



## Council Information Package

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SUBJECT: 2024 Emergency and Continuity Management Program Compliance

TO: Council Information Package (CIP)

FROM: Public Works  
Transportation

Report Number: PWS-42-25

Wards Affected: All

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

CIP date: December 5, 2025

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### **Recommendation:**

For Information only.

### **Executive Summary**

#### **Purpose of report:**

- To share with Burlington City Council an overview of the Emergency and Continuity Management Program's activities in 2024, particularly compliance items under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. c.E.9 (EMCPA)* and Ontario Regulation 380/04 (O. Reg. 380/04).

#### **Key findings:**

- The City of Burlington was deemed compliant with the municipal requirements under the EMCPA and O. Reg. 380/04 for 2024.

#### **Implications:**

- Human Resources: Emergency Control Group members must complete annual training and exercises. Staff assigned an Incident Management System (IMS) position must complete IMS training, as outlined in the IMS organizational policy.

# Information Report

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## Background

Under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9* (EMCPA) and Ontario Regulation 380/04, municipalities are required to meet the following requirements under their Emergency Management program each year:

## Program By-law

- Designations: Community Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Management Program Committee, Emergency Control Group (ECG) and an Emergency Information Officer
- Components: Hazard and identification risk assessment (HIRA), Critical Infrastructure list, Emergency Response Plan, Annual training and exercise for ECG members, Public Education and an Emergency Operations Centre.

An annual program review by Emergency Management Program Committee is also required.

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## Status

The following summarizes the City's 2024 Emergency and Continuity Management Program activities, which Emergency Management Ontario deemed in compliance with the EMCPA and O. Reg. 380/04.

### Program By-law

By-law 69-2024, adopted on November 19, 2024, is the City's Emergency and Continuity Management Program bylaw. It formally designates the required designations, and includes the City's Emergency Response Plan.

### Critical Infrastructure List

Critical infrastructure consists of the systems, services and networks essential to human health, safety, economic stability and government operations.

Municipalities are required to identify the critical infrastructure that exists within their municipality that is at risk of being affected by hazards. In 2024, staff reviewed and updated the City's Critical Infrastructure list, which includes municipal assets and assets owned by other levels of government and the private sector.

The Critical Infrastructure list aligns with the ten federal critical infrastructure sectors: Energy and Utilities, Finance, Food, Government, Health, Information and Communication Technology, Manufacturing, Safety, Transportation and Water.

#### Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA)

Municipalities are required to identify and assess the hazards and risk to their municipality annually. The City uses the 2019 provincial HIRA methodology, and the 2024 HIRA review evaluated 55 hazards, including a locally relevant hazard (wildlife attacks). Each hazard was rated based on likelihood and potential community impact.

#### Emergency Response Plan

Municipalities are required to adopt their Emergency Response Plan via bylaw, review it annually and update as needed. The City's Emergency Response Plan outlines how the City will respond to large-scale emergencies or disasters.

The Emergency Response Plan was updated in February 2024 (By-law 07-2024) and again in November 2024 (By-law 69-2024) following the corporate restructuring in June 2024. The plan is publicly accessible on the City's website and is available in alternate formats upon request.

#### Annual Training

Emergency Control Group members completed mandatory annual training covering provincially mandated topics including the Emergency and Continuity Management Program components, roles and responsibilities, plan activation and notification procedures and EOC technology.

In addition, several provincial training sessions were delivered to ensure that staff assigned to Incident Management System (IMS) positions completed the appropriate level of IMS and note taking training.

#### Annual Exercise

The 2024 Emergency Control Group compliance exercise was held on October 28, 2024. The, discussion-based, tabletop exercise simulated a widespread power outage during severe winter weather.

#### Public Education

Municipalities are required to provide public education each year on general emergency preparedness and hazard-specific risks.

In 2024, a general preparedness public education campaign was held during the national Emergency Preparedness Week on May 5-11, 2024, with the theme "*Emergency preparedness starts with you: Make a plan for every season*".

A flood public education campaign ran from October through December and Alert Burlington awareness campaigns were held in April and December 2024 to increase subscriber numbers. Alert Burlington was subsequently discontinued in 2025 due to low subscriber numbers, despite multiple public awareness campaigns.

### Emergency Operations Centre

Municipalities are required to establish and maintain an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), which is a location from which Emergency Control Group members coordinate and direct the City's response to large-scale emergencies.

The City has three designated EOC locations, and annual EOC activation drills are conducted at each site. As a result of the findings from EOC activation drills, Burlington Digital Services received capital funding in 2024 to enhance the resilience of EOC technology.

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### **Key Dates & Milestones**

December 9, 2024 – Emergency and Continuity Management Program Committee completed its mandated annual review of the City's Emergency and Continuity Management Program.  
December 31, 2024 – Submission of City of Burlington 2024 annual compliance report  
June 20, 2025 – Notification from the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response that the City of Burlington met all requirements under the EMCPA for 2024.

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### **Implications**

#### Human Resources

- Emergency Control Group members are required to complete annual training and exercises. In addition, staff assigned to IMS positions must complete training as outlined in the IMS organizational policy.
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### **References**

[BFD-06-24 Emergency and Continuity Management Program Bylaw](#)

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### **Strategic Alignment**

(Select all that apply)

- ☐ Designing and delivering complete communities
- ☒ Providing the best services and experiences
- ☐ Protecting and improving the natural environment and taking action on climate change
- ☒ Driving organizational performance

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**Report Approval:**

All reports 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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**SUBJECT:** Tyandaga Golf Course 2025 Progress Report: Enhancing Play, Place, and Community

**TO:** Council Information Package

**FROM:** Community Services  
Recreation, Community and Culture

Report Number: CSS-31-25

Wards Affected: all

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

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### **Purpose**

This memo provides an overview of the strategic investments and operational enhancements made at Tyandaga Golf Course. Over the past few years, the operating model has evolved, including a transition away from a net-zero model and, most recently, Council's endorsement to continue to operate as an 18-hole facility. The memo highlights key updates in revenue performance, facility improvements, community programming, and long-term planning initiatives.

In 2025, Recreation, Community and Culture (RCC) staff implemented a series of improvements to both the course and its amenities, while also strengthening its connection to the community through the establishment of the Tyandaga Committee. These initiatives have contributed to increased revenue from green fees and membership sales, and reflect the City's commitment to sustainable growth, enhanced user experience, and inclusive recreation programming.

### **On-Course and Facility Improvements**

Significant enhancements have been made to both the golf course and supporting infrastructure, aimed at improving playability, user experience, and operational efficiency.

### Golf Course Enhancements:

- **Hole Rerouting:** Holes 2 and 18 were reconfigured to improve course flow and enhance the overall playing experience.
- **Warm-Up Net Installation:** A new warm-up net provides golfers with a convenient pre-round practice option, contributing to player satisfaction.
- **Starter Shed Addition:** A new dedicated starter shed was constructed to support staff operations and streamline service delivery.
- **Tree Maintenance:** Strategic tree trimming was completed to improve visibility, safety and course aesthetics.
- **Tee Box Redesign:** The tee box on Hole 6 was redesigned to enhance play conditions and course presentation.
- **Naturalized Area:** A new naturalized area on Hole 3 enhances visual appeal and supports environmental sustainability.



New Starter Shed



New Practice Net Area

### Facility Upgrades:

- **Clubhouse Upgrades:** Interior renovations and upgraded washrooms to enhance comfort and accessibility.
- **Parking Lot Reconstruction:** Improved traffic flow and added EV charging stations support both golfers and community visitors.



- **Golf Cart Storage:** A new golf cart improves organization, safety, and efficiency.
- **Outdoor Amenities:** Seasonal washrooms and directional signage enhance accessibility and wayfinding.
- **Flood Restoration:** Restoration of the basement and maintenance building ensures safe, functional spaces post-2024 flood.
- **Snack Bar Addition:** A new snack bar in the pro shop offers beverages and snacks when the main restaurant is closed.
- **Player Comfort & Safety:** Benches at tee boxes, regraded cart paths, and added curbing/speed bumps improve mobility and safety for all users.
- **Pathway Enhancements:** Gravel cart paths were regraded and refilled post-flood to improve mobility for both carts and walkers.

### **Community Engagement:**

The Tyandaga Review Committee provided a forum for feedback and collaboration, and to help guide ongoing improvements at the course. The Committee includes representation from leagues, members, and green fee players and has been instrumental in increasing engagement within the golfing community.

### **Revenue Performance Highlights:**

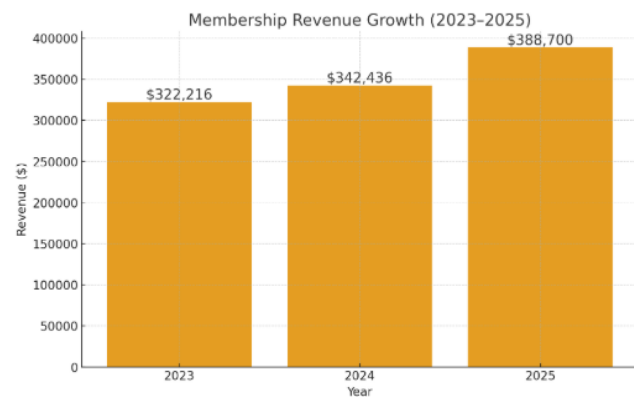
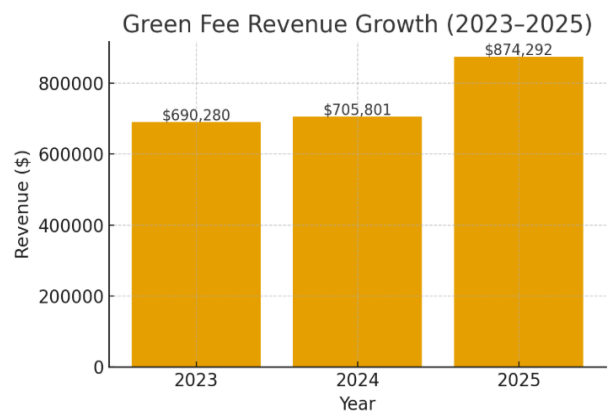
In addition to physical upgrades to the course and facility, operational enhancements significantly improved the overall golf experience and contributed to strong financial performance in 2025.

Key contributors to this success included:

- Optimized tee time intervals (8 minutes vs. 10) to increase capacity and improve flow.
- Market-informed pricing strategies to remain competitive and attract a broader customer base.
- Improved booking practices via Golf Now.
- Adjusted weekend booking windows to improve access and reduce no-shows.
- Favourable weather conditions.
- Membership card implementation to streamline check-in and improve operational efficiency.

As a result, Tyandaga Golf Course saw notable revenue growth. At the conclusion of the 2025 golfing season, green fee revenue increased by 24% – approximate gain of \$168,000 compared with 2024. Participation rose by nearly 4,000 rounds and memberships sold out

within hours of release, driving a 12% increase in membership revenue compared to 2024 and continuing a strong multi-year growth trend.



**Grant Funding and Tyandaga Program Updates**

Construction of a new trail will span from the base of the Niagara Escarpment at Tyandaga Golf Course, through the foothills of Kerncliff Park to the top of the escarpment brow at City View Park. During the golf season, a portion of the new pathway system will double as cart paths for two holes at Tyandaga Golf Course, an enhancement that has been highly anticipated by golfers. Completion is targeted for December 2025.

To sustain community engagement year-round, staff will introduce new programming to highlight the trail and promote outdoor recreation, wellness, and social connection beyond the golf season. These offerings will complement existing off-season activities such as tobogganing, disc golf, hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing, reinforcing Tyandaga’s role as a four-season destination for active living.

**Conclusion**

In 2025, staff at Tyandaga Golf Course delivered significant progress across key operational areas, following its transition from a net-zero model and approval to operate as an 18-hole facility. Enhanced scheduling, pricing strategies, and improved booking practices contributed to notable revenue growth, while targeted on-course and clubhouse upgrades elevated the overall player experience and accessibility. Expanded community programming and the development of the Tyandaga Trail further positioned the facility as a year-round destination for recreation and engagement. These achievements underscore Tyandaga’s evolving role as a vital and inclusive asset within Burlington’s recreation landscape.

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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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**SUBJECT:** ERO Posting #0909 – Proposed legislation and regulatory amendments to enable the Species Conservation Act (SCA)

**TO:** Council Information Package

**FROM:** Development and Growth Management  
Community Planning

Report Number: DGM-104-25

Wards Affected: All

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

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This memo and its attachment present a recent submission to ERO posting # [025-0909](#): Proposed legislative and regulatory amendments to enable the Species Conservation Act, 2025.

The attached was submitted to the identified ERO posting by the associated deadline. Should Council have any additional comments or refinements to the attached submission, please feel free to contact the undersigned

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A. ERO Posting 025-0909\_COB Submission

**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.

November 8, 2025

**Electronic Submission only**

**ATTENTION:**

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**Proposed legislative and regulatory amendments to enable the Species Conservation Act, 2025**

[Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting 025-0909](#)

On September 26, the Province released a posting relating to the “Proposed legislative and regulatory amendments to enable the Species Conservation Act”. The Province is accepting comments until November 10, 2025. It is noted that on October 30, 2025 Bill 56 *Building a More Competitive Economy Act*, received third reading and effectively implemented the changes to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) identified in item 6 of ERO Posting 025-0909 prior to the culmination of the engagement period.

The stated purpose of the posting is to seek feedback on five (5) newly proposed regulations to implement the Species Conservation Act (SCA). The proposal also includes amendments to the SCA and amendments to other statutes and regulations.

The ERO posting sets out that the five (5) newly proposed regulations would be required prior to the SCA coming into effect and would address the following aspects:

- Protected Species in Ontario List regulation: sets out the list of species that would receive protection under the SCA
- Registration regulation: sets out registration requirements and rules for conducting registerable activities
- Permit regulation specifies which activities cannot proceed under a registration, but instead require a permit
- Exception regulation: lists activities that can proceed without a registration or permit
- Transition regulation sets out any necessary rules to transition from the ESA to the SCA, including details of how activities commenced under the ESA under a permit, agreement, or conditional exemption would transition to the SCA

In addition to the above, the MECP is seeking comments on proposed amendments to the regulations made under the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) as a result of the repeal of the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

## **Feedback**

### Role of the City of Burlington (the “City”)

In its responsibility to make decisions under the Planning Act, the City must have regard for, among other things, the protection of ecological systems including natural areas, features and functions. This responsibility is furthered by the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) which recognizes the importance of the long-term ecological function and the biodiversity of natural heritage systems.

The focus on a systems-based approach to long-term environmental protection is one that has been supported by the City as it recognizes the integrated nature of natural features and functions. It is understood that the implementation of the ESA is predominantly a Provincial responsibility; however, this responsibility is just one aspect of an integrated natural system. It is common for species at risk (SAR) and their habitat to overlap with other key features and contribute to the assessment of the ecological function of those features.

### Previous Submissions

Comments provided by the city on [ERO Posting 025-0380](#) were extensive and sought to understand how the new direction for SAR protection at the provincial level was intended to be decoupled from the broader approach to natural heritage protection, and how this should be interpreted in the development planning process. Those comments also suggested that an update to the direction on END/SAR species provided in the Province’s Natural Heritage Resource Manual (NHRM) would be a logical place to address this interface.

### General Concerns

The comments discussed above have gone unaddressed and/or unanswered despite similar issues being raised by other stakeholders.

The legislative changes enacted through Bill 56 and the implementing regulations will collectively guide the long-term protection of Ontario’s biodiversity and natural environment, especially species at risk. As such, both the legislative changes and implementing regulations should be viewed as a complete package to ensure that the desired outcomes do not result in negative or adverse unintended consequences. It is also noted in ERO Posting 025-0909 that there are no draft regulations for review, and instead broad overviews of what these five (5) regulations may include are provided to solicit feedback. Staff note that it is difficult to provide constructive

feedback on the specific elements of the regulations that do not yet exist, even in draft form. It is concerning that a complex piece of replacement legislation would be approved without an opportunity to review draft versions of the regulations required to implement it. It is recommended that once the regulations are drafted additional consultation should be undertaken.

The following comments are provided for consideration.

#### 1. Protected Species in Ontario List (new SCA list)

- Approximately 169 species would be protected at SCA launch.
- The list starts from the ESA's Species at Risk in Ontario List but excludes:
  - 64 "special concern" species (not prohibited under ESA either); and
  - 42 aquatic and migratory bird species already listed under federal SARA/MBCA "to remove duplication." Four newly classified species from COSSARO 2024 would be added; two reclassifications are reflected.

##### Concerns

- On non-federal lands, dropping aquatic and migratory birds from the provincial list shifts day-to-day protection to federal processes creating practical gaps whenever no federal authorization is triggered.
- As a result of Bill 5 future listing discretion sits with LGIC/Minister. Transparency on decisions made that are not reflected in COSSARO direction should be made mandatory.

##### Recommendations

- Publish a species-by-species transition protocol showing which protections shift to federal law and how proponents should screen for those triggers.
- Commit to annual, dated list updates with reasons (esp. for adds/removals diverging from COSSARO advice).

#### 2. Registration Regulation

- Defines what must be filed to register and the rules and/or conditions for registerable activities.
- Some information requirements will be activity specific.

##### Concerns

- If threshold triggers and conditions are not well defined, high impact files may default to registration.
- Compliance quality will be dependent on the ability to audit the registration/permit system, as well as the establishment of minimum survey standards, not just declarations.

## Recommendations

- Include decision-trees and worked examples (roads/culverts, subdivisions, utilities, quarries, early exploration, SWM/PTTW, etc.).
- Classify minimum data standards (survey timing windows, methods, detection probabilities, data recency) and develop record-keeping standards for audit purposes.
- Publish all registration and conditions on the SCA registry.
- Set risk-weight audit targets for annual public reporting. Risk weighted audit targets should focus on auditing a large percentage of high-risk permits, a moderate amount of medium risk permits, and a low amount of low risk permits (i.e. 80%/40%/10%)

### 3. Permit Regulation

- Identifies activities that cannot proceed by registration and need a permit (e.g., killing a protected species where not otherwise allowed; introductions/re-introductions).
- Minister may refuse permits.

## Concerns

- The threshold between register vs permit determines where fuller review applies.
- Without clear criteria, borderline cases may default to registration.

## Recommendations

- Prescribe objective referral triggers to the permit track considering the following:
  - cumulative effects beyond set spatial/temporal bounds.
  - impacts in and in proximity to critical life stage habitat.
  - uncertainty above a set threshold. (Habitat delineation uncertainty, survey methodology uncertainty, impact magnitude uncertainty, mitigation effectiveness uncertainty, etc.).
  - multi-phase projects.
- Require a public statement of reasons when a file that appears to meet permit triggers is nevertheless registered.

### 4. Exception Regulation

- Will prescribe activities that can proceed without registration or permit.
- MECP proposes to carry over most “no-notice” exemptions from O. Reg. 242/08 ss. 1.1–23.19, dropping spent items and those linked to species not protected under the SCA.
- Stewardship activities now covered by s. 17.1 would be moved to registration and not left as exceptions.



- Proposes to combine and expand commercial cultivation exemptions for plants.

## Concerns

- Overly broad exceptions will result in minimized visibility of activities having assessed lower risk. This is likely to result in unassessed or unknown cumulative impact in areas with high development pressures.
- Moving stewardship into registration is positive as it should result in additional transparency.

## Recommendation

- Publish a complete carry-over table (O.Reg. 242/08 → SCA Exception vs Registration) with rationale.
- For each exception, state conditions in plain language. If field verification is required, that should be so stated in direct language.
- Confirm that exceptions will be reviewed and/or renewed on a schedule with data on their environmental outcomes.

## 5. Transition Regulation

- activities under ESA permits/agreements/conditional exemptions (that required Registry notice) continue under ESA requirements (including the ESA habitat definition in place at the time) so long as the impacted species remains protected by the SCA.
- Proposes allowing cancellation of certain ESA instruments so proponents can switch to SCA.
- Only administrative amendments to transitioned registrations after Dec 31, 2026; changes that add impacts to a new species require a new SCA registration/permit. Similar rules for ESA orders/instruments.

## Concerns

- Confirms grandfathering and preserves ESA delineations on those specific files but places a timeframe on substantive changes for ESA registrations (post-Dec 31, 2026).
- Expect more mixed portfolios (some phases under ESA terms, later phases under SCA). Management of mixed portfolios will be cumbersome.

## Recommendations

- Publish a transition FAQ with scenarios (scope change, species added, phases of development).
- Clarify process for switching from ESA to SCA (cancellation + new reg/permit) and how monitoring obligations transfer over.

- Confirm whether mapping/habitat delineations filed under the ESA must be re-filed to the SCA registry for transparency.

## 6. Environmental Bill of Rights changes

- MECP proposes to exempt all SCA permits and orders from Part II of the Environmental Bill of Rights
  - Results in no ERO posting, comments, or other participation rights for those instruments).
- The SCA itself would be prescribed for Part IV/V/VII (review, investigation, reprisals)

## Concerns

- Minimizes transparency and public/stakeholder engagement.
- Risks important information and/or data from being shared by those who may be specific knowledge of an area to be impacted by proposed works.

## Recommendation.

- Not supportive of the Part II exemption for permits/orders
  - At minimum ERO postings providing summaries and affixed conditions should be standard, especially for higher risk permits.
  - Commenting rights should also be upheld for such postings. The SCA already centers on registration; removing public visibility from the remaining permit path further concentrates risk and erodes transparency.

## Next Steps

Please accept this letter as the City of Burlington's submission on ERO posting 025-0909. Given the short period for consultation, the attached comments have not been approved by City Council. This letter will be shared through an upcoming Council Information Package. Should Council determine any additional comments or refinements to these comments are required, the Province will be advised at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



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COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER  
TO OUR FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

November 28, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford  
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Dear Premier Ford,

Windsor City Council, at its meeting held November 24, 2025, adopted the following resolution:

Decision Number: CR481/2025

**WHEREAS** Ontario's Conservation Authorities play a critical role in watershed management, environmental protection, flood mitigation, and public safety across the province; and,

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has introduced Bill 68, which contains significant and far-reaching amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* that would alter governance structures, decision-making authorities, and municipal participation in conservation authority oversight; and,

**WHEREAS** the proposed changes were introduced within an omnibus bill without the benefit of a standalone legislative process that would allow for comprehensive public input, stakeholder consultation, or sufficient scrutiny regarding their long-term environmental, financial, and public safety implications; and,

**WHEREAS** municipalities are key partners in watershed management and must retain a strong, meaningful voice in any new governance model to ensure that local knowledge, local priorities, and local risks are fully considered in provincial decision-making; and,

**WHEREAS** the potential impacts of the proposed amendments may increase risks to the public related to flooding, erosion, natural heritage loss, and environmental degradation if not properly analyzed and addressed through an open and transparent legislative process; and,



**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the City of Windsor strongly urge the Provincial Government of Ontario to withdraw all sections of Bill 68 related to amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Province be requested to re-introduce any proposed changes as a standalone bill, to proceed through the full and regular legislative process—including First and Second Readings, Committee review, stakeholder submissions, and public consultation—to ensure that the impacts on watershed management, environmental protection, and public safety are fully and transparently considered; and,

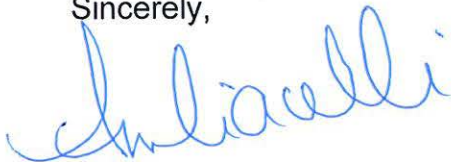
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Province ensure that any future governance framework for Ontario's Conservation Authorities includes robust and clearly defined municipal representation, recognizing municipalities as essential partners in protecting watersheds and mitigating environmental risks; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA), and all Ontario municipalities and Conservation Authorities for their information and support.

Carried.

Your consideration to Windsor City Council's resolution would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Deputy City Clerk and Supervisor of Council Services  
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RE: 6.17 Municipality of South Huron Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund & 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

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

Resolution No. 2025-382:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

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

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

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



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

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

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Municipal Clerk

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



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October 23, 2025

Via email: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

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

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

**Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund**

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

418-2025

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

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

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

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator  
Municipality of South Huron  
[kwebster@southhuron.ca](mailto:kwebster@southhuron.ca)  
519-235-0310 x. 232



Encl.

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

**VIA EMAIL**

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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

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

**RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

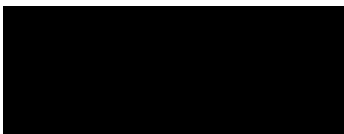
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.

6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
  - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
  - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
  - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
  - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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  - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
  - The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
  - All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

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

Sincerely,



Natalie Charette  
Interim Clerk  
[clerk@twpec.ca](mailto:clerk@twpec.ca)



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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*

**Town of East Gwillimbury**

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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  
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December 2, 2025

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

Dear Fellow Mayors,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With respect and solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Campion".

Frank Campion

Mayor of Welland

November 24, 2025

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge  
Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division  
50 Dickson Street,  
Cambridge, ON N1R 5W8

Via email: [shawj@cambridge.ca](mailto:shawj@cambridge.ca)

**RE: RENT PROTECTION FOR TENANTS**

On November 10 2025 at a regular meeting of council, a resolution letter from The Corporation of the City of Cambridge was brought forth and discussed regarding Rent Protection for Tenants and the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Liz Welsh

Seconded: Joel Field

***THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia for all the reasons stated, support the motion from City of Cambridge for the Province of Ontario to provide adequate protection against malicious and excessive rent increases for all units occupies for residential purposes while maintaining the ability for landlords a viable and sustainable business.***

***Further, that this motion be forwarded to the Premier, local MPP Bob Bailey and all other Ontario Municipalities.***

CARRIED

Kind regards,

***Originally signed***

Mandi Pearson  
Director of Legislative Services, Clerk | Deputy Operations

cc:  
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MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton [bobbbailey@pc.ola.org](mailto:bobbbailey@pc.ola.org)  
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 160

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: December 2, 2025

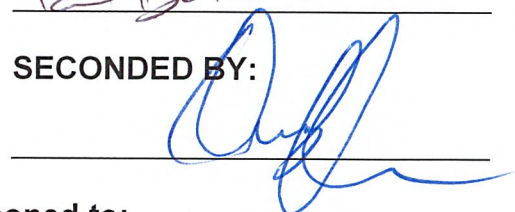
Councillor **G. ASHFORD**  
Councillor **J. BELESKEY**  
Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**  
Councillor **B. KEITH**  
Councillor **D. McCANN**  
Councillor **C. McDONALD**  
Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

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MOVED BY:



SECONDED BY:




CARRIED: ☒ DEFEATED: ☐ Postponed to: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Town of Parry Sound Council hereby supports the Municipality of Wawa's Resolution #RC25170 which supports the development of an accessible, province-wide, and publicly accountable alcohol container return system that:

Protects low-income earners and vulnerable residents who rely on bottle returns;  
Closes gaps in the deposit-return cycle to reduce landfill waste and environmental harm;  
Provides adequate infrastructure, training, and support to retailers participating in the return system;  
Ensures strong, consistent enforcement and oversight of return program compliance;  
Safeguards the public interest in recycling and waste diversion amid increasing privatization pressures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council urges the Government of Ontario to collaborate meaningfully with municipalities, retailers, environmental organizations, and experts to implement a fair, effective, and inclusive solution that ensures the long-term success of Ontario's deposit-return and recycling systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their support and consideration.

  
Mayor Jamie McGarvey



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Resolution # RC25170	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>L. K. Gots</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hayfield</i>

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has introduced new regulations, effective January 1, 2025, requiring grocery stores with over 4,000 square feet of retail space to accept empty alcohol containers and return deposits as a condition of maintaining their liquor licenses; and

**WHEREAS** many large retailers have raised concerns about this obligation due to logistical challenges, including costs, space limitations, and insufficient infrastructure to manage high volumes of returned containers and local residents in Wawa are very upset that there will be no location in the community or area accepting empty alcohol containers; and

**WHEREAS** this change may negatively impact vulnerable populations, including low-income individuals who depend on bottle returns as a modest yet vital source of income and will increase the amount of waste being dumped at the municipal landfill; and

**WHEREAS** the ongoing privatization and deregulation of Ontario's previously effective bottle return program threaten to undermine decades of progress in sustainable waste management, environmental stewardship, and circular economy practices; and

**WHEREAS** the lack of a clear, accessible, and equitable alternative for recycling alcohol containers may place additional strain on municipal waste systems and contribute to increased environmental degradation;

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# The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the development of an accessible, province-wide, and publicly accountable alcohol container return system that:

1. Protects low-income earners and vulnerable residents who rely on bottle returns;
2. Closes gaps in the deposit-return cycle to reduce landfill waste and environmental harm;
3. Provides adequate infrastructure, training, and support to retailers participating in the return system;
4. Ensures strong, consistent enforcement and oversight of return program compliance;
5. Safeguards the public interest in recycling and waste diversion amid increasing privatization pressures;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council urges the Government of Ontario to collaborate meaningfully with municipalities, retailers, environmental organizations, and experts to implement a fair, effective, and inclusive solution that ensures the long-term success of Ontario's deposit-return and recycling systems;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their support and consideration.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
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#### Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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# The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Resolution # RC25121	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>

**WHEREAS** The Beer Store has closed more than 70 of its store locations across the Province since the Ford Government made the decision to end its exclusivity agreement with The Beer Store and allowed other locations like convenience and grocery stores to sell beer, wine and mixed alcoholic drinks; and

**WHEREAS** many of the retail stores being closed are in small, northern communities such as Chapleau, Atikokan, Powassan and Blind River where The Beer Store is very important to the local community; and

**WHEREAS** the presence of The Beer Store in Northern Ontario communities and in Wawa, provides good paying jobs, convenient access to beer sales for tourists looking to purchase a variety of Canadian made beer products not carried in other locations and contributes to the local and provincial economy; and

**WHEREAS** The Beer Store closure in Wawa would lead to job losses in the community and negatively impact the local economy;

**NOWHEREFORE** Council of the Municipality of Wawa request that the Provincial Government take the steps necessary to preserve the presence of The Beer Store in small, rural and northern communities and that it request that The Beer Store reconsider its decision to close additional Beer Stores in Ontario, especially in small, northern communities.

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy the Minister of Finance, Honourable Victor Fedeli the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Bill Rosenberg the M.P.P. Algoma-Manitoulin, FONOM, NOMA, and AMO.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
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#### Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

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October 17, 2025

The Beer Store  
Corporate Office | 2258 Coleraine Drive  
Bolton, ON L7E 3A9

Attention: Roy Benin

Dear Mr. Benin.

The closing of The Beer Store is the final nail in the coffin for those of us in the town of Wawa who are interested in our environment and recycling. I am not a consumer of alcohol, but since 1992, I have picked up the sad, abandoned packaging others have thrown out on the sides of our roads.

As a volunteer, I have cleaned our outdoors of trash by the truckloads and most of it was made up of beer and wine containers. Having a European background and knowing that even pop cans have a deposit of 10 cents on them there, it is with tears in my eyes that I see the loss of a place to turn in recyclables.

I fought the bureaucracy, wrote to companies and ministers about the abuse of our environment and the renewable resources until finally a deposit was established here in Ontario. The program encourages people to turn in their recyclables rather than putting them in the landfill and the pennies add up.

Here in the north, we live in an "untouched" wilderness and try to promote this for tourism, hunting, and fishing. Often, one of the first stops in town is The Beer Store. Why is this now closed when the nearest store is over 200 km away and there is now no place to accept the empties? Our grocery store had beer and wine when that program was first introduced, but has now cut back as they don't want to accept the recyclables. The one convenience store is also not set up for recyclables and doesn't carry the selection of products The Beer Store did.

So, while it is still possible to purchase a limited selection in our town, the loss of the recycling program affects us deeply. Many organizations, such as skating clubs, hockey teams, Boy Scouts/Girl Guides and even retirees profit from the deposit through bottle drives. These assist the community and keep our outdoors clean to benefit the environment as well. Cans and bottles do not disintegrate in the outdoors. To the contrary, broken glass hurts people and wildlife both. Why are we going backwards on this important recycling project? Why are we in the North forgotten.

We will be drowning in beer cans without a recycling program. What is the solution? Please find one as it is you and this government that have made these changes.

Sincerely,



Karin Grundt  
Garbologist  
P.O. Box 1430  
Wawa, ON P0S 1K0





## The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

**Title:** Tina Arbuckle, Deputy Clerk, Township of Tiny  
**Date:** Monday, December 1, 2025  
**Time:** 7:19 PM

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**Moved by:** Councillor Hope  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the November 3, 2025, correspondence from Tina Arbuckle, Deputy Clerk, Township of Tiny, regarding TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project;

AND THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the October 29, 2025 resolution of the Township of Tiny, and reaffirms its commitment to representing the interests of our residents and protecting the natural heritage of Georgian Bay and stands ready to engage constructively with TC Energy, regarding TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario

**YES: 5**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 2**

**The motion is Carried**

**YES: 5**

Deputy Mayor Bordignon   Councillor Ardiel  
Councillor Porter

Councillor Hope

Councillor Maxwell

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 2**

Mayor Matrosovs

Councillor McKinlay