



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR****RESOLUTION****Date:** August 12, 2025**Motion #** 248

WHEREAS Ontario's Family Health Teams provide team-based healthcare which is critical to our communities;

AND WHEREAS healthcare in Ontario is publicly funded;

AND WHEREAS municipalities invest significant additional public/taxpayer money in support of Family Health Teams and other healthcare-related organizations, including supports for primary care recruitment, healthcare facilities, and additional community healthcare needs;

AND WHEREAS the governance models for Family Health Teams in Ontario do not follow mandatory standards;

AND WHEREAS governance models are designed to ensure appropriate representation, transparency, and guardrails with respect to potential conflicts of interest for the organizations they represent;

AND WHEREAS many boards of Family Health Teams are not balanced in terms of representation from the communities and municipalities that they cover;

AND WHEREAS the lack of a standard and balanced governance model means that the needs of the local communities are not necessarily fully represented;

AND WHEREAS the province is directing the Primary Care Action Team (PCAT), through Dr. Jane Philpott, to ensure connected and convenient healthcare across the province;

AND WHEREAS Family Health Teams are crucial in the delivery of the mandate of PCAT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Township of Armour urges the Province of Ontario to implement a standard and mandatory governance model for the boards of Family Health Teams across the province, which ensures that community members make up 50% of the overall board membership to ensure appropriate representation for the communities which use and support healthcare in their local area;

AND THAT 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; Dr. Jane Philpott, Chair of the Primary Care Action Team; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO); and all municipalities in Ontario.

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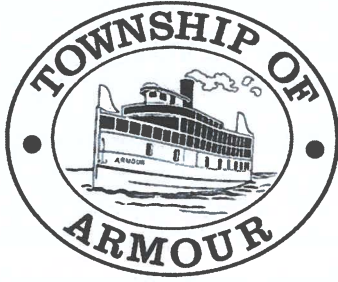
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Mayor's Report – Governance of Family Health Teams

To: Members of Council
From: Rod Ward, Mayor
Date: August 12, 2025

Subject: Support for Standardized Governance Models for Family Health Teams

Family Health Teams are a vital part of Ontario's healthcare system, particularly in rural and underserved communities like ours. These teams provide collaborative, team-based care that improves patient outcomes and relieves pressure on hospitals and emergency services.

Our municipality, like many others across the province, continues to invest local taxpayer dollars to support healthcare delivery — through physician recruitment efforts, infrastructure, and other community health initiatives. However, despite this investment and our community's reliance on these services, municipal and community voices are often underrepresented on the boards that govern Family Health Teams.

Currently, there is no mandatory governance framework for these boards, which has led to inconsistent representation and, in some cases, governance structures that do not reflect the communities they serve. This can lead to decisions being made without sufficient local input, oversight, or accountability.

The attached resolution calls on the Province of Ontario to implement a standardized and mandatory governance model for Family Health Teams, requiring that at least 50% of board members be community representatives. This would help ensure local interests are considered in decision-making, and strengthen transparency and trust in our healthcare system.

I recommend Council's support for this resolution and the forwarding of it to the appropriate provincial bodies and municipal partners.

Sincerely,

Rod Ward

Rod Ward
Mayor



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Sincerely,

Rod Ward

Rod Ward
Mayor



Office of the City Clerk

August 14, 2025

Via email

All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, August 12, 2025 – Resolution Number 2025-269 – Heritage Property Insurance Rates

At the regular Council meeting on August 12, 2025, Council approved Resolution Number 2025-269 with respect to Heritage Property Insurance Rates, as follows:

Whereas heritage is a fundamental part of individual and community identity, and is a major driver of Kingston's tourism economy; and

Whereas the Ontario Heritage Act encourages municipalities in Ontario to designate and protect properties that meet provincial criteria related to design value, associative value and contextual value; and

Whereas the Provincial Planning Statement states that protected heritage property shall be conserved; and Whereas the City of Kingston's Official Plan states that built heritage resources in Kingston shall be conserved; and

Whereas conserving heritage properties has direct benefits to property values, tourism and the environment; and

Whereas homeowners require insurance to protect their homes, which is often their most significant financial investment, and can be required to maintain a mortgage; and

Whereas the cost of living and the cost of insurance is on the rise in Canada; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has stated that a heritage designation does not place additional requirements on insurers and that insurance premiums should not go up because of a heritage designation; and

Whereas some homeowners have reported that their premiums have gone up as a result of a heritage designation or they have been denied an insurance policy as a result of a heritage designation; and

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Whereas as a result of insurance concerns, some impacted homeowners have objected to a proposed heritage designation on their property or have applied to have a designating by-law repealed; and

Whereas this directly threatens the unique and irreplaceable heritage character of Kingston and Ontario;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Kingston City Council call on the Provincial Government to:

- investigate why some insurers are raising premiums on heritage designated properties or are denying insurance policies as a result of a heritage designation in contravention of provincial guidance; and
- bring insurance regulators, insurance industry representatives and heritage professionals together to find solutions that enable the continued protection of heritage properties without unwarranted financial burden on homeowners; and
- regulate the impact of heritage designation on insurance premiums through enforcement, education and new solutions;

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P. Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Graham McGregor, M.P.P. Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Ted Hsu, M.P.P. Kingston and the Islands and John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario, the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators, and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Yours sincerely,



Janet Jaynes
City Clerk
/nb



**TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU LAKES
Regular Council Meeting**

RESOLUTION

189-2025

Title:

Councillor P. Banks - V.O.I.C.E. Coalition - Request for Support and Endorsement

Date:

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Moved by Councillor P. Banks

Seconded by Councillor J. Banks

WHEREAS Strong Mayor Powers have been extended to 216 Ontario municipalities, with more expected by fall 2025;

AND WHEREAS over 130 municipalities have formally opposed these powers due to concerns over democratic accountability and local governance;

AND WHEREAS the V.O.I.C.E. coalition is hosting an open advocacy session at the 2025 AMO Conference on Monday, August 18, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at Joey Rideau in Ottawa;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Township of Rideau Lakes endorses and supports this V.O.I.C.E. event and encourages all Ontario municipalities to attend;

AND FURTHER that the attached invitation be sent along with this resolution to all 444 Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Carried

Aug 12, 2025

City of Orangeville
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Dear Clerk

Re: Support of H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign

This is to confirm that at the Aug 11, 2025 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

Whereas democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan “Parliamentary Civility Pledge” to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Township of West Lincoln Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

AND THAT the Township of West Lincoln Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario’s Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,



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Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
Chris Bittle, MP
Tony Baldinelli, MP
Fred Davies, MP
Jennifer Stevens, MPP
Wayne Gates, MPP
Jeff Burch, MPP
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Niagara Region Municipalities
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO)
Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)
Ontario and Canadian Associations of Chiefs of Police



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August 12, 2025

Premier Doug Ford
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday August 11, 2025, the following resolution of support was passed.

RE: Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 – Firefighter Certification Requirements

Resolution: 203-2025

Moved By: Councillor Dube

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Terrace Bay acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety;

AND WHEREAS these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP Lise Vaugeois, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, NOMA and all Ontario municipalities.



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Sincerely,

J. Hall

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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Ontario Municipalities

Aug 12, 2025

Niagara Region

Dear Ann-Marie Norio:

Re: Endorse the Development of a Code of Conduct for Human Trafficking Prevention in Niagara Region

This is to confirm that at the Aug 11, 2025 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

WHEREAS human trafficking in Niagara is currently a persistent challenge impacting the hospitality and tourism sectors;

WHEREAS human trafficking is a critical issue due to the region's proximity to the U.S. border and the thriving tourism and hospitality sectors, which create environments where sexual and labour exploitation can go unnoticed;

WHEREAS women, newcomers, racially-marginalized people, people experiencing poverty, people living with disabilities, and children in the child welfare system are disproportionately targeted and impacted by the harms perpetuated by traffickers;

WHEREAS 60% of human trafficking cases in Ontario occur along the corridor linking Toronto and Niagara;

WHEREAS data from the Niagara Regional Police Service comparing 2023 to 2024 indicates the number of human trafficking investigations increased by 61%; the number of victims identified increased by 700%; the number of accused charged increased by 190%; the number of criminal charges laid increased by 75%; and the number of referrals from NRPS' Human Trafficking Unit to Victim Services Niagara increased by 133%;

WHEREAS human trafficking thrives in secrecy, but with leadership and commitment, local government can be on the front line of prevention and protection;

WHEREAS local businesses and organizations are key to preventing human trafficking through proactive measures such as The 4 Ps: prevention, protection, partnership, and prosecution;

WHEREAS local area municipalities have already begun to assist in making the Niagara region inhospitable to human traffickers;

WHEREAS Tools of Empowerment for Success (TOES) Niagara and Brock University have undertaken work funded by Women and Gender Equality Canada to develop a Code of Conduct to Prevent Human Trafficking in the Niagara Region through education, increasing awareness, and providing resources, including prevention strategies; and

WHEREAS TOES Niagara and Brock University created a Steering Committee of representatives from across tourism, business, education, law enforcement, government, and non-profit sectors to engage in broad community collaboration through focus groups, surveys, and feedback sessions to develop the Code of Conduct for Human Trafficking Prevention in the Niagara Region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Township of West Lincoln **RECOGNIZE** that human trafficking in Niagara has serious impacts on the health and wellness of local residents and their families, as well as negative economic impacts on local businesses and communities;
2. That Township of West Lincoln **ENDORSE** the work of TOES Niagara and Brock University in developing a Code of Conduct for the Prevention of Human Trafficking in the Niagara Region;
3. That Township of West Lincoln **COMMIT** to reviewing and assessing the applicable local government sectoral guidelines and responsibilities outlined in The Code upon its finalization, with the intent to implement measures that align with Regional priorities and capacity;
4. That Township of West Lincoln **WRITE** letters to all of Niagara's 12

Local Area Municipalities encouraging them to also endorse the work of TOES Niagara and Brock University in the development of the Code of Conduct for the Prevention of Human Trafficking in the Niagara Region and commit to reviewing and assessing the applicable local government sectoral guidelines and responsibilities outlined in The Code upon its finalization, with the intent to implement measures that align with municipal priorities and capacity; and

5. That a copy of this motion **BE SENT** to Niagara's four MPs; Niagara's four MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO); Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM); and the Ontario and Canadian Associations of Chiefs of Police.

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,



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Friday, August 22, 2025

The Honourable Robert Black, Senator
 Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
 The Senate of Canada
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SENT VIA EMAIL: robert.black@sen.parl.gc.ca

RE: Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Dear Honourable Robert Black,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, August 11, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councilor Thompson

Seconded By: Councilor Petrie

Whereas the agricultural sector of Huron County depends on the health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas soil erosion poses a very significant threat to the long-term health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich owns some agricultural land which is an asset for the Town;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich is committed to protecting the assets of the Town from preventable harm;

And Whereas the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry published a report in 2024 titled "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health" (the Report) that contained twenty-five (25) recommendations in total for the federal government;

And Whereas, Recommendation 7 of Critical Ground stated that "The Government of Canada encourage provinces, territories, and municipalities to develop measures—as a form of land use planning—that best preserve and protect agricultural land in their jurisdictions;"

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Goderich urge the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to commit to recognizing a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

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

Andrea Fisher
 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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Cc: The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Member of Provincial Parliament – Huron-Bruce, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org
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 All local Municipalities within Huron County

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To: All Ontario Municipal Councils

Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario

As members of municipal councils, we share a responsibility to make decisions that result in the most positive outcomes for both our current residents and future generations. The management of municipal waste is one of the most pressing environmental challenges we face today.

Large urban centres are increasingly looking to rural areas for land to bury garbage waste. Continuing to bury garbage in the ground will inevitably lead to serious consequences:

Globally, solutions already exist. Clean incineration technology can drastically reduce the volume of waste going to landfills while producing much needed electricity. Germany serves as an inspiring model, operating 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of 25 million tonnes. At the same time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its municipal waste, the highest rate in the world, driven by strong community engagement, innovative infrastructure, and early education programs that foster a culture of sustainability.

We believe Ontario can and must do better.

We are calling for:

1. The creation of a provincial working group composed of municipalities, the Provincial and Federal Governments, and manufacturing partners;
2. A commitment to exploring and implementing clean incineration, stronger recycling programs, and other sustainable practices;
3. Support from municipal councils across Ontario to advocate for immediate action at all levels of government.

We respectfully request that your council consider supporting this initiative by passing a similar resolution and communicating your support to Premier Doug Ford, the opposition parties, and other relevant stakeholders. By acting together, we can ensure that waste disposal in Ontario is managed quickly, efficiently, and sustainably protecting our environment and safeguarding our communities for generations to come.

Jim Flieler
Councillor, Municipality of Tweed

Resolution for Incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program

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.

Now Therefore be it resolved that Council direct staff to investigate the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as our manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that our waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices so that our future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement and to request support from these organizations as well as letters being sent to all municipalities in Ontario, Premier Ford and the opposition parties.

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No.

355

Title:

Notice of Motion - Incineration and a More Robust Recycling Program

Date:

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Moved by

Councillor J. Flieler

Seconded by

Councillor P. Valiquette

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Carried



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August 6, 2025

Prime Minister of Canada, The Right Honourable Mark Carney
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RE: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

Dear Hon. Mark Carney,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Bradford West Gwilliambury.

Resolution No: 2025-06-06-11
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Bradford West Gwilliambury resolution regarding Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs; The honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition; Cheryl Gallant, MP Algonquin-Renfrew-Pembroke; The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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June 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council ratified the following motion:

Resolution 2025-185

Moved by: Councillor Harper

Seconded by: Councillor Scott

WHEREAS the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

WHEREAS the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019—set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household—fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- **The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;**
- **The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;**
- **The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition**
- **Scot Davidson, Member of Parliament for New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury;**
- **All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;**
- **The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement; and**

THAT a copy of this resolution be published on the Town's official website and communicated through the Town's official channels to raise awareness and gather public support.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs
Hon. Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury
All Ontario Municipalities
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

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August 6, 2025

Jon Pegg
Fire Marshal of Ontario
Office of the Fire Marshal
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Jon.pegg@ontario.ca

RE: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the correspondence from the Township of Black River – Matheson.

Resolution No: 2025-06-06-10
Moved by: Councillor Keller
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Township of Black River – Matheson with their Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22).

Whereas the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

And Whereas Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighting training and safety;

And Whereas these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographics barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

And Whereas the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

Now Therefore be It resolved that The Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg 343/22;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP Billy Denault, the Fire Marchal, AMO, FONOM and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried.

Sincerely,

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

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



CORPORATION OF THE
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Jon Pegg
Fire Marshal of Ontario
Office of the Fire Marshal
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June 10, 2025

Via Email: Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg:

Subject: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the mandatory firefighter certification requirements under Ontario Regulation 343/22.

At its meeting held on June 10th, Council passed the attached resolution formally opposing the implementation of these requirements. While we recognize and support the importance of firefighter training and safety, the regulation as it stands does not adequately reflect the operational realities of small, rural, and northern municipalities.

Communities such as ours rely heavily on volunteer and composite fire departments that already face critical challenges in recruitment, training accessibility, and financial capacity.

Specifically, we are burdened by:

- Geographic barriers and long travel distances to accredited training centres,
- Inconsistent access to instructors and scheduling options,
- Limited budgets and competing capital demands,
- Difficulty in retaining and replacing volunteers due to increased regulatory pressures.

Without additional support, flexibility, or exemption mechanisms, the implementation of O. Reg. 343/22 will severely compromise our ability to provide consistent, timely, and effective fire protection to our residents.

Accordingly, the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson respectfully requests that the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Ministry of the Solicitor General:

1. Defer full Implementation of the certification regulation for rural and northern municipalities,
2. Provide exemptions or alternative compliance pathways tailored to the needs and limitations of small, remote fire services,
3. Increase funding and training supports for municipalities outside major urban centres.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all regulatory model will disproportionately and unfairly affect communities like ours. A more flexible, consultative approach is urgently needed. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would welcome further discussion and are open to participating in any future consultations or working groups aimed at resolving these challenges collaboratively.

Sincerely,

Dave Dymont, Mayor

/hjl

On behalf of the Council of Black River-Matheson

Encl.: Resolution No.2025-214 – Council Opposition to O. Reg. 343/22

CC:

The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General – michael.kerzner@ontario.ca

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

John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming—Cochrane – jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – amo@amo.on.ca

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – admin@fonom.org

All Ontario Municipalities



Corporation of the Township of Black River - Matheson
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ITEM # 2025-10.b)
RESOLUTION

DATE: June 10, 2025

2025-214

Moved by Councillor Steve Campsall
 Seconded by Councillor Alain Bouchard

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Black River-Matheson acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety;

AND WHEREAS these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Black River-Matheson formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Vanthof, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, and all Ontario municipalities

☒ CARRIED ☐ DEFEATED

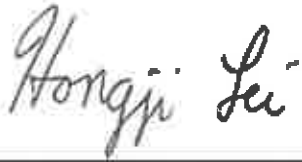
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☐ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Refer ☐ Defer ☐ Reconsider ☐ Withdrawn

Recorded Vote-TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK ONLY

	YEAS	NAYS
Mayor Dave Dymant		
Councillor Allen		
Councillor Charbonneau		
Councillor Campsall		

Councillor McCutcheon		
Councillor Gadoury		
Councillor Bouchard		



Hong Ji Lei
Town Manager/Clerk



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August 27, 2025

Premier of Ontario
Hon. Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
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Honorable Premier:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Strong Mayor Legislation

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on August 26, 2025:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario introduced Strong Mayor Powers on November 22, 2022, in the Cities of Toronto and Ottawa to support the provincial priority of building 1.5 million homes with subsequent expansions in 2023; and:

WHEREAS on May 1, 2025, the Province of Ontario expanded the Strong Mayors legislation to include 169 additional municipalities with six or more members of Council, including the Township of Woolwich; and

WHEREAS over 100 municipalities have passed resolutions opposing these powers and requesting their removal, expressing concerns about the effect on democratic governance and transparency; and

WHEREAS a 2024 survey by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) found that only 33% of mayors retained the power to change the organizational structure and 26% of mayors retained the power of employment matters; and

WHEREAS on May 1, 2025, Mayor Sandy Shantz delegated all possible political powers and duties back to Council and administrative duties back to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), however not all powers and duties can be delegated; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Woolwich respectfully request that the Province of Ontario continue to study the impacts of the strong mayors legislation including:

1. **To what extent the legislation is supporting the stated intent of supporting housing development, for example if strong mayors are using their powers to support or veto more housing in their communities;**
2. **If there are any unintended consequences of the legislation, for example on democracy, transparency, workplace culture, or the politicization of administrative staff appointed by a strong mayor (the CAO or department heads);**
3. **The impact of extending the legislation to smaller, rural municipalities like Woolwich, such as the impact of additional powers and duties on part-time mayors or the implications six-member councils where a simple majority and 2/3 majority vote is the same;**
4. **Consider the concerns expressed by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the AMCTO, including the powers affecting public administration and eliminating the need for a majority council support for certain decisions related to provincial priorities;**
5. **Directs staff to forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, AMCTO and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Alex Kirchin, by email at akirchin@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6005.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
AMO
AMCTO
All Municipalities in Ontario



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August 20, 2025

Sent to: emily@mitocanada.org

Dear Emily Ing:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – World Mitochondrial Disease Week – Light Up for Mito

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim September 15 to 21, 2025 as World Mitochondrial Disease Week – Light Up for Mito. 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 Town will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in green on September 19, 2025 to recognize World Mitochondrial Disease Week – Light Up for Mito. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

Simon Granat

Legislative Coordinator



August 20, 2025

Sent to: emily@mitocanada.org

Dear Emily Ing:

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – World Mitochondrial Disease Week –
Light Up for Mito**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize September 15 to 21, 2025 as World Mitochondrial Disease Week – Light Up for Mito.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in green on September 19, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



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August 29, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Sheila Dodd

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – National British Home Child Day – September 28, 2025

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim September 28, 2025 as National British Home Child Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in red, white, and blue on September 29, 2025 to recognize National British Home Child Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

Simon Granat
 Legislative Coordinator



August 29, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Sheila Dodd

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – National British Home Child Day –
September 28, 2025**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize National British Home Child Day as September 28, 2025.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in red, white, and blue on September 29, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "John Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Taylor
Mayor



British Home Children³⁶ Advocacy & Research Association

CEO Ms. Lori Oschefski
59 Blair Crescent : Barrie, Ontario : L4M 5Y4
info@britishhomechildren.com

Press Release

Regarding: Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants Sesquicentennial International Tribute

From 1869 right up to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated right across Canada, from the United Kingdom, to be used as indentured farm workers and domestics. Believed by Canadians to be orphans, only two percent truly were. These children, known as the British Home Children ("BHC") and Child Migrants, were sent to Canada by over 50 organizations including the well-known and still working charities: Barnardo's, The Salvation Army, Quarrier's and Fairbridge, to name a few. BHC are an integral part of the fabric of our nation - often, rightfully, called Canada's Nation Builders. Their vast contributions to our country should never be forgotten. Descendants of BHC, number in the millions in Canada alone!

The British Home Children Advocacy and Research Association ("BHCARA") is a Canadian based not for profit organization dedicated to the story of Canada's British Home Children (BHC). Founded in 2012 by Barrie, Ontario's Lori Oschefski, the BHCARA now reaches thousands of people through their Facebook group of over 6,700 members and their mailing list of over 4,000 subscribers. Our website now has over 1 million hits and we have a high media presence. The mandate of the organization is to promote the story of the British Home Children, to advocate for those who no longer have a voice and to provide free research help to those seeking their family histories; often providing closure from painful pasts.

On November 8, 1869 the very first party of BHC arrived in Canada, making 2019 the 150th anniversary of this arrival. The date of September 28th has been chosen for a special international tribute as this date is commemorated nationally as British Home Child Day in Canada; a unanimous passage of MP Guy Lauzon's private member's motion M-133 in the House of Commons, Feb. 7, 2018. This initiative for this tribute started when BHCARA member Kim Crowder approached MS. Oschefski for support in the illumination of the High Level Bridge in her city of Edmonton, Alberta. Since then, many members have become involved reaching out in their communities for support. BHCARA member Tracy Smithers contacted Her Majesty the Queen and received a prompt letter of support back from her!

The BHCARA is asking communities to participate in the "**Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute**" by illuminating memorials, monuments, buildings, City Halls or other areas with the colours of the BHCARA; red, white and blue. Cities and towns are also participating by proclaiming this day as "British Home Child Day" in their community. Some cities are sharing this message on their digital billboards.

The tribute is a symbolic gesture showing these children, in their sesquicentennial year, are not forgotten. Many Canadian and UK cities have agreed to participate with over sixty-five supporters to date, including the iconic Niagara Falls, Toronto's CN Tower, The Northern Lights Display in Vancouver and St. Andrews House - Head Quarters of the Scottish Government in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Town of Midland and Orillia are participating by proclaiming September 28th as BHC Day in their cities. A full listing of our supporters can be viewed at www.britishhomechildren.com.

The BHC are a critical part of our nation's fabric, this country was built on the backs of these children. We would appreciate your support in sharing the news of this important and extraordinary tribute to Canada's Nation Builders. A history of the British Home Children follows.

Very best regards
Lori Oschefski
CEO BHCARA
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705-716-1332



The History of The British Home Children

By Roberta Horrox

The British Child Migration Scheme officially started in Canada, in 1869, when Maria Rye arrived with sixty-eight children from England. In Canada, the children from this scheme became known as British Home Children. Maria Rye's idea grew to over fifty organizations sending over 100,000 to Canada between 1869 and 1948. These children ranged from a few months to 18 years of age; being sent to Canada to work as indentured labourers and servants. The child migration scheme was supported by both British and Canadian governments which paid organizations for each child sent, additional bonus fees were paid for sending more children; however, no bonus was paid for children from workhouses. This scheme was viewed as a win-win situation, as Britain reduced the cost of caring for many poor destitute children; while Canada gained cheap labour for a country that was just starting to expand. While many believe the children were orphans this was not the case, as only 2% were true orphans; the majority were from single parent families, most often due to a parent dying or from families that were poor and destitute. Many factors led to Britain having so many poor, destitute people. These children through no fault of their own were caught up in this tragedy. As child migration to Canada came to a halt, it increased to Australia with approximately 7,000 children being sent there. Child migration to Australia ended in 1970s. The major difference was that children sent to Australia were most often institutionalized. New Zealand took in 549 child migrants, with fewer children being sent to Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and Cape of Good Hope Colony in South Africa.

In Canada, while some of the children were treated well, most were seen as nothing more than cheap labour, some suffered abuse; some cases of horrific abuse resulted in death. Whether these children were treated well or abused one thing in common is the feeling of loss; loss of family, friends, country and culture. Some were sent to homes that didn't speak English. Often told by sending agencies that they were unwanted, uncared for, or that their parents had died, while their parent(s) were told they were adopted by good British families. If siblings arrived in Canada together they were more often than not separated once they got here. Although checks were suppose to take place on a regular basis, things fell short due to vast number of children, lack of enforcement, shortage of inspectors, the immense distance, and difficulty traveling to remote places in order to perform the checks on the children. When inspectors did visit, the children didn't necessary get to speak to, or even see, the inspector; and if they did it often occurred with the master present. Therefore the children would hide the truth for fear of being reprimanded or further abuse.

Many British Home Children were stigmatized by members of the communities they came to live in, often being told they were street rats, guttersnipes and a multitude of other derogatory terms. If a British Home Child lived in a community and something bad happened, usually a British Home Child was blamed. They had no one to turn too, no one to stick up for them, they suffered in silence. As a survival mechanism they shut down, blocking memories; they became silent of their trauma, silent of any abuse; silent and ashamed of their past, and their lives as British Home Children. Most carried this stigmatism throughout their lives, refusing to tell even their immediate family where they had come from. Some children had their names changed or spelling of names became corrupted, while some were too young to know their correct names, birthday dates, or the names of their parents. These children were not given the necessary documents to prove who they were; this became an issue when they became older wanted to travel, or needed proof of identity such as applying for pension. The children were promised an education, the vast majority did not receive the education promised. Silently and unwittingly aspects of their traumatic experiences were often passed down to their children. For instance, as a corruption of their BHC experience, when they became older with families of their own they were unable to show love or affection for their own children. During WWI nearly every eligible British Home Boy voluntarily signed up for the Canadian Expedition Force; 1,000 Home Boys paid the ultimate sacrifice. The most common date of death was April 9, 1917, the first day of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

In Nov 2009, then Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, issued an apology for their role in the Child Migration Scheme; then in Feb 2010, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown issued an apology for Britain's role. In Canada, Canadian Parliament declared 2010 Year of the British Home Child. On Feb 16, 2017 the Canadian House of Commons issued an apology and on Feb 7, 2018 MP Guy Lauzon's private member's motion M-133 was unanimous passed making Sept 28th, National British Home Child Day in Canada. To date our prime minister has not issued an official apology on behalf of the government.



On January 31, 2019, the Government of the United Kingdom issued a press release entitled “Ex-Gratia Payment Scheme for former British Child Migrants” to compensate former child migrants that were still alive on March 1, 2018, “in recognition of the fundamentally flawed nature of the historic child migration policy”. In a background Statement, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse Interim (UK) report stated, “The Government has long acknowledged and accepted, assessment at the time of the national apology in 2010 and went further, calling it a ‘shameful episode of history’ and this failure in the first duty of a nation, which is to protect its children”. For the Child Migrants sent to Canada this payment is much too late, as so few are still living.

BHC organizations in Canada, and Child Migrant organizations in Australia and the UK that have been formed to give voices to all British Child Migrants. These organizations were formed to help educate the public on The British Child Migration Scheme, as well as help descendants search and reconnect with lost family members. Of note, “The Guest Children” who were children sent to Canada by their parents for protection during the war are not part of the British Child Migration Scheme. The two are entirely different, but often misconstrued.

With this year being the 150th anniversary of British Home Children in Canada; work continues to give these children their voices.

The following website is an excellent resource: British Home Child Advocacy and Research (BHCARA) - CEO Lori Oschefski website <https://www.britishhomechildren.com> BHCARA also has a facebook group



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August 29, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Natalie Murell:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – Dyslexia Awareness Month – October 2025

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim October 2025 as Dyslexia Awareness Month. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in red on October 8, 2025 to recognize Dyslexia Awareness Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

Simon Granat
 Legislative Coordinator



August 29, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Natalie Murell:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – Dyslexia Awareness Month – October 2025

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize October 2025 as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in red on October 8, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "John Taylor".

John Taylor
Mayor



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August 29, 2025

Sent to: pperinpanayagam@odenetwork.com

Dear Pawrnaa Perinpanayagam:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – National Disability Employment Awareness Month – October 2025

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim October 2025 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on October 16, 2025 to recognize National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

Simon Granat
 Legislative Coordinator



August 29, 2025

Sent to: pperinpanayagam@odenetwork.com

Dear Pawnaa Perinpanayagam:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – National Disability Employment Awareness Month – October 2025

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize October 2025 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on October 16, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "John Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

John Taylor
Mayor



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August 29, 2025

Sent to: swinner@facepain.org

Dear Jessica Mortensen:

RE: Lighting Request – October 7, 2025 – Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in teal on October 7, 2025 to recognize Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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

Yours sincerely,

Simon Granat

Legislative Coordinator



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August 29, 2025

Sent to: hello@empoweredddldparenting.com

Dear Jinean Whitley:

RE: Lighting Request – October 17, 2025 – Developmental Language Disorder Awareness Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in purple on October 17, 2025 to recognize Developmental Language Disorder Awareness Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM. 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.

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