



Council Information Package

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Date: October 31, 2025

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SUBJECT: Option to mitigate the 2026 tax increase

TO: Council Information Package

FROM: Finance

N/A

Report Number: Follow-up to Report FIN-42-25

Wards Affected: All

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

CIP Date: 10/31/2025

Subsequent to the production of the 2026 Proposed Budget, staff were requested to present options for mitigating the overall tax increase by 0.5%. Given the ongoing economic challenges faced by many residents and businesses, the options listed below may help lessen the immediate financial burden on taxpayers. However, these options would also require trade-offs that may affect the City's ability to sustain service levels, maintain infrastructure, and advance strategic priorities in future years.

1. Lower provisions to Corporate Reserve funds (\$100,000)

The 2026 budget includes increases to two non-capital related reserve funds. Both provisions to the Contingency and Insurance reserve funds were increased by \$50,000 over the 2025 budget. The uncommitted balance (as of June 30th, 2025) in the Contingency reserve fund is \$7,420,991. The \$5,216,405 balance in the Insurance reserve is fully committed.

2. Reduce funding to the Multi-Year Community Investment Fund (MYCIP) (\$1,900,000)

The MYCIP provides funding to advance the implementation of unfunded master plan initiatives without placing additional pressure on the City's limited capital budget. As renewal needs continue to grow and growth-related funding remains constrained, the City faces increasing challenges in delivering new or enhanced services endorsed through master plans.

This decreased funding to the MYCIP is sufficient to support approved and proposed 2026 projects however this will reduce the scale and pace of future projects. However, in 2026, staff will begin work on a comprehensive long range financial plan and policy update that will be considered by council in 2027. This will include updated funding strategies.

3. Defer the final increased debt charges for Phase 1 of the Bateman Community Centre project (\$300,000)

The 2026 Budget includes \$300,000 in additional debt charges for Phase 1 renovations of the Bateman Community Centre. Following a review of existing debt charge budgets and in light of recent reductions in interest rates, these additional charges can be deferred to the 2027 Budget without impacting project progress.

4. Defer funding for a union job evaluation project to 2027 (\$300,000)

In 2026, Human Resources will undertake a job evaluation project for two of the City's unions, similar to the work completed for non-union staff in 2023-2024. This project will update the union compensation framework to ensure market competitiveness and support employee attraction and retention in a competitive labour market.

Funding for this initiative is currently phased across 2026 and 2027. By deferring \$300,000 to 2027, the project may continue in 2026, but any implementation costs would need to be absorbed through vacancy (gapping) savings.

Total tax mitigation

If all the above options were implemented, a total of **\$2.6 million** would be removed from the 2026 Budget. This would reduce the City's budget increase from **5.80% to 4.83%**, lowering the overall tax impact from **4.49% to 3.99%**. This represents a reduction of approximately **\$4.85 per \$100,000 of current value assessment**.

These options should be considered within the City's multi-year budget framework, as most reductions would need to be reinstated in future budgets to maintain long-term financial sustainability.

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Memo Approval:

All memos are reviewed and approved by the Commissioner, Head of Corporate Affairs, Chief Financial Officer, and Commissioner of Legal and Legislative Services/City Solicitor.

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234-2025-4923

October 30, 2025

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to update you on amendments to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (DCA) that were made by Bill 17, the *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*, and corresponding changes to Ontario's Building Code.

As you recall, our government introduced Bill 17 to help speed up the construction of new homes and infrastructure by streamlining development processes and reducing costs, in partnership with municipalities. Among the changes, the Bill:

- Amended the DCA to provide for payment of development charges (DCs) for non-rental residential developments to be made in full at the earlier of the date an occupancy permit is issued and the date a development is first occupied. This deferral would encourage residential construction activity by enhancing a developer's cashflow flexibility.
- Removed authority for municipalities to charge interest on any legislated DC deferral amounts, except to the extent such interest has accrued prior to these changes coming into force.

The amendments noted above require a commencement order to come into force. Following consultations with municipal and industry experts, the government has issued a commencement order to bring these changes into force on November 3, 2025.

To support the implementation of deferred development charges, I will be amending the Building Code to require that all non-rental residential buildings subject to a deferred development charge will now require an occupancy permit, which can only be issued once these deferred development charges have been paid. These targeted changes will establish a clear, enforceable payment trigger for municipalities while leaving all life-safety requirements for occupancy unchanged. These Building Code amendments will take effect alongside the DCA amendments on November 3, 2025. Municipalities without development charges, and requirements for other buildings, are unaffected.

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I look forward to continuing to work together to get shovels in the ground to build more homes that Ontarians can afford. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Municipal Chief Administrative Officer
 Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff
 Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
 Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division
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October 23, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Norfolk County Council – Letter of support for the Regional Municipality of Waterloo

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County, Council passed the following resolution on October 15, 2025, Council-in-Committee meeting:

Resolution No. CIC-263

Moved By: Councillor Van Paassen

Seconded By: Councillor Brunton

That Council support the resolution from the municipality of Waterloo, and send a letter to all ministers, ministries and all municipalities.

In addition, Council endorsed the following resolution made by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/2, Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of for 'eligible' sources only; and

Whereas 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include business improvement areas, places of worship, daycares, camp grounds, public facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks; and

Whereas the province amended Ontario Regulation 391/2 to not expand services for new public space recycling; and

Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Therefore, be it resolved that Region of Waterloo Council request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21, Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources as stated above; and

Further that Council request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

That Minister McCarthy be asked to provide more information on the estimated \$171M in savings for municipalities through this program. of their residents and businesses

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact the Office of the County Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca.

Sincerely,

T. Rodrigues

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ITEM REQUEST FORM

This Item Request Form and any written submission or background information for consideration by the Clerk and the Mayor must be submitted to the Clerk by:

9 a.m. - Ten (10) calendar days prior to the requested meeting date

Requester: Luc Léonard, Mayor		
Date: July 21, 2025		
Head of Department	Councillor X	Citizen
Email Address:		
Item to be discussed: /That Council adopt a resolution for provincial action to eliminate aerial spraying of glyphosate.		
Description of Item: Following an announcement on July 17, 2025 of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in regards to the aerial spraying of the Gordon Cosens Forest which affects the Municipality of Moonbeam, attached is a resolution to urge the provincial government to take action to end the aerial spraying of glyphosate due to the negative impact on the environment; wildlife; use of land; drinking water; and human health.		

The Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam

WHEREAS, the use of aerial spraying of glyphosate for forestry poses significant biodiversity loss; harmful health affects on wildlife; loss of use of land for recreational, tourism, and hunting/ gathering purposes; water contamination; and concerns about the affects on human health.

- Loss of biodiversity as glyphosate kills broadleaf plants, and reduces habitat diversity. This can also lead to soil erosion due to loss of vegetation and loss of habitat and nutrient sources for wildlife, insects, and aquatic life. Glyphosate promotes monoculture, which reduces forest resilience, and also kills non-targeted species.
- Species such as moose, birds, snowshoe hares, and insects lose their food and shelter due to glyphosate spraying, and the ability to move away from spraying safely has not been adequately studied.
- Sprayed areas can look dead or scorched. The land use for recreation, tourism, and hunting/ gathering can be lost. Future growth of vegetation can be impeded, with an uncertain future for land use. Berries such as blueberries and raspberries are killed after being sprayed;
- Contamination of waterways including rivers, lakes and wetlands by winds carrying glyphosate and potential spills harming aquatic life and ecosystems;
- Contamination of drinking water sources with glyphosate, posing potential human health risks;

- Aerial glyphosate spraying can drift into nearby communities, roads, and waterways. Chronic exposure to glyphosate has suspected negative impact contributing to human health, including endocrine disruption and concerns that it is carcinogenic.

- The need for more comprehensive, long-term solutions that cannot be achieved through isolated municipal efforts;

AND WHEREAS, municipalities have a limited ability to address the issue of the aerial spraying of glyphosate, particularly on crown land, and require provincial leadership and regulation;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has a responsibility to protect the environment and public health, and must take action to reduce the harm caused by aerial spraying of glyphosate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Municipality of Moonbeam urges the Federal and Provincial Governments to take immediate action to end the aerial spraying of glyphosate.
2. The Municipality of Moonbeam calls for the province to form and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise on the best courses of action to protect the land, vegetation, wildlife, waterways, air and humans from the harmful effects of aerial spraying of glyphosate.
3. The Municipality of Moonbeam commits to working with the Province of Ontario and other municipalities to advocate for stronger provincial leadership on aerial spraying of glyphosate.
4. The Municipality of Moonbeam directs its staff to actively participate in any provincial initiatives or task forces related to the aerial spraying of glyphosate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following: the Honourable Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other relevant provincial and regional agencies.

July 21, 2025

Luc Léonard, Mayor

Brigitte Gravel, Clerk

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 5.4.1.
Resolution Number 2025-241
Title: Resolution of Support - Stop the Spray Canada
Date: October 15, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution No. 125-2025 passed on August 7, 2025 by the The Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam, regarding the aerial spraying of glyphosate;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks; our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and all Ontario Municipalities.


MAYOR

CARRIED

October 27, 2025

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

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

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford:

Re: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability

At its meeting of October 21, 2025, the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury adopted the enclosed motion calling on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to remove the federal and provincial portions of the HST from new homes purchased as primary residences.

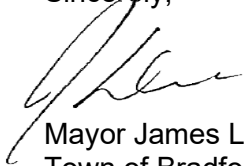
This measure would extend the relief already provided for purpose-built rental housing to families seeking to buy their first home. It represents a practical, immediate step toward improving affordability and supporting new housing supply.

For an average new home in our community, the 13 percent HST adds tens of thousands of dollars to the purchase price, a burden that directly undermines our shared goal of making homeownership affordable for working families and seniors. Removing that tax would provide meaningful relief.

Bradford West Gwillimbury is one of Ontario's fastest-growing municipalities, investing heavily in growth-related infrastructure while working to keep housing within reach. We urge both levels of government to work together on this change as part of a broader strategy to make homeownership attainable again for young Canadians. Simply put, cutting taxes in this way will help make life more affordable.

We would welcome the opportunity to contribute to any federal-provincial review of housing-related taxation and policy tools that can help deliver more affordable homes.

Sincerely,



Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury



Jonathan Scott
Councillor, Ward 2

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cc:

Hon. François-Phillipe Champagne PC MP
Hon Peter Bethlenfavy MPP
Hon. Caroline Mulroney MPP
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
All Ontario Municipalities

Hon. Gregor Robertson PC MP
Hon. Rob Flack MPP
Scot Davidson MP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



Statutory Public Meeting for a Proposed Official Plan Amendment

Meeting information

You are invited to attend a public meeting under the *Planning Act* to share your comments on the proposal. The purpose of this meeting is for the applicant to present their proposal and receive feedback. No recommendation to approve or deny the application will be made at this meeting. You can attend the meeting online or in person.

Meeting date: Monday, November 17, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber, Town Hall
1225 Trafalgar Road

(See instructions on how to participate on the following pages).

Site location: Lands that are subject to the Parkway Belt West Plan within the Town of Oakville.

Applicant: Town-initiated

Planner on file: Monika Keliacius, Policy Planner

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Address: 1225 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville, ON L6H 0H3

File No.: 42.15.72, Wards 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7

What is proposed?

The purpose of the proposed official plan amendment is to modify the text and schedules of the Livable Oakville Plan as part of the Parkway Belt West Designation Project to address the anticipated future revocation of the Parkway Belt West Plan.

The effect of the proposed amendment includes changes to:

- Identify the Parkway Belt West Plan lands with a green dashed line to enable a secondary designation to be visible;
- Introduce the Regional Natural Heritage System land use designation with associated policies to select areas within designated Parkway Belt West Plan lands;

- Introduce underlying designations to select areas within designated Parkway Belt West Plan lands; and
- Introduce new policies to address the anticipated revocation of the Parkway Belt West Plan, underlying land use designations and areas for further study.

The proposed amendment will result in changes to the following parts of the Livable Oakville Plan:

- Section 1 (The Livable Oakville Plan);
- Section 16 (Natural Area);
- Section 19 (Parkway Belt West);
- Schedule F – South West Land Use;
- Schedule G – South East Land Use;
- Schedule H – West Land Use;
- Schedule I – Central Land Use;
- Schedule J – East Land Use;
- Schedule K – 407 North Land Use;
- Schedule S1 – Bronte GO MTSA Land Use;
- Schedule S2 – Bronte GO MTSA Building Heights; and,
- Schedule S3 – Bronte GO MTSA Density.

Search “Official Plan Review” on oakville.ca for more information on the project webpage or scan this QR code:



How to participate/How you can share your views

Read the staff report:

The report includes details of the proposal. It is made available for review on the town’s website at oakville.ca by searching the file number or visiting “Agendas & Meetings” the Friday before the meeting.

Review the supporting material:

The official plan, reports, studies and plans submitted by the proponent are available to review on the project webpage (For more information on the project webpage see the second page).

Watch the public meeting online:

To watch the meeting live, or to view a previously recorded meeting, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TownofOakvilleTV>.

You must attend in person to speak at the meeting.

Find more information

To learn more about the planning process, visit oakville.ca and search “Building, Planning & Development Guide”.

Provide written comments:

We welcome your views. To provide a written comment to be presented to Council or if you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Oakville on this matter, you must make a written request to the Town Clerk at the Town of Oakville, Clerk's department, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON L6H 0H3 or at TownClerk@oakville.ca. The personal information accompanying your submission is being collected under the *Planning Act* and may form part of the public record which may be released to the public.

Speak at the public meeting:

To speak at the public meeting, you must register and share any presentation materials in advance:

1. Register before noon on the day of the meeting at <https://www.oakville.ca/delegation-request-form>; or,
2. Contact the Clerk's Department at 905-815-6015 on the last business day before the meeting to register as a delegation and to obtain instructions on how to participate. If you have presentation materials, submit them to the Town Clerk at TownClerk@oakville.ca.

All speakers have 10 minutes to present.

Please be aware that all meetings are recorded live and available online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TownofOakvilleTV>.

Legal notice

You are not required to participate. However, only those persons and public bodies that submit comments or speak at the public meeting may be allowed to appeal the decision of Town Council on this proposal.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Town of Oakville Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal, but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town Clerk before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submission to Town of Oakville Council before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a part to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the option of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

For accessibility support, please contact the planner on file one week before the meeting.

This notice was issued on October 28, 2025.

October 28, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: East Gwillimbury's Opposition to the *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*.

For your information and records, at its meeting of Municipal Council held on October 21, 2025, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

WHEREAS on April 17, 2025, the Government of Ontario brought forth Bill 5: "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy", a broad omnibus legislation that introduces sweeping changes to multiple environmental and planning statutes, including the Environmental Assessment Act, Endangered Species Act, Ontario Heritage Act, and others; and

WHEREAS this legislation was passed through the legislature in 49 days, thus limiting opportunities to provide feedback; and

WHEREAS Bill 5 received Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS the "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy" Act, 2025 enables the creation of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), which allow the provincial cabinet to exempt projects from compliance with municipal bylaws, environmental protections, and Indigenous consultation obligations; and

WHEREAS lands under protection through various provisions, such as the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Greenbelt Protected Countryside, constitute 83% of the total EG area, which makes EG relevant in environmental stewardship for the Region and the Province; and

WHEREAS the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan are foundational to protecting the ecological and hydrological integrity of the region, and the provisions in the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 directly conflict with the objectives of these plans; and

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WHEREAS in alignment with the 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan, EG Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2023 and approved the EG's Thinking Green Environmental Strategy in 2024, highlighting EG's commitments and efforts to preserve and restore the environment as EG grows; and

WHEREAS the Town of East Gwillimbury achieved 92% of its 2024 housing target, regardless of current environmental provisions, demonstrating that promoting sustainable growth is not only responsible but necessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges the stated goals of economic growth and development in the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, but expresses serious concerns with the Act as it interferes with local planning, limits public consultation, is inconsistent with the principles of free, prior and informed consent in consultation processes with Indigenous communities, and weakens protections to heritage and species, and formally opposes the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 in its current form; and

THAT Council endorses the position of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in requesting that municipalities be included in the development of any regulatory frameworks related to Special Economic Zones; and

THAT Council directs staff to submit this resolution to:

- *The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario*
- *The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- *The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*
- *The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs, President of the Treasury Board, and MPP for York-Simcoe*
- *The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)*
- *All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration*
- *The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)*
- *Donna Big Canoe, Chief of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation*
- *Abram Benedict, Ontario Regional Chief (ORC) for the Chiefs of Ontario;*
and

THAT Council encourages residents to contact their MPPs to express concerns about the impacts of the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, on local governance, environmental protection, and Indigenous rights..

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Amanda McNeil, Hon. B.A., M.M.St.
Legislative Coordinator

CC:

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs, President of the
Treasury Board, and MPP for York–Simcoe
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario municipalities
The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Donna Big Canoe, Chief of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
Abram Benedict, Ontario Regional Chief (ORC) for the Chiefs of Ontario

Subject: RE: mandatory training
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 4:04:51 PM

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Good afternoon,

For your information and consideration please see the resolution below, passed at the Township of Assiginack's Council meeting on October 21, 2025.

Resolution Number **97-10-2025**
Moved By Councillor Elliot **Seconded**
By Councillor Bowerman

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 the Township of Assiginack recognizes the vital importance of maintaining a fire department that is adequately equipped, housed, and staffed with volunteer firefighters who are properly trained to respond to any emergency within our boundaries or neighboring communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Assiginack supports the implementation of the Mandatory Firefighter Certification, understanding that there will be additional expenditures for training and related costs.
FURTHER, Council respectfully requests that the legislation be amended to provide a two-year extension, from July 1, 2026, until July 1, 2028, for the certification requirements. and also requests that the current two-year period for full certification from the date of hire be removed to better accommodate the realities faced by volunteer firefighters.

AND FURTHER, this resolution be sent to the Solicitor General, the Premier of Ontario, the Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

Stasia Carr

Clerk

Township of Assiginack

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VIA EMAIL

Friday, October 3, 2025

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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General
The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety
The Honourable Ruby Sahota, Secretary of State
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General

Please be advised that at its meeting held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities

WHEREAS community safety is the foremost responsibility of all levels of government, including federal, provincial/territorial, and municipal authorities;
AND WHEREAS recent violent home invasions in Halton Region and across Canada highlight the ongoing need to evaluate and strengthen bail laws and the administration of justice to better protect communities;

AND WHEREAS repeat violent offenders continue to be granted bail in some instances, placing victims, families, and first responders at risk, and public confidence in the justice system is undermined when such offenders are quickly returned to the community;

AND WHEREAS the federal government passed Bill C-48, which came into force in January 2024, introducing key reforms to the Criminal Code, including:

- A new reverse onus provision targeting repeat violent offending involving weapons,
- An expanded list of firearms offences triggering reverse onus,

- Requirements for courts to consider an accused's violent history and state on the record their consideration of community safety;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has committed to tabling additional legislation during the Fall 2025 session of Parliament to further strengthen community safety, including reforms related to bail and sentencing;

AND WHEREAS the provinces and territories are responsible for the administration of justice, including:

- Appointing justices of the peace and judges,
- Managing court operations and bail monitoring,
- Hiring and managing Crown Attorneys,
- Funding and overseeing provincial police services and detention centres;

AND WHEREAS on November 13, 2024, the Police Association of Ontario (PAO), the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA), and the Toronto Police Association (TPA), representing 35,000 police members in Ontario, called for urgent action to ensure violent and repeat offenders are not released pending trial, and similar calls have been echoed by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and Canada's Premiers;

AND WHEREAS strengthening bail provisions and the broader justice system requires ongoing collaboration across all levels of government, and doing so would reduce pressures on local police services, the courts, and municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:

THAT Halton Regional Council:

1. Recognizes the steps already taken by the federal government through Bill C-48 and acknowledges the commitment to introduce further legislation in Fall 2025;
2. Calls on the Government of Canada to prioritize and expedite the introduction of its promised bail and sentencing reforms in the upcoming session of Parliament;
3. Calls on the Province of Ontario to invest in and strengthen the administration of justice, including:
 - Enhancing bail enforcement and monitoring,

- Increasing resources for Crown prosecutors and court operations, including the previously announced courthouse for Halton
- Expanding judicial capacity and detention infrastructure;
- 4. Encourages a national, coordinated approach involving all levels of government to ensure community safety is not compromised by gaps in bail or sentencing systems.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- THAT Halton Regional Council calls for the following policy considerations in future reforms:
 - Expanding reverse onus provisions for repeat violent offenders,
 - Establishing stronger mandatory bail conditions, including firearm prohibitions, curfews, electronic monitoring, and no-contact orders,
 - Limiting multiple bail releases for individuals with histories of serious violent offences,
 - Improving inter-agency information sharing among police, Crown prosecutors, and corrections,
 - Prioritizing victim and community impact in bail decisions;
- THAT Halton Regional Council calls on the federal and provincial governments to review Criminal Code time limits and rules for stay of proceedings in cases involving serious and violent offences;
- THAT this motion be forwarded to:
 - The Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Minister of Public Safety, the Secretary of State (Combatting Crime),
 - The Premier of Ontario, Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario,
 - All federal and provincial parties in the House of Commons and Ontario Legislature;
 - Halton's Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament,
 - The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Association of Ontario, and the Ontario Provincial Police Association;
 - Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) and Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG);

- Halton's Local Municipalities;
- THAT this motion be shared with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all municipalities across Ontario and Canada, encouraging them to pass similar motions in a spirit of collaborative, cross-jurisdictional reform.

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

Sincerely,



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c.
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Motion Respecting State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2025, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Niagara Region issued three separate declarations of emergency in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction on February 23, 2023, recognizing that the scope and scale of the crisis surpasses the Region's capacity to respond effectively; and

WHEREAS following the submission of the three declarations of emergency, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) has engaged with the Region's Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC); and

WHEREAS these issues have continued to intensify and add further strain to the social support system in Niagara over the past two years; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are continuing to experience similar challenges; and

WHEREAS a coordinated, province-wide approach and associated funding support is required to address the growing emergency of mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction, the scale of which falls well beyond the scope of what a municipality can address.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Region **ADVOCATES** that the Province support a coordinated approach between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address ongoing challenges related to mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction;
2. That Niagara Region **FORMALLY ADVOCATES** for Provincial funding to address identified gaps in programs and services contributing to the state of emergency including affordable housing, supportive housing, addictions treatment, and mental health supports for vulnerable populations; and

3. That this motion **BE SENT** to the Provincial and Federal Governments, FCM, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 5.4.2.
Resolution Number 2025-241
Title: Resolution of Support - Closure of Before and After School Programs
Date: October 15, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater, at its Regular Meeting of September 2, 2025, passed a Resolution urging the Province of Ontario to address the staffing shortages leading to the closure of before and after school programs;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St-Charles is experiencing a similar challenge, whereby financing for before and after school programming is provided through the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, but the managing organization has been unable to recruit sufficient staff to operate programs in our local school, despite the existence of a substantial waiting list of families requiring care;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of St-Charles recognizes the importance of before and after school programs in providing a trusted, safe, and consistent environment for children outside of regular school hours—support that many working parents and guardians rely upon to balance their employment and family responsibilities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of St-Charles hereby supports the Municipality of Bluewater's September 2, 2025 resolution regarding the closure of before and after school programs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education; John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming—Cochrane; and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED


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October 29, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General
The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety
The Honourable Ruby Sahota, Secretary of State
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General

BY EMAIL ONLY

RE: Resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their October 23, 2025 Council meeting, and at the request of the Regional Municipality of Halton, passed the following resolution regarding Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities.

Whereas community safety is a top priority for all levels of government;

And whereas, Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the motion passed by the Regional Municipality of Halton, enclosed herewith;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Wasaga Beach:

1. Supports Halton Region's motion and the steps already taken by the federal government, including Bill C-48;
2. Urges the Government of Canada to move quickly on its promise to further strengthen bail and sentencing laws;
3. Calls on the Province of Ontario to invest more in the justice system, including:
 - a. Better bail enforcement and monitoring,
 - b. More resources for prosecutors and courts,
 - c. More judges and detention facilities;
4. Supports a coordinated national approach involving all levels of government to improve community safety and fix gaps in bail and sentencing;

And be it further resolved that the Town of Wasaga Beach supports these future reforms:

- Expanding reverse onus for repeat violent offenders,
- Stronger mandatory bail conditions (e.g., firearm bans, curfews, electronic monitoring),
- Limits on multiple bail releases for serious violent offenders,
- Better information-sharing between police, prosecutors, and correctional services,
- Making community and victim impact a key part of bail decisions;



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And further that the Town supports reviewing time limits and rules in the Criminal Code that could lead to serious cases being thrown out;

And that this motion be shared with:

- Federal and provincial government leaders and relevant ministers,
- Local MPs and MPPs,
- Police and justice associations,
- Municipal associations like AMO and FCM,
- Regional Municipality of Halton
- All municipalities within the Province of Ontario

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2225.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

/mps

cc: Federal and provincial government leaders and relevant ministers,
Local MPs and MPPs,
Police and justice associations,
Municipal associations like AMO and FCM,
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Date:	<u>8 October 2025</u>	<u>2</u>
Moved By:	<u>Councillor Kristen Rodrigues</u>	
Seconded By:	<u>Councillor Alex Boughen</u>	

Whereas conservation authorities serve a critical function in safeguarding Ontario's natural heritage, overseeing watershed management, mitigating flood risks, and advancing climate resilience;

And whereas the Province of Ontario's recent mandate to freeze conservation authority fees has significantly hindered their capacity to deliver essential services;

And whereas Conservation Authorities are now expected to process an increasing volume of permit applications under a fee structure that remains frozen, despite rising costs of living and wage pressures, further compounding operational and fiscal challenges;

And whereas municipalities are increasingly compelled to absorb the resulting financial shortfalls, leading to unsustainable downloading of costs onto local taxpayers;

And whereas the intent behind the provincial fee freeze was to reduce development-related expenses and accelerate housing supply;

And whereas this policy has inadvertently shifted the financial burden from a user-pay cost recovery model to the municipal tax base, thereby straining local budgets and compromising the principle of fair and equitable funding;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming urges the Province of Ontario to reconsider the fee freeze mandate and to implement a funding framework that protects municipal taxpayers from cost recovery deficits, while supporting a sustainable and balanced approach to conservation authority financing.

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Carried	Defeated	Deferred

	Yay	Nay
Gary L. Atkinson	☐	☐
Netty McEwen	☐	☐
Alex Boughen	☐	☐
Kristen Rodrigues	☐	☐
John van Klaveren	☐	☐
Mike Vasey	☐	☐
Bob Woolvett	☐	☐