachel

THAT Council performs the 1st and 2nd reading of proposed By-Law 2026-13 being a bylaw to confirm the March 2nd, 2026 proceedings.

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

 [Signature]
Mayor



Agenda Number: 16.d.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-090
Title: By-Law 2026-13 Being a bylaw to confirm proceedings
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by:

Dave Ross

Seconded by:

Ross

THAT Council performs the 3rd reading and final reading of proposed By-Law 2026-13.

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]
Mayor



Agenda Number: 17.a.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-091
Title: Accessibility and Inclusive Meetings
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by:

Ross

Seconded by:

Rachell

As per Motion by councillor Evans - Accessibility & Inclusive meetings

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]
Mayor



Agenda Number: 21.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-093
Title: Adjournment
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by: Dane
Seconded by: Perr

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at pm. 9h49

CARRIED

DEFERRED

DEFEATED

[Signature]
Mayor



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40
Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0
TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

March 4, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario

Dear: Honourable Doug Ford,

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

Resolution No: 2026-03-04-05
Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Tay Valley Township's resolution regarding Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario, as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Party and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



October 24, 2025

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

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

RE: Municipality of Tweed – Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on October 21st, 2025 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2025-10-22

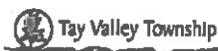
MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie
SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

"WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township Support the Municipality of Tweed's resolution regarding waste incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

AND WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the members of council, MPP's and MPs to make the decisions that will result in the most positive outcomes for now and future generations;

AND WHEREAS, with large urban centres now looking in rural areas of our province and entire country for lands to bury their garbage waste;

AND WHEREAS, a large landfill site owned by a large urban centre which receives 50% of their garbage at the present time is expected to be full by 2029 creating more environmental impacts;



AND WHEREAS, continuing to bury garbage in the ground will result in our future generations having lost potable groundwater as a result of garbage leachate rendering it unusable;

AND WHEREAS, burying garbage, particularly organic waste in landfills, leads to the production of methane a greenhouse gas, which escapes into the atmosphere and contributes to climate change causing more environmental destruction;

AND WHEREAS, we continue to destroy our environment jeopardizing our future generations;

AND WHEREAS, we have worldwide technology that will allow us the use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy;

AND WHEREAS, the incineration of household and other municipal waste has a long tradition in Germany, which currently has 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of around 25 million tons;

AND WHEREAS, with a strong focus on community involvement, innovative infrastructure, and sustainable practices, Germany has set a high bar for municipal recycling programs that the rest of the world can learn from and emulate;

AND WHEREAS, at the present time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its garbage waste at a municipal level. This places the country as the most effective and prominent country when it comes to recycling in the entire world. This highlights the citizen's strength and motivation to deal with environmental issues on a daily basis;

AND WHEREAS, German schools often integrate recycling education into their curriculum. This early exposure to the importance of recycling instills a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, creating a culture of sustainability that transcends generations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township support the Municipality of Tweed in investigating the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments and manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices, so that future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement;

AND THAT, this support be sent to Premier Ford, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party, and all Ontario Municipalities."

ADOPTED



If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party,
All Municipalities in Ontario



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40
Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0
TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

March 4, 2026

RE: OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68

Dear Honourable Rob Flack and Honourable Peter Bethenfalvy,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Resolution No: 2026-03-04-04
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution regarding OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68, as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Minister of Finance, EOWC MPPs, and AMO."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



Resolution: OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68

Moved by: Warden Jennifer Murphy, Renfrew County

Seconded by: Warden Mario Zanth, United Counties of Prescott and Russell

“WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children’s aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS’ governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model,

with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to:

- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs;
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
- EOWC regional MPPs: Billy Denault, Dave Smith, David Piccini, John Jordan, Laurie Scott Nolan Quinn, Ric Bresee, Steve Clark, Stephane Sarrazin, Ted Hsu, Tyler Allsopp; and
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)."

CARRIED

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

Signed by: **Bonnie Clark, EOWC Chair**
Warden of Peterborough County

Info@eowc.org

January 8, 2026



Township of Perry

PO Box 70, 1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON POA 1J0

PHONE: (705)636-5941

FAX: (705)636-5759

www.townshipofperry.ca

March 5, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation Province of Ontario

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Township of Perry, I am 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 serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

The Town of Parry Sound 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 demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

We also support 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. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

...2



Township of Perry

PO Box 70, 1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON POA 1J0

PHONE: (705)636-5941

FAX: (705)636-5759

www.townshipofperry.ca

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Norm Hofstetter
Mayor

cc: The Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: March 4, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 104

Moved By: Paul Sowrey **Seconded By:** Margaret Ann MacPhail

Whereas the Township of Perry has received a letter from the Town of Parry Sound, along with other municipalities requesting support for improved school bus safety initiatives and the expansion of stop-arm camera programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the resolution passed by the Town of Parry Sound advocating for enhanced provincial support for school bus safety and stop-arm camera systems;

And further that Council directs staff to forward a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried: ✓ **Defeated:** _____ 
Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		

From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Circular Materials Ontario
Date: March 6, 2026 8:13:01 AM

On February 26, 2026 Regional Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Province of Ontario has implemented the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, transferring responsibility for municipal recycling to producer responsibility organizations and their contractors, including Circular Materials Ontario;

And Whereas Circular Materials Ontario has engaged multiple private collection contractors to deliver recycling services to municipalities across Ontario, including those within the Regional Municipality of York;

And Whereas municipalities throughout Ontario are experiencing inconsistent recycling collection service levels under the new EPR model, including differences in collection frequency, missed collections, accepted materials, cart provision, contamination management, customer service response times, and contractor accountability;

And Whereas residents in some municipalities are receiving reduced or inferior recycling collection services compared to others, despite participating in the same provincial Blue Box program;

And Whereas these service level inequities have resulted in increased resident complaints, confusion, reduced participation in recycling programs, and declining public confidence in Ontario's recycling system;

And Whereas upper- and lower-tier municipalities, including York Region, no longer have direct operational control over Blue Box recycling collection, yet continue to experience the impacts of service disruptions and resident dissatisfaction;

And Whereas the intent of Extended Producer Responsibility was to improve environmental outcomes, efficiency, and accountability, not to create unequal treatment of Ontario residents based on municipal boundaries;

And Whereas access to reliable and effective recycling collection is an essential public service and should be fair, consistent, and equitable for all residents of Ontario, regardless of where they live;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of The Regional Municipality of York calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario and its contractors provide fair, consistent, and equitable

recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario;

And That the Province be requested to establish, enforce, and publicly report on consistent province-wide service standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed-collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times, and contractor performance;

And That the Province require Circular Materials Ontario to promptly address collection service level inequities and performance gaps between municipalities, including those impacting York Region;

And That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario.

Regards,

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

The Regional Municipality of York | 17250 Yonge Street | Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
O: 1-877-464-9675 | christopher.raynor@york.ca | york.ca

Our Mission: **Working together to serve our thriving communities – today and tomorrow**

From: Regional.Clerk <regional.clerk@york.ca>

Sent: March 6, 2026 8:01 AM

Subject: Regional Council Decision - DRAFT - Region-wide and Nobleton Area-Specific Wastewater Development Charges Background Studies and Bylaws

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

1. Council receive:
 - o Draft 2026 Region-wide Development Charges Background Study and Bylaw (Attachment 1)
 - o Draft 2026 Nobleton Area-Specific Wastewater Development Charges Background Study and Bylaw (Attachment 2).

2. Council direct that a report be brought forward, on or before the May 21 meeting of Council recommending approval of the 2026 Region-wide Development Charges Background Study and Bylaw and 2026 Nobleton Area-Specific Wastewater Development Charges Background Study and Bylaw.
to consult with BILD.

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

[Report – DRAFT – Region-Wide and Nobleton Area-Specific Wastewater Development Charges Background Studies and Bylaws](#)

Please contact Bonny Tam, Director (A) and Deputy Treasurer, 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

The Regional Municipality of York | 17250 Yonge Street | Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
O: 1-877-464-9675 | christopher.raynor@york.ca | york.ca

Our Mission: **Working together to serve our thriving communities – today and tomorrow**

to consult with BILD.

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

[Report – DRAFT – Region-Wide and Nobleton Area-Specific Wastewater Development Charges Background Studies and Bylaws](#)

Please contact Bonny Tam, Director (A) and Deputy Treasurer, 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

The Regional Municipality of York | 17250 Yonge Street | Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
O: 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71300 | christopher.raynor@york.ca | york.ca

Our Mission: **Working together to serve our thriving communities – today and tomorrow**

From: [Regional Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Proposed Motion from Mayor Lovatt
Date: March 6, 2026 8:05:44 AM

On February 26, 2026 Regional Council adopted the following motion:

Whereas the Province of Ontario has implemented the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, transferring responsibility for municipal recycling to producer responsibility organizations and their contractors, including Circular Materials Ontario;

And Whereas Circular Materials Ontario has engaged multiple private collection contractors to deliver recycling services to municipalities across Ontario, including those within the Regional Municipality of York;

And Whereas municipalities throughout Ontario are experiencing inconsistent recycling collection service levels under the new EPR model, including differences in collection frequency, missed collections, accepted materials, cart provision, contamination management, customer service response times, and contractor accountability;

And Whereas residents in some municipalities are receiving reduced or inferior recycling collection services compared to others, despite participating in the same provincial Blue Box program;

And Whereas these service level inequities have resulted in increased resident complaints, confusion, reduced participation in recycling programs, and declining public confidence in Ontario's recycling system;

And Whereas upper- and lower-tier municipalities, including York Region, no longer have direct operational control over Blue Box recycling collection, yet continue to experience the impacts of service disruptions and resident dissatisfaction;

And Whereas the intent of Extended Producer Responsibility was to improve environmental outcomes, efficiency, and accountability, not to create unequal treatment of Ontario residents based on municipal boundaries;

And Whereas access to reliable and effective recycling collection is an essential public service and should be fair, consistent, and equitable for all residents of Ontario, regardless of where they live;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of The Regional Municipality of York calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario and its contractors provide fair, consistent, and equitable recycling collection

service levels across all municipalities in Ontario;

And That the Province be requested to establish, enforce, and publicly report on consistent province-wide service standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed-collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times, and contractor performance;

And That the Province require Circular Materials Ontario to promptly address collection service level inequities and performance gaps between municipalities, including those impacting York Region;

And That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario

Regards,

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

The Regional Municipality of York | 17250 Yonge Street | Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
O: 1-877-464-9675 | christopher.raynor@york.ca | york.ca

Our Mission: **Working together to serve our thriving communities – today and tomorrow**



TOWNSHIP OF JOLY

P.O. Box 519 , Sundridge , Ontario , P0A 1Z0
Tel: 705-384-5428

February 10, 2026

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2026-062

Agenda Item # 5.3 Support Opposition to consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Moved By : Tom Bryson

Seconded By : Chris Nicholson

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby support the Town of Kingsville Resolution number 195-11172025.

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the “Act”), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

And whereas there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

And whereas on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government’s intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario’s 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

NOW Therefore Be It Resolved Council for the Corporation of The Township of Joly:

- Wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario’s conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities; and,
- Directs the Municipal Administrator to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Original copy Signed

Mayor

Township of Joly



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 078

Moved By: Joe Lumley

Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

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

And whereas interlibrary 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;

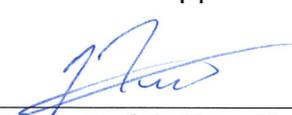
Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

And that Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried: _____

Defeated: _____



Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		

February 6, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 29, 2026 the following resolution regarding support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-32

DATE: January 29, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Prinzen

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and

WHEREAS Ontario has lost 2.8 million acres of farmland in the last three decades; 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 County of Prince Edward 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; Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner, Haldimand-Norfolk MPP Bobbi Ann Brady, Bay of Quinte MPP Tyler Allsopp, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Prinzen, Councillor Branderhorst



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

March 9, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, at its meeting on March 2, 2026 passed the following resolution:

R52-2026

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

That the correspondence from the Township of Larder Lake regarding School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems is received for information;
AND FURTHER that the Council for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan hereby supports the Township of Larder Lake's call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

CARRIED.

A copy of the original correspondence from the Mayor of the Township of Larder Lake is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Township of Larder Lake
All Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 FOURTH AVENUE, P. O. Box 40, LARDER LAKE, ON P0K 1L0

PH: 705-643-2158 FAX: 705-643-2311

LARDERLAKE.CA

February 11th, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria

Minister of Transportation, Province of Ontario

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Municipality of Larder Lake, I am 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 serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

The Municipality of Larder Lake 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 demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

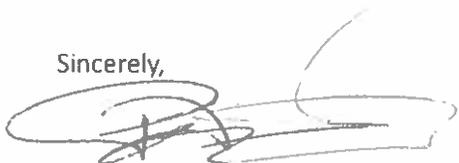
We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Patricia Quinn', written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Patricia Quinn, Mayor, Municipality of Larder Lake

cc:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities



Rideau Lakes

1439 County Road 8, Delta, ON K0E 1G0
T. 613.928.2251 | 1.800.928.2250 | F. 613.928.3097
rideaulakes.ca

March 10, 2026

Dear Senator,

Re: Rideau Lakes Concerns re Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget)

We in Rideau Lakes Township are writing this letter because of major concerns about the Alto High Speed Rail Project (HSR), as well as a request to fully evaluate our concerns of Bill C-15 in relation to Alto HSR and expropriation of land.

The Alto HSR is lacking full and meaningful consultation of critical information for the early design and development phase. We recognize that having this information is important to the engineers in determining routes that minimize disruptions to the communities, residents, businesses, farmland, waterways, environment, and ecosystems that they pass through. What we have experienced is less than adequate information upon which to base our ability to conduct impact assessments involving our rural communities, agriculture, businesses, and countless heritage buildings and monuments. Alto's recently proposed Southern Ontario route included a 10 km wide corridor, and they provided high-level maps which are not useful in determining the impacts which more detailed route maps would give us and that are vital to our informed feedback. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our more local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

HSR will divide communities. There will be a major impact on our roadways for school buses, public transportation and emergency vehicles given the many closed roadways when fences are erected along the HSR route. This will increase mortality and morbidity as it will take longer to receive timely care. Farther to travel will also increase emissions and costs for plowing and road maintenance. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

The Southern route would traverse the UNESCO recognized Frontenac Arch Biosphere Region, the ancestral lands of the Haudenosaunee (Kanien'kehá:ka) and Anishinaabeg (Algonquin); where a land bridge of the Canadian Shield connects the Algonquin and Laurentian Highlands to the Adirondack Mountains in the USA. Many animals use this migration route in both directions every year, and unless wildlife corridors are included in the ALTO plans, this would cut off their migration.

This does not begin to speak to the negative impact on tourism which is estimated in the order of \$30 million for the UNESCO Rideau Canal system from Ottawa to Kingston.

Another major concern is that the government proposes to grant Alto, as a Crown Corporation, the right to 3 methods of property expropriation! Until now the government itself held the right to a single method of property expropriation. This causes our residents varying degrees of stress ranging to mental anguish if their properties are affected and they will not get full current market value if they decided to sell. Under the new proposed legislation, they would be forced to sell to the Corporation! This is of particular concern to many potentially affected property owners who are in the business of farming and feeding our population.

Cost analysis to build the railway in the northern and southern routes has not been done. We have also been told that a route parallel to the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario is not viable. We do not have enough information to understand why this option is not viable.

Rideau Lakes Township is asking you, and your Senate colleagues, to undertake your considered review of our concerns that are being sent to you for First Reading. We hope that you will see that this portion of Bill-C15 (HSR and expropriation) is premature, given that there are many unanswered questions and important issues have not been adequately addressed in the information provided. There has been inadequate public consultation to move to the development stage of this generationally important Canadian transportation project affecting so many lives along whatever corridor may eventually be approved. Should the Senate determine that a delegation to a Senate committee be appropriate with a view to consolidating recommendations for changes that would go back to the House of Commons, we would be available to participate, of course upon invitation.

Thank you for your attention in this very important matter affecting all of us here and across Ontario! It would be very much appreciated if I could receive a response in order to brief my Council.

Yours respectfully,



Arie Hoogenboom
Mayor, Rideau Lakes Township
mayor@rideaulakes.ca
613-323-0901

Cc: Prime Minister of Canada
All Members of Parliament
All Provincial Cabinet Ministers
MPP Steve Clark
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



Mark Sutcliffe
Mayor | Maire

86

**Office of the Mayor
City of Ottawa**

110 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1
Tel.: 613-580-2496
Fax: 613-580-2509
Email: Mark.Sutcliffe@ottawa.ca

**Bureau du maire
Ville d'Ottawa**

110, avenue Laurier Ouest
Ottawa (Ontario) K1P 1J1
Tél. : 613-580-2496
Télé. : 613-580-2509
Courriel : Mark.Sutcliffe@ottawa.ca

February 26th, 2026

The Honourable Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General
Ministry of the Solicitor General
George Drew Building
25 Grosvenor St. Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6
SOLGEN.Correspondence@ontario.ca

By electronic submission

Re: Proposed New Regulation under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act

Dear Solicitor General,

Please be advised that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of February 25, 2026, considered and approved the following motion:

MOTION

Moved by / Motion de: Councillor S. Plante
Seconded by / Appuyée par: Mayor M. Sutcliffe

WHEREAS the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025* (RPCISA) was brought into force on June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) is considering regulatory amendments to the RPCISA to prescribe special constables employed by authorized public transit agencies, including OTranspo special constables for the purpose of the Act, thereby granting them the same enforcement powers as police officers, and is seeking public input on this proposal until March 1st; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has invested significant resources to improve public safety in the downtown core and the ByWard Market; and

WHEREAS OC Transpo deploys on average approximately 4 special constables in the downtown daily, and 13 deployed across the city-wide transit network, who are already present in high-traffic transit environments, including stations, platforms, and bus stops throughout the downtown core and across the city; and



Mark Sutcliffe

Mayor | Maire

**Office of the Mayor
City of Ottawa**

110 Laurier Avenue West

Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1

Tel.: 613-580-2496

Fax: 613-580-2509

Email: Mark.Sutcliffe@ottawa.ca

**Bureau du maire
Ville d'Ottawa**

110, avenue Laurier Ouest

Ottawa (Ontario) K1P 1J1

Tél. : 613-580-2496

Télec. : 613-580-2509

Courriel : Mark.Sutcliffe@ottawa.ca

WHEREAS public transit riders include workers, students, seniors, people with disabilities, youth, and low-income residents who rely on transit as their primary or only mode of transportation and require a safe environment at all times; and

WHEREAS restoring ridership is essential to the financial sustainability of Ottawa's public transit system, to achieving the City's climate and transportation goals, and to ensuring equitable access to employment, education, healthcare, and community services; and

WHEREAS enabling OCTranspo special constables to enforce the RPCISA would allow for timely, proportionate, and location-specific interventions focused on transit spaces, while reducing reliance on police response for matters that occur primarily within the transit system; and

WHEREAS any extension of authority under the RPCISA would be accompanied by appropriate training and would operate alongside existing public health, outreach, and harm reduction services, recognizing that enforcement alone does not address substance use but that clear rules and safe public spaces remain necessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa endorse the proposed regulatory amendments under the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Solicitor General of Ontario in support of the proposal before March 1st, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk share this motion with other Municipalities in Ontario, prior to March 1st, 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write the Solicitor General of Ontario to renew or extend the funding associated with the Ontario-Ottawa agreement.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Mark Sutcliffe

Mayor

City of Ottawa

cc. All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



—The TOWNSHIP of—
NORTH DUMFRIES

106 Earl Thompson Road, 3rd Floor
 PO Box 1060
 Ayr, ON N0B 1E0

March 11, 2026

Sent via Email:

Premier of Ontario, 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 Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario

RE: Resolution – Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on March 9, 2026 the Township of North Dumfries Council considered the enclosed resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

“THAT the Resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 be received;

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 North Dumfries 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 Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.”

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Good". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Good, Clerk
Township of North Dumfries
519-632-8800 ext. 122
agood@northdumfries.ca

encl.

Township of Southgate
Administration Office
 185667 Grey County Road 9, RR 1
 Dundalk, ON N0C 1B0



Phone: 519-923-2110
Toll Free: 1-888-560-6607
Fax: 519-923-9262
Web: www.southgate.ca

February 20, 2026

Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

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 Southgate 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 Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
 Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound
Senator Rob Black
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipalities in Ontario



The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting

Title: Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Resolution
Date: Monday, March 9, 2026
Time: 3:47 PM

Moved by: Councillor Ardiel
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and supports the September 29, 2025 Resolution from the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal regarding Support Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund;

AND THAT Council direct staff to circulate the attached resolution of support to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Francois-Phillippe Champagne, Minister of Finance, MPP Paul Vickers, MPP Brian Saunderson, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Small Urban Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario Municipalities

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

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

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

Resolution Number 2025-253

September 29, 2025

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

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

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;

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;

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;

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;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal 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 Edwardsburgh Cardinal 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,

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

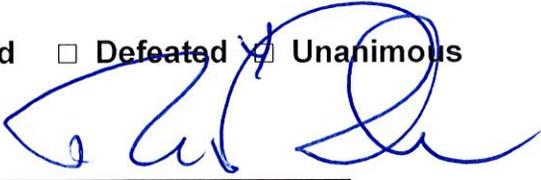
September 29, 2025

Resolution Number: 2025- 253

demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.

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.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
 - o The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - o The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 - o The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - o The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
 - o Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - o Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 - o Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - o The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 - o All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: 

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		



The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting

Title: Township of Southgate Resolution
Date: Monday, March 9, 2026
Time: 3:40 PM

Moved by: Councillor Ardiel
Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and supports the February 20, 2026, Resolution from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025;

AND THAT Council directs staff to provide a copy of the resolution to the Premier of Ontario, 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 Brian Saunderson, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

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

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

Township of Southgate
Administration Office
 185667 Grey County Road 9, RR 1
 Dundalk, ON N0C 1B0



Phone: 519-923-2110
Toll Free: 1-888-560-6607
Fax: 519-923-9262
Web: www.southgate.ca

February 20, 2026

Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

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 Southgate 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 Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
 Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound
Senator Rob Black
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipalities in Ontario

March 13, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of March 10, 2026 the following resolution regarding OPP - Sustainable Police Services Funding was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-111

DATE: January 29, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are required to maintain a police service or detachment board; and

WHEREAS policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of rising costs to implement provincial mandates;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has asserted that the fiscal framework enabling municipalities provided critical policing and public safety services is broken, and AMO requests an urgent update of the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship;

WHEREAS double digit increases in municipal annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) budgets are unsustainable, especially as Ontario municipal police services tackle provincial responsibilities such as mental health, addictions, and homelessness challenges that place police resources under enormous financial strain;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (the Act);

WHEREAS the costs of other measures such as providing provincial court security are increasing and are not part of providing core, adequate and effective municipal policing; and

WHEREAS rural municipalities are especially negatively impacted by these developments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward (Council) requests that the Province provide financial assistance to municipalities to offset all additional costs directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Act and not general increases to police budgets; and

THAT Council urges the Province of Ontario to expeditiously review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities, so that communities with changing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and



From the Office of the Clerk
The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward
T: 613.476.2148 x 1021 | F: 613.476.5727
clerks@pecounty.on.ca | www.thecounty.ca

THAT this resolution of Council be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Hirsch



Town of Whitby
575 Rossland Road East,
Whitby, ON L1N 2M8
905.430.4300
whitby.ca



March 13, 2026

Via Email

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

Re: Request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 9, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 41-26:

Whereas current provincial–municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining the Town of Whitby’s economic prosperity and the quality of life of its residents;
Whereas nearly one third of all municipal spending in Ontario is directed toward services in areas of provincial responsibility, with expenditures outpacing provincial contributions by approximately \$4 billion annually;

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has emphasized that the ongoing requirement for municipalities to fund provincial responsibilities—such as social housing, health related capital obligations, and social services—results in at least \$1.5 billion annually in net municipal expenditures for social housing alone, a problem unique to Ontario;

Whereas municipalities are further required to contribute 10% of capital funding for new provincial hospitals, diverting local revenue away from essential municipal infrastructure;

Whereas municipal revenue sources, primarily property taxes, do not grow at the same rate as the economy or inflation, yet municipalities—including the Town of Whitby—are responsible for managing major growth related infrastructure such as roads, transit, water, sewer, fire, and parks;

Whereas only 34 cents of every residential property tax dollar collected in Whitby remains with the Town, while 55 cents flows to the Region of Durham and 11 cents to school boards;

Whereas AMO has highlighted that provincial housing related revenues—including \$5.8 billion in Land Transfer Tax revenues in 2021/22, which exceeded the provincial budget plan by \$2 billion, as well as billions in HST revenue from new home construction—are not currently shared with municipalities, despite being generated by housing activity that requires significant local infrastructure investment;

Whereas AMO has stated that allocating a portion of these housing related provincial revenues to municipalities would provide a predictable, growth linked revenue stream necessary to support housing targets and the expansion of critical public infrastructure;

Whereas AMO has cautioned that proposals to reduce or limit development charges shift costs away from growth and onto existing property taxpayers, threatening the ability of municipalities to finance essential infrastructure, given that most municipal reserves are already allocated to specific projects or required for responsible asset management practices; and,

Whereas municipal staff have already identified \$2.5 million in expenditure reductions for 2026 and continue to identify efficiencies through the ongoing 2026 Core Services Review.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Council of the Town of Whitby once again calls upon the Province of Ontario to work collaboratively with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) to undertake a comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity Review to modernize and realign the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, ensuring that municipal revenues are aligned with the actual costs of today’s service delivery and growth;
2. The Town of Whitby requests that this review specifically address the \$4 billion annual gap where municipal property taxes are currently used to fund provincial responsibilities, including social housing, health, and transit, and further evaluate:
 - the \$1.5 billion annual municipal burden created by the provincial download of social housing costs;
 - the requirement for municipalities to fund 10% of provincial hospital capital projects; and,
 - the opportunity to allocate a portion of provincial Land Transfer Tax and HST revenues generated by housing activity to municipal infrastructure supporting growth.

3. The Province be urged to establish a predictable, housing linked revenue stream for municipalities that reflects the economic, social, and infrastructure demands associated with growth, including addressing the financial impacts of changes to development charges; and,
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
 - The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure;
 - The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
 - Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby);
 - The Region of Durham;
 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
 - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and,
 - All Ontario Municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905.430.4300.



Kevin Narraway
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
clerk@whitby.ca

Copy: C. Harris, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk - clerk@whitby.ca
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer - wongf@whitby.ca

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health -
Sylvia.Jones@ontario.ca

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

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing -
minister.mah@ontario.ca

The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure -
Minister.MOI@ontario.ca

The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social
Services - MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca

Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby) - lorne.coe@pc.ola.org

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham -
clerks@durham.ca

Lindsay Jones, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
(AMO) - ljones@amo.on.ca

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

All Ontario Municipalities



TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY
Resolution of Council
Council Meeting

Resolution Number

Title: For Info. 2/2026 - Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Township re: Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry – Councillor Sebben

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Moved by: Lori Sebben
Seconded by: Shelley Wagner

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Wellesley supports the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's resolution regarding the call for reform and publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry and further,

That the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Kitchener-Conestoga MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario for their information and consideration.

CARRIED

Municipal Clerk, Amy Harron



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40
Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0
TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

February 4, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

RE: Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry

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 City of Brantford.

Resolution No: 2026-02-04-06
Moved by: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the City of Brantford's resolution regarding a Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry.

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, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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. Catharines 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; -
will.bouma@pc.ola.org

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



TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY
Resolution of Council
Council Meeting

Resolution Number

Title: For Info. 5/2026 - Municipality of Wawa re: School Bus Safety and Stop Arm – Councillor Sebben

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Moved by: Lori Sebben

Seconded by: Shelley Wagner

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Wellesley hereby supports the Municipality of Wawa's resolution regarding enhanced school bus safety and the implementation of stop arm camera systems, and further

That the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario for their information and consideration.

CARRIED

Municipal Clerk, Amy Harron

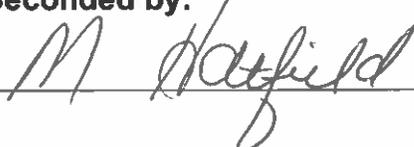


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 17th, 2026

Resolution # RC26028	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the Province of Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day; and

WHEREAS these violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous and unlawful behaviour; and

WHEREAS Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act* authorizes the use of school bus stop-arm camera systems as an enforcement mechanism; and

WHEREAS such systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability; and

WHEREAS provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes are able to equitably deploy this technology; and

WHEREAS 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, underscores the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and technological solutions to better protect children travelling to and from school;



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby expresses its support for increased provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 of the *Highway Traffic Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT protecting children on Ontario's roads is a shared responsibility, and that through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	DEPUTY CLERK – HEATHER RAINVILLE



Emily Thomas-Hopkins
Legislative Coordinator
Town of Newmarket
395 Mulock Drive
P.O. Box 328 Station Main
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7
Email: ethomashopkins@newmarket.ca
Tel: 905-953-5300 x2210
Fax: 905-953-5100

March 13, 2026

Sent to: aromano@newmarket.ca

Dear Amanda Romano:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – April 2026 – Earth Month

I am writing to advise that your proclamation and 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 proclaim April 1 – 30, 2026 as Earth 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.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in green on April 22, 2026 to recognize Earth Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ETH", written in a cursive style.

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



March 13, 2026

Sent to: bsander@chda.ca

Dear Brittney Sander:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – April 4 to 10, 2026 – National Dental Hygienists Week

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize April 4 to 10, 2026 as National Dental Hygienists Week.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on April 2, 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
395 Mulock Drive
P.O. Box 328 Station Main
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7
Email: ethomashopkins@newmarket.ca
Tel: 905-953-5300 x2210
Fax: 905-953-5100

March 13, 2026

Sent to: bsander@chda.ca

Dear Brittney Sander:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – April 4 to 10, 2026 – National Dental Hygienists Week

I am writing to advise that your proclamation and 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 proclaim April 4 to 10, 2026 as National Dental Hygienists Week. 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 purple on April 2, 2026 to recognize National Dental Hygienists Week. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ETH", written in a cursive style.

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator