



Council Information Package

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SUBJECT: Recreation Fee Assistance Program Improvements 2025

TO: Council Information Package

FROM: Community Services

Recreation, Community and Culture

Report Number: CSS-02-26

Wards Affected: all

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

CIP Date: 1/16/2026

This memo updates Council on the Recreation Fee Assistance program, administered by the Recreation, Community and Culture (RCC) department, and highlights 2025 enhancements that have expanded access and reduced stigma for residents experiencing financial barriers to participation in recreation programs.

Background:

Census data shows that approximately 7% of Halton residents live at or below the Low-Income Measure, with many more experiencing financial precarity that limits their ability to access recreation opportunities. The Recreation Fee Assistance program plays a vital role in addressing these barriers and ensuring equitable access to programs and services across Burlington.

Recognizing that these challenges are growing, RCC undertook a review of the program guidelines with the goal of increasing participation and ensuring that residents who need support are able to access meaningful assistance. Research consistently demonstrates that participation in recreation can improve overall mental health and wellbeing. By reducing stigma and expanding access to foundational opportunities—such as “learn to swim,” a basic life skill—the City aims to strengthen community wellbeing.

With this vision in mind, the RCC team revised the program details to better reflect the needs of residents and to provide more inclusive, supportive pathways to participation.

Program Details:

Following a program review, several changes were introduced to make the Fee Assistance program more accessible, inclusive, and supportive:

- **Broadened Eligibility:** Threshold increased to Low-income Cut Off (LICO) + 25%, extending support to residents experiencing near poverty and cyclical poverty.
- **Two Year Approval Cycle:** Streamlined application process reduces stigma for applicants and administrative burden for staff, while providing stability for families.
- **Updated Income Testing Matrix:** All applicants below LICO now automatically receive 75% program coverage, instead of coverage based on a sliding scale.
- **Expanded Summer Camp Support:** Coverage extended from two weeks to a full summer, addressing childcare needs during school breaks.
- **Enhanced Outreach and Marketing:** Refreshed materials, targeted campaigns, and partnerships with community organizations to increase awareness and reduce stigma.

Community members can access information regarding the Recreation Fee Assistance program [online](#), via email, by phone 905-335-7738, ext. 8501 to leave a voicemail, or in person at a Customer Service desk in the municipal recreation facilities.

Results (2025):

The program enhancements have already demonstrated measurable impact:

- +22% increase in total financial support allocated; from \$52,000 to \$66,000.
- +16% increase in unique families supported; from 140 to 167 families.
- +26% increase in unique individuals supported; from 228 to 310 individuals.

Summer camps, swimming lessons, and recreation swim passes account for over 60% of requests, underscoring the program's role in supporting children and youth.

Future Initiatives:

- Continued outreach and promotion, including cross- promotion with other City subsidy programs (e.g., Transit Services).
- Strengthened partnerships with community organizations.
- Exploration of a pilot Swim/Skate Pass to provide flexible, short- term access options.

Conclusion:

The Recreation Fee Assistance program serves as a comprehensive approach to reducing barriers and stigma while supporting residents across all demographics. The recent program changes were driven by a recognition that financial precarity is increasing and that traditional eligibility thresholds may leave residents without meaningful support. By broadening access, streamlining the application process, and expanding supports such as summer camp coverage, Burlington has taken deliberate steps to ensure the program reflects the realities of today's families and individuals.

What makes Burlington's approach unique is its focus on both equity and dignity. By reducing administrative hurdles and lifting stigma, the program empowers residents to participate fully in recreation without feeling singled out or burdened by repeated applications. This model goes beyond simply covering costs—it actively promotes inclusion and recognizes recreation as a vital contributor to overall wellbeing.

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Memo Approval:

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SUBJECT: E-Scooter Micromobility Pilot Program Update

TO: Council Information Package

FROM: Public Works

Transportation

Report Number: PWS-04-26

Wards Affected: all

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

CIP Date: 1/16/2026

Background

As part of the City's Integrated Mobility Plan, staff continue to explore new ways for people to move around the city safely and sustainably. E-scooters are one emerging mode of active transportation that provide a convenient and environmentally friendly option for the community.

In March 2025, staff issued Request for Proposal RFP-25-213 seeking a shared micromobility service provider to support the implementation of a two-year pilot program to introduce and evaluate e-scooter services. Vendors were invited to submit proposals based on defined criteria, and SCOOTY was selected to operate the pilot by providing rental e-scooters along the Centennial Trail.

This memo provides Council with an update and operational summary from the first year of the pilot program and outlines planned next steps for the 2026 season.

First Year Review

Goals for this pilot program included the safe introduction of shared micromobility, building municipal experience and understanding, reducing emissions, improving connections to transit, and providing residents with additional mobility options in Burlington.

The City of Burlington experienced higher per-capita uptake and greater utilization of the shared e-scooters, averaging 2.5 trips per rider - compared to Downtown Markham (where SCOOTY also operates) averaging 2.0 trips per rider.

The e-scooter pilot program operated from July 21, 2025, to November 13, 2025. It included 50 e-scooters, 17 mandatory parking zones, and aligned with 12 major transit connection points. In addition, a zero-emission, all-electric service vehicle was used to maintain operations, eliminating the need for a service van to be operating on public roads.



Image 1: Photo of a parking zone in Downtown Burlington

Usage Highlights

Usage data from the pilot year provides valuable insight into how, when, and where shared micromobility was used across the Centennial Trail.

Total Rides: 5,563

Unique Riders: 2,177 (average of 2.5 trips per rider)

Total Distance Travelled by riders: 14,113 km (average of 2.5 km per trip)

Total Distance Travelled by our all-electric operations & service vehicle: 2,000+ km

Total Ride Duration: 1,712 hours of riding (average of over 18 mins per trip)

Estimated CO₂ Saved: Over 3 tonnes (approximate equivalent to 140 trees planted)

Top Rides per Rider: 91 rides completed

Weekend Ridership Peak: 500 rides, August 29 to September 1, 2025 (Burlington Ribfest)

Single Day Ridership Peak: 197 trips on September 1, 2025

Parking Compliance: 97% of rides ended at designated parking zones

Service Area Compliance: 99% of rides were within the designated service area

Analytics

This section summarizes the analytics gathered during the pilot program, outlining major trends and insights that support evidence-based decision making.

Service highlights show notable demand in Downtown Burlington, at Guelph Line, and at Appleby Line. This suggests riders are using the e-scooters to connect to/from Burlington Transit, commercial spaces (Rosedale Plaza, Appleview Square) and community amenities (Burlington Library, Service Canada).



Figure 1: Top 5 parking zones in Burlington for start-of-ride and end-of-ride.

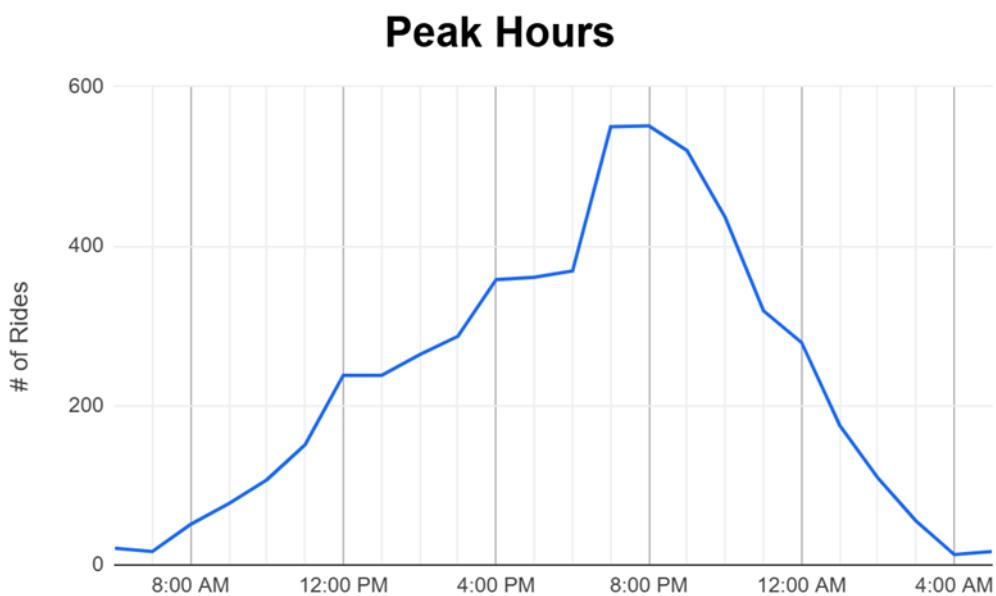


Figure 2: Aggregate of total trips by Time of Day showing a spike from 6:00 - 7:00 pm, peaking from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Ride Arch

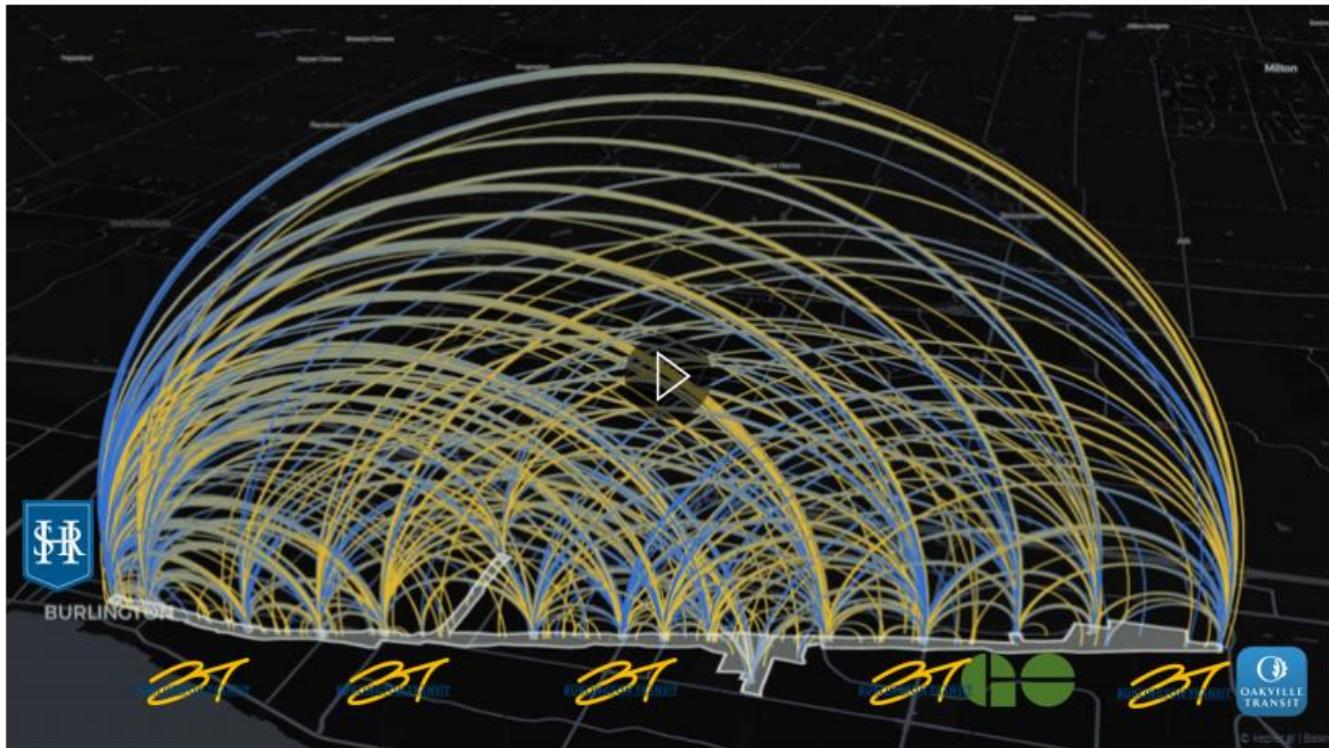


Figure 3: Start and end ride points along Centennial Trail showing demand clusters, ridership trends, and links to local, neighbouring and regional transit.

Consultation/Public Engagement

During the first year of the pilot program, public and stakeholder engagement was a key priority of the staff team as feedback was required to inform program design, implementation, and overall evaluation. The City engaged residents, stakeholders, and partner organizations through a range of outreach and feedback opportunities to understand local needs, address concerns, and gather input. Feedback from the community, collected through in-person events (e.g. Food For Feedback), CRM cases, emails, and service provider's year-end survey (see Appendix A for detailed results) all revealed a generally positive response to the shared e-scooter program.

Themes of areas for improvement included a desire for clearer information related to accountability (private e-scooter use), rider responsibility, enforcement, and clearer communication of rules and regulations. In response, the City has prepared and passed a municipal by-law prohibiting e-scooter use from any street or pathway other than use along Centennial Trail and have consulted with Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS), who are aware of the pilot and prepared to enforce improper use. Both the City and HRPS have

developed communications to support public understanding of e-scooter rules and rider expectations.

Media

The pilot program received moderate local media coverage, with articles focusing on the introduction of shared e-scooters, how the program works, and community reactions. Overall, coverage was largely factual and balanced, helping to raise public awareness of the pilot and its role in expanding local mobility options.

News:

- Inside Halton [Burlington e-scooter pilot project pauses for the winter](#)
- Burlington Today [Burlington hosts community session on e-scooter safety and city by-laws](#)
- Inside Halton [Burlington e-scooter pilot has kicked off in limited area](#)
- Take Action Burlington [Scoot Along the Centennial Trail: E-Scooter Pilot Launch](#)
- Oakville News [Burlington launches e-scooter pilot program for Centennial Trail](#)
- Burlington Today [Burlington launches e-scooter pilot program for Centennial Trail](#)
- Burlington Today [Burlington Hosts Community Session on E-scooter Safety](#)

How do you feel about the introduction of e-scooters like SCOOTY in Burlington?

I support it—great for sustainable and flexible transportation. 4 votes 12.50%



I'm concerned about safety and enforcement of by-laws. 11 votes 34.38%



I think it's a good idea, but more education is needed first. 8 votes 25.00%



I don't support it—e-scooters aren't suitable for our community. 9 votes 28.13%



Figure 4: Survey results from [Burlington Today article](#).

Industry:

- Climate Action Council e-micromobility webinar ([webinar/recording](#))
- NABSA Member [Spotlight: City of Burlington](#)

Video:

- Deputy Mayor Rory Nissan Promoting SCOOTY and micromobility
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DOGucrmEem9/>
- Halton News with Burlington Ward 5 Councillor Paul Sharman
<https://youtu.be/OPQEj2pNj2Q?t=21>
- Mayor of Burlington discusses the e-scooter program
 - CHCH <https://youtu.be/m0fdwZt4PjQ>
 - Halton News
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DQKiHJxARRa/?igsh=MTE1Y3czZjhINTZzcw==>

Conclusion

Given that the pilot program began in late July, a longer riding season in 2026 will provide additional opportunities for the community and riders to become familiar with the program, its planning and design, and the service itself. An extended season will also allow for more engagement and education, helping to improve awareness and understanding of rules and regulations, address concerns, and encourage appropriate use of e-scooters. These insights will help guide City staff in planning for micromobility in the near future.

Next Steps

Next steps for the micromobility pilot program will focus on continued monitoring, evaluation, and operational refinements within the existing scope of the pilot. Due to current capacity limitations, there are no planned changes to the approved operating area or the number of vehicles deployed. Staff will continue to work with the service provider to review performance data, user behaviour, safety outcomes, and compliance with program requirements, while incorporating feedback from residents and stakeholders. These efforts will help inform potential recommendations at the conclusion of the pilot, while ensuring the program continues to operate safely and effectively within its established parameters.

Leading up to the 2026 season kick-off, the City will implement a robust education and awareness campaign focused on safe and responsible micromobility use. This will include collaboration with local school boards and the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) to reinforce rules, regulations, and expected rider behaviour through targeted outreach, in-school education, and coordinated enforcement messaging. These efforts will aim to improve public understanding, enhance safety for all trail and roadway users, and support the successful continuation of the program. Staff will report back in Q1 2027 outlining results, community feedback, and options moving forward.

Memo Details

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PWS-04-26 Appendix A - Survey Results



Survey Results and Insights

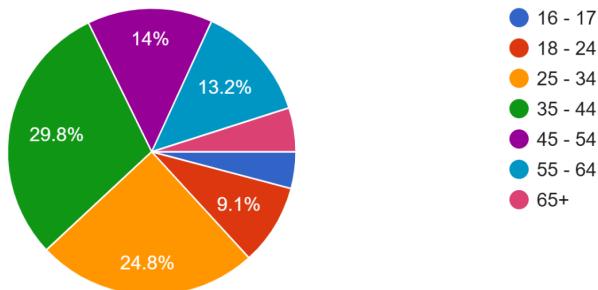
Insights:

- Demand is consistent: 38.8% of respondents indicated they ride as often as they can
- There's a desire for expanded riding area: 59.5% of respondents indicated they would ride more with an expanded service area
- There's a wish for more parking zones: 38.8% of respondents indicated that they want more parking zones
 - Top 6 suggested additional parking zone locations (compiled):
 - Burlington Waterfront/Lakeshore/Spencer Smith Park
 - Downtown/Art Gallery/Joseph Brant Hospital
 - Community Centres, Libraries and Parks
 - GO Stations
 - Local Malls (Mapleview, Burlington Mall)
 - New Street/Robert Bateman

Rider Demographics

Age

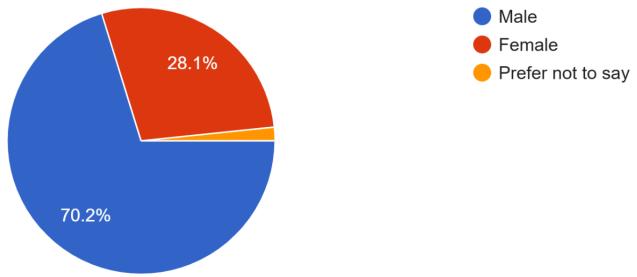
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- 16-17 (4.1%), 65+ (5%)
- Takeaway: The majority of SCOOTY riders in Burlington are ages 25-44, and 5% are over 65, suggesting that demand has reached across age brackets

Gender

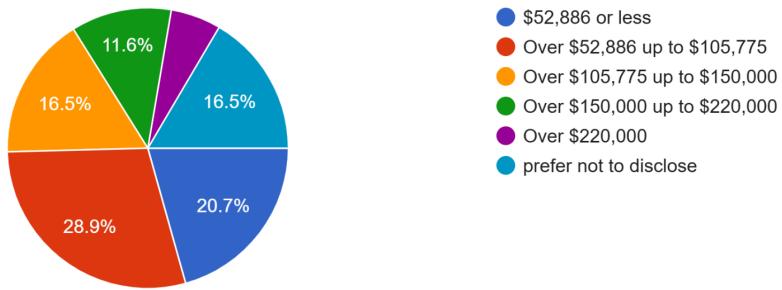
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- 70% of riders identified as male, 28% female

What is your income bracket?

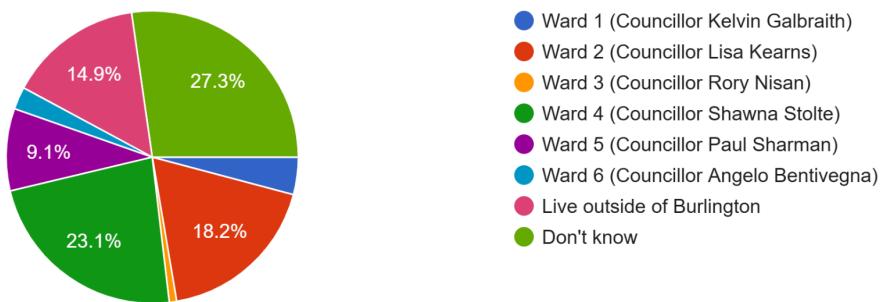
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- Takeaway: SCOOTY riders in Burlington cross the income spectrum

Select the ward you reside in the City of Burlington.

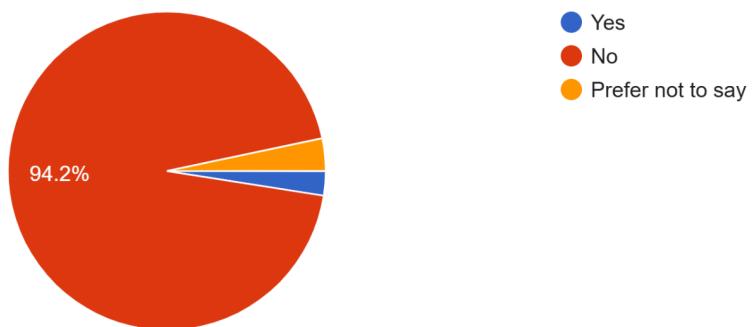
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- Ward 1 (4.1%), Ward 2 (18.2%), Ward 3 (0.8%), Ward 4 (23.1%), Ward 5 (9.1%), Ward 6 (2.5%), Live outside of Burlington (14.9%), Don't Know (27.3%)

Do you have a disability or mobility impairment?

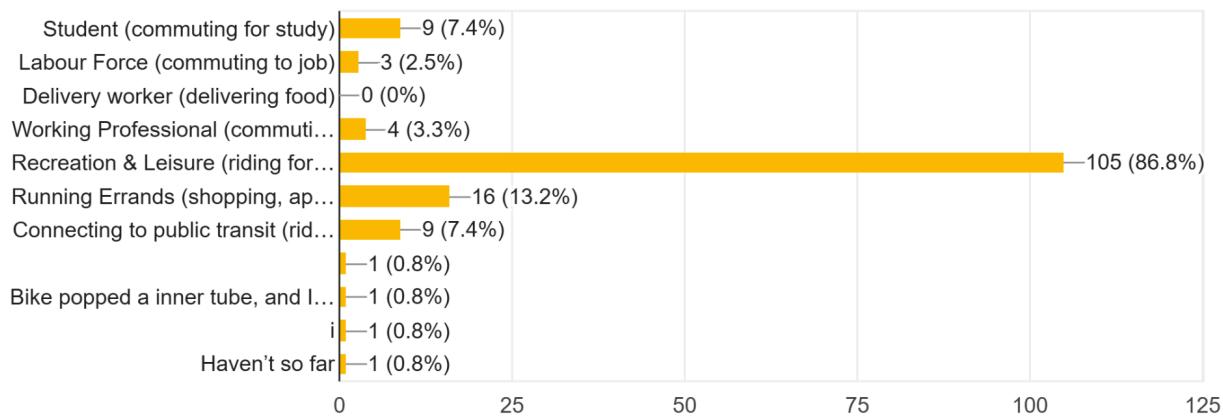
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Rider Profile and Trip Insights

Select the rider profile that best describes you and the trips you take with SCOOTY. (select all that apply)

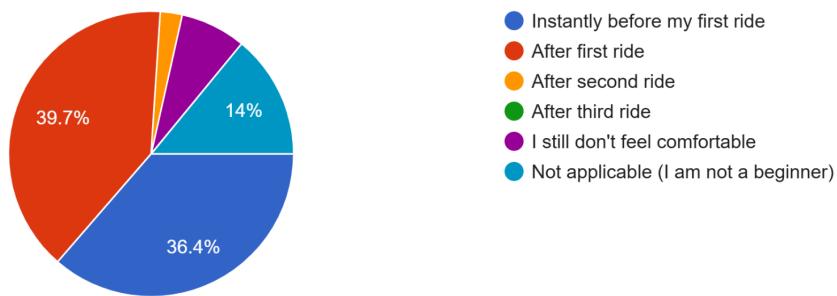
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- Student (7.4%), Labour Force (2.5%), Delivery Worker (0.0%), Working Professional/Commuter (3.3%), Recreation & Leisure (86.8%), Running Errands (13.2%), Connecting to public transit (7.4%)
- Takeaway: Burlington riders are riding for recreational purposes, but there are significant cohorts who are riding for purposes other than leisure
- These purposeful riders would likely make more trips with additional permitted routes, parking zones, transit connections, and promotion of the program

If you are considered a beginner, how long did it take to feel comfortable riding an e-bike/e-scooter?

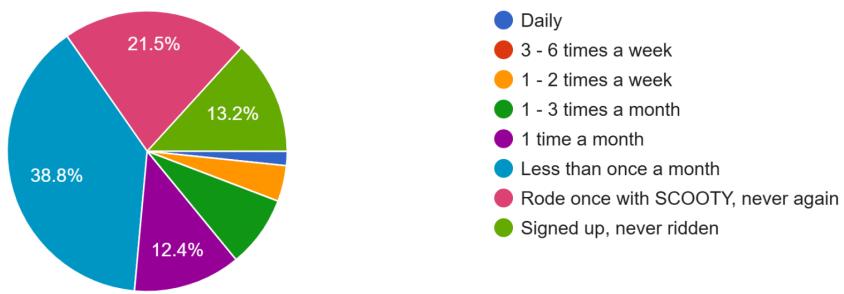
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- An important part of the shared micromobility pilot program in the City of Burlington is the safe, controlled introduction of e-scooters to Burlington residents
- Responses show that more than 75% of riders were comfortable with SCOOTY e-scooters by the end of their first ride

How often do you ride with SCOOTY?

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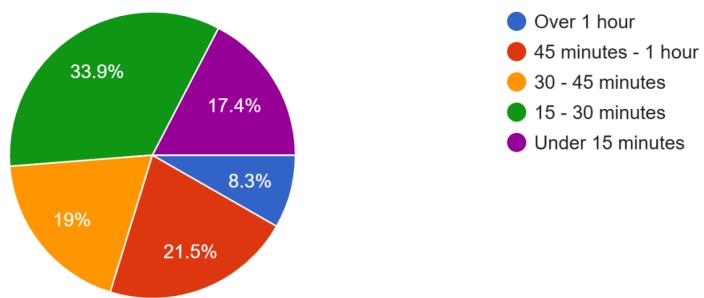


- Daily (1.7%) and Multiple rides per week (4.1%) account for 5.8% of rides
- This number is correlated with the season starting in July and the newness of the service

- A larger service area and more connections to/from transit would likely result in a higher frequency of trips

On average, how long are you riding for?

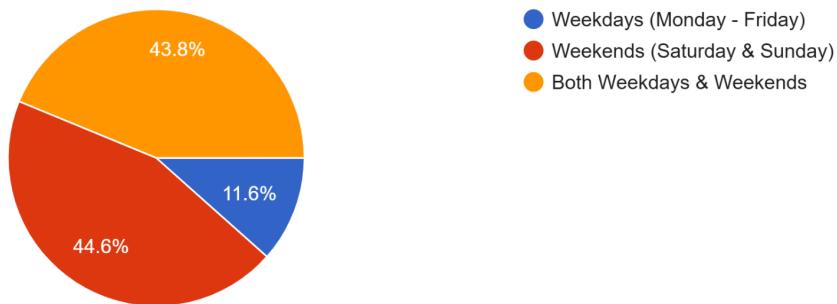
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- 51.1% of riders are riding for under 30 minutes; 31.5% of riders are riding for 30 mins - 1 hour

When do you normally ride?

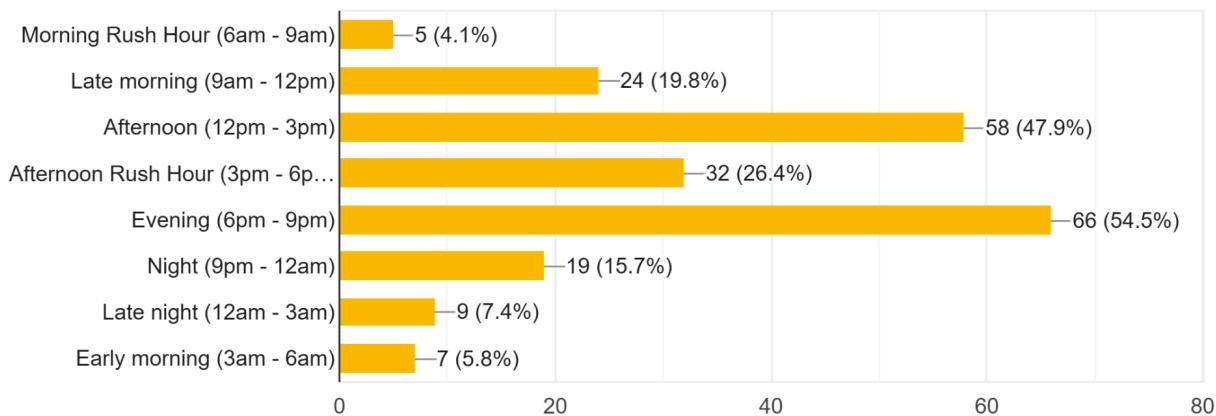
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- Riders are riding on weekdays and weekends

What time of the day do you normally ride? (select all that apply)

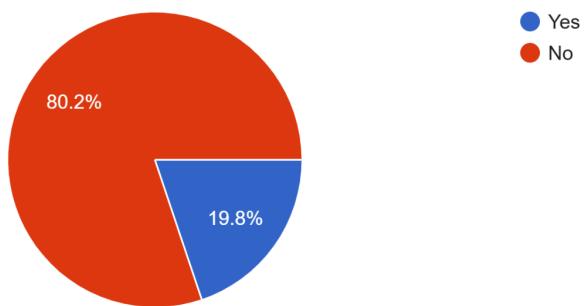
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Multimodal Trips and the Mobility Mix

Do you ride to/from public transit? (Bus Stop or Train Station)

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- Nearly 20% of riders are riding to/from public transit, which is a very promising number considering the service area

Why did you choose to ride with SCOOTY than another mode of transportation?

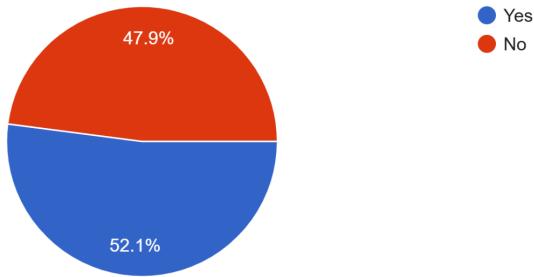
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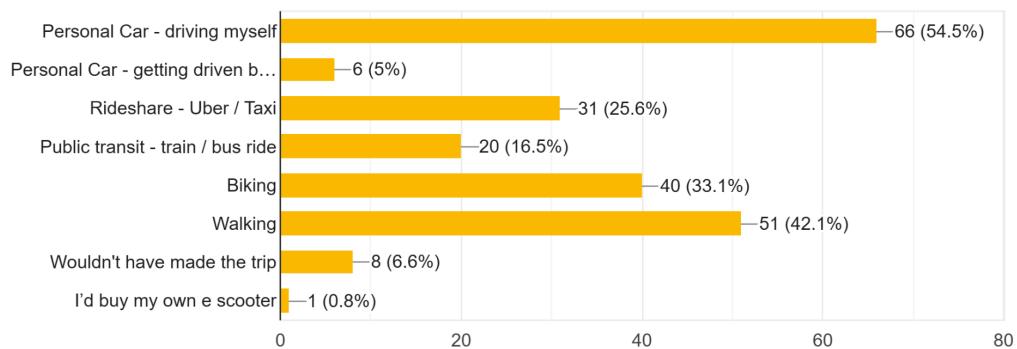
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- 74.4% of respondents ride to get fresh air, 6.6% indicated "looks cool", 5.8% indicated cheaper option, 2.5% indicated it was a faster option

Are you combining SCOOTY with other modes of transportation and taking multi-modal trips to get to your end destination? Ex: Walking + SCOOTY, Driving + SCOTY, Bus + SCOOTY, Car Ride + Bus Ride + SCOOTY.
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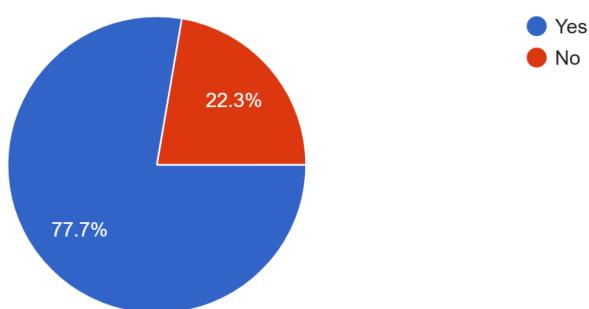
If SCOOTY wasn't available, what mode of travelling would best suit your trip? (select all that apply)
121 responses



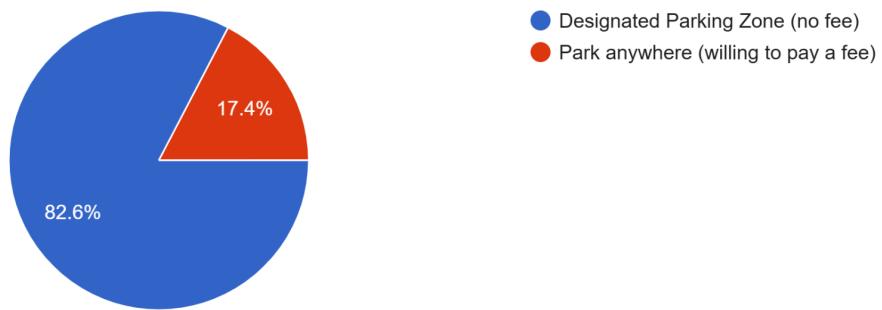
- SCOOTY trips are replacing car rides for 85% of riders (private car & uber/taxi)

Availability and Infrastructure

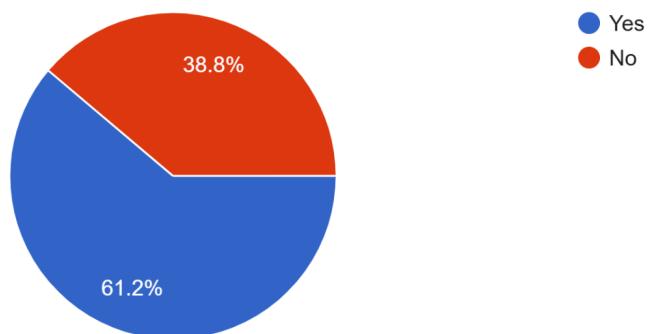
Are there enough supply of available SCOOTY's nearby when you're looking to ride?
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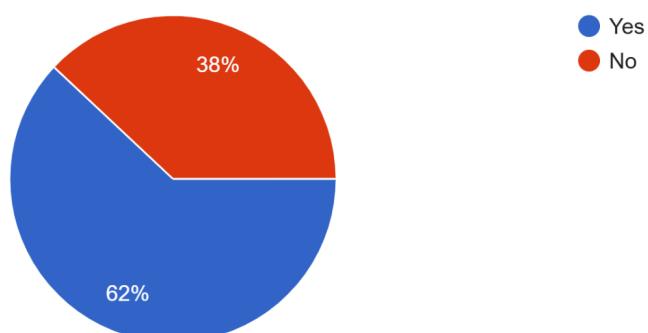
Do you prefer parking at designated parking zones (no fee) or park anywhere (willing to pay a fee)?
121 responses



Are there enough parking zones?
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Would you ride an e-bike/e-scooter in the winter if paths are cleared of snow?
121 responses



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MEMORANDUM TO: Heads of Council - Ontario Municipalities

DATE: January 13, 2026

FROM: Tom McKinlay,
Assistant Deputy Attorney General

RE: Updates to “Tailgate Event” Permits under the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019*

Effective April 30, 2026, [amendments to O. Reg. 747/21](#) under the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019* (LLCA) will expand eligibility for tailgate event permits to include events that have been municipally-designated as cultural or community events.

“Tailgate events” will also be renamed “bring-your-own events”. Tailgate events held in connection with and in proximity to professional, semi-professional or post-secondary sporting events will continue to be eligible events under the bring-your-own permit. All bring-your-own permit events are to remain public outdoor events.

As of April 30, 2026, organizations and individuals will be able to apply to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), which administers and regulates liquor licences and permits in the province, for permits to host “bring-your-own events”.

The bring-your-own permit is for outdoor public events and can be either “Sale” or “No-Sale” depending on whether alcohol will be sold and served or just served at the event. Attendees aged 19 or older are allowed to bring and consume their own alcohol at all bring-your-own events.

This initiative is intended to benefit businesses, organizations, and local tourism by making public events more accessible and encouraging greater community participation. These amendments support Ontario’s ongoing efforts to modernize the legislative and regulatory framework for alcohol, promoting safe and socially responsible recreational opportunities.

As municipalities are best positioned to understand local needs and determine how to classify community or cultural events, applicants for a bring-your-own event permit for a cultural or community event must obtain a letter or resolution from the municipality in which the event will take place designating the event as a “cultural, or community event” before [submitting their application to the AGCO](#).

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Examples of outdoor community or cultural events may include, but are not limited to:

- outdoor movie screenings,
- street markets,
- arts and crafts shows,
- free outdoor concerts,
- fairs,
- neighbourhood sports tournaments,
- public performances (i.e. theatre),
- farmers markets, and
- international or religious festivals.

If a municipality does not designate an event as a community or cultural event, the AGCO cannot issue a bring-your-own event permit. The designation of an event as "community" or "cultural" is at the municipality's discretion, there is no obligation to make such a designation.

Consistent with other types of outdoor events, event organizers must also provide written notice 30 days before the event to the municipal clerk's department, and police, fire and public health departments when expecting fewer than 5,000 people per day and 60 days prior to the event if expecting more than 5,000 people.

Events held on municipal property (e.g., city parks) remain subject to applicable municipal approvals and alcohol policies, these changes are not intended to alter those requirements.

The AGCO will continue to ensure compliance with the LLCA, its regulations, and the AGCO Registrar's Standards.

If you have any questions about these regulatory changes please contact Wendy Chen, Director, Agency and Tribunal Relations Branch at Wendy.Chen@ontario.ca. If you have any questions about AGCO permits and the application process, please contact Ruxandra Ilicea, Senior Eligibility Officer at Ruxandra.Ilicea@agco.ca.

Yours truly,



Tom McKinlay
Assistant Deputy Attorney General

c.c. Wendy Chen, Director, Agency and Tribunal Relations Branch
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December 3, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Peterborough Police Services Board Chair; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Subject: Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and

Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and

Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to “ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area” and

Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuing the secure



custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and

Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing; and

Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all matters originate within that municipality; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure, including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and

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

Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements — including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations — necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and

Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and

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

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

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

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services; and



City of
Peterborough

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Peterborough Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,


John Kennedy
City Clerk



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair

Mayor Jeff Leal

Drew Merrett, Vice-Chair

Councillor Gary Baldwin

Steve Girardi

December 18, 2025

City of Peterborough (Sent via email)
500 George St. N.
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

Attention: Members of Council

Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer

Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services

John Kennedy, Clerk

Members of Council, Mr. Raina, Mr. Freymond and Mr. Kennedy:

Re: Council Resolution – Stable Funding for Police Service Boards

The Peterborough Police Service Board unanimously passed the following motion at their Board meeting held on December 16, 2025:

Moved by Drew Merrett

Seconded by Jeff Leal

That the Board receive for consideration and endorsement the Peterborough City Council resolution made November 3, 2025 regarding stable funding for Police Service Boards.

Accordingly, the Board sends this letter in support of Council's call for the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities; the Board believes increased and sustainable funding support from the Province is necessary to ensure the Board can meet its legislated mandate of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

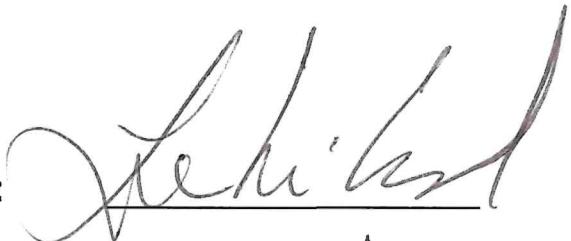
Mary ten Doeschate,
Chair

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PREScott
EST 1784
THE FORT TOWN

Regular Council
December 15, 2025
245-2025

Moved by:


Seconded by: Justin Kish

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott support the Municipality of Tweed's, the Tay Valley Township's, and the Municipality of South Huron's resolutions regarding waste incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS we continue to destroy our environmental jeopardizing our future generations;

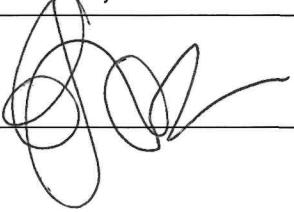
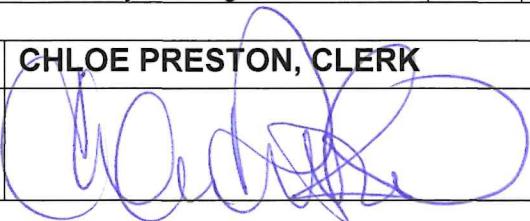
AND WHEREAS we have worldwide technology that will allow us to use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy;

PREScott
EST 1784
THE FORT TOWN

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

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

REQUESTED BY:			
RECORDED VOTE		YES	NO
	Councillor Leanne Burton		
	Councillor Mary Campbell		
	Councillor Justin Kirkby		
CARRIED:	✓	Councillor Lee McConnell	
TABLED:		Mayor Gauri Shankar	
DEFEATED:		Councillor Ray Young	
RECORDED VOTE:		Councillor Tracey Young	

GAURI SHANKAR, MAYOR	CHLOE PRESTON, CLERK
	



TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

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January 7, 2026

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

RE: Affordable Rental Housing

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 7th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa.

Resolution No: 2026-01-07-06

Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt

Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Municipality of Wawa's resolution regarding Affordable Rental Housing as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Resolution # RC25177	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: <i>M. Hefield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Stevens</i>

WHEREAS this council understands that the need for affordable rental housing not only applies to new builds but also to the protection of existing affordable units; and

WHEREAS the removal of rent control in 2018 on any new residential rental unit opened the door to excessive year over year rent increases and the resulting anxiety and mental anguish that come with unpredictable rental costs and loss of housing security; and

WHEREAS the loss of rent control has caused a high number of people across Ontario to be forced out of their homes due to their inability to afford their rent increases; and

WHEREAS without protection from excessive and malicious rent increases, many Wawa renters will also be at risk of being priced out of their own homes; and

WHEREAS unlimited rent increases can be used as a tool by landlords acting in bad faith to remove existing tenants in order to replace them with new tenants at increased rates; and

WHEREAS providing housing stability, maintaining affordable housing stock, and protecting renters from unfair rent increases is of utmost importance to this council.

WHEREAS this council recognizes that landlords are essential to a flourishing and affordable housing system; and

WHEREAS maintaining Northern Ontario as a location that is attractive to landlords is of utmost importance.

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa request the Province of Ontario provide adequate protection against excessive and malicious rent increases for all rental units occupied for residential purposes while maintaining the ability for landlords to operate a viable and sustainable business, and that the Clerk for the Municipality of Wawa send a letter to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPP Bill Rosenberg, MP Terry Sheehan, and other municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
		MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Cathy Cannon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Jim Hoffmann	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Joseph Opato	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN		

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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January 7, 2026

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

RE: Solve the Crisis and Winter Homelessness Program Support

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 7th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Ajax.

Resolution No: 2026-01-07-05

Moved by: Councillor Quade

Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Ajax's resolution regarding Solve the Crisis and Winter Homelessness Program Support as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Sent by E-Mail

November 19, 2025

Re: Solve the Crisis and Winter Homelessness Program Support

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on November 17, 2025:

Whereas, we are approaching the cold winter months and the number of people experiencing homelessness in Ajax and Durham Region continues to rise drastically, with more than 1,000 people on Durham Region's by-name list as of August, including specifically 200 people in Ajax seeking support to change their housing status¹; and

Whereas, in September 2024, Ajax Council passed a motion to support Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) SolvethCrisis.ca² campaign requesting that the provincial and federal governments take immediate action to solve the homelessness and mental health crisis gripping our communities; and

Whereas, while the provincial government has provided support for new programs such as Homeless and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hubs (HART Hubs), it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions; and

Whereas, according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, municipalities are providing 51.5% of the total reported homelessness program funding across all three levels of government, making a significant financial impact on municipal budgets³; and

Whereas, OBCM recently passed a motion at their October Meeting re-iterating the need for provincial support in addressing this crisis by allocating more funding to programs that address chronic homelessness; and

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council reconfirms their support of the Solve the Crisis Campaign and calls on Ajax residents to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting SolveTheCrisis.ca; and
2. That Ajax Council asks that the provincial government to take action on the requests of the Solve the Crisis Campaign that have not been fully addressed including:
 - a. Appoint a responsible ministry and Minister with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports.
 - b. This single Minister must strike a task force with sector representatives including municipalities, health care leaders, first responders, community services, the business community, and the tourism industry to develop an Ontario Action Plan.
 - c. Provide municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports, when deemed necessary.
 - d. Commit to funding the services our unhoused population needs, community by community, to fill in gaps in the system.
 - e. Invest in 24/7 community hubs or crisis centres to relieve pressure on emergency departments and first responders; and
3. That Ajax Council asks that the provincial government prepares a 2025/2026 winter homelessness response plan to help municipalities ensure that we can keep our unsheltered residents who are sleeping outdoors with the services they need to keep them safe in colder weather; and
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax, local MPPs across the Region of Durham, Durham Regional Council, all Ontario Municipalities, Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM).

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 365-885-6983 or Thomas.street@ajax.ca

Sincerely,



**Thomas Street
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk**

**Copy: Councillor L. Bower
Councillor R. Tyler Morin
Rob Cerjanec, Ajax MPP
Region of Durham Local MPPs
Durham Regional Council
All Ontario Municipalities
Ontario's Big City Mayors**

THE TOP AGGREGATE PRODUCING MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO



Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario



ABOUT US

SUPPORTING A SUSTAINABLE PLAN FOR AGGREGATE EXTRACTION IN ONTARIO

Demand for aggregate products in Ontario continues to rise, and with it comes the need for responsible management of extraction to support economic growth. As major stakeholders, municipalities must be part of long-term solutions.

The Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) association represents municipalities with significant aggregate resources and collaborates with industry partners and provincial decision-makers to promote a responsible, fair, and sustainable approach to aggregate extraction in Ontario.

OUR POSITION

PRO-RESPONSIBILITY, NOT ANTI-INDUSTRY

TAPMO recognizes that aggregates are essential to Ontario's economy. At the same time, extraction must balance economic needs with environmental protection, municipal infrastructure, and community well-being.

We advocate for policies and practices that:

- Respect municipal interests and planning authority
- Protect source water, ecosystems, and farmland
- Address long-term community impacts

WHY TAPMO MATTERS TO MUNICIPALITIES



ACCOUNTABILITY TO MUNICIPALITIES

Municipalities deserve fair compensation for infrastructure impacts and lasting rehabilitation guarantees.



SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

TAPMO promotes extraction methods that protect water resources, ecosystems, and agricultural lands.



TRANSPARENCY & COMPLIANCE

Communities deserve honest dialogue about the long-term impacts of extraction and not just the short-term benefits.

To learn more about TAPMO's work, resources, and participation opportunities visit www.tapmo.ca or email info@tapmo.ca.

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Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario



THE BENEFITS WHAT TAPMO OFFERS MUNICIPALITIES

TAPMO brings municipalities together to provide education, support, and advocacy, and to work collectively on aggregate-related matters.

Participation in TAPMO provides municipalities with:

- Educational support regarding aggregate planning and regulation
- A network to discuss challenges and solutions, including licensing, rehabilitation, infrastructure impacts, and land-use considerations
- Updates on policy, legislation, and regulatory developments
- Access to exclusive resources and materials developed to support municipal decision-making

TAPMO can serve as a guiding resource for municipalities navigating aggregate-related processes, helping members better understand issues, options, and best practices.

UPCOMING 2026 TAPMO MEETING SCHEDULE

TAPMO meetings are open to members and provide opportunities to stay informed and engaged.

March 23, 2026	Electronic Meeting
May 25, 2026	Electronic Meeting
August 16, 2026	Annual General Meeting (AGM) Hybrid Meeting at AMO
October 5, 2026	Electronic Meeting

Meeting agendas, registration details, and links to join will be available on the TAPMO website.

EXPANDING SUPPORT IN 2026

As TAPMO enters 2026, the organization is launching a new phase focused on strengthening member engagement, improving information-sharing, and expanding educational resources to better support municipalities at all stages of aggregate involvement.

BECOME A MEMBER

Become a TAPMO member and join a network of municipalities working together to support responsible, fair, and sustainable aggregate extraction in Ontario.

To learn more about TAPMO's work, visit www.tapmo.ca or email info@tapmo.ca.





Town of Saugeen Shores
600 Tomlinson Drive, P.O. Box
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Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C0

January 14, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL

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

Re: Motion Regarding the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

At the January 5, 2026, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, the following motion was passed:

Resolution 010-2026

Moved by: Councillor D. Myette
Seconded by: Councillor R. Stack

Whereas the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority “The Authority” was established in 1950, 75 years ago by a group of municipalities, as a response to problems associated with flooding; and

Whereas the Town of Saugeen Shores is the single largest member by apportionment in this collection of 8 member municipalities, comprising of the main channel and mouth of the Saugeen River at Southampton. The Town of Saugeen Shores is the largest contributor of annual levies that cover the operation of the Authority; and

Whereas the member municipalities cover 44% of the operational costs of the SVCA, 7% coming from the Provincial funding and the remaining is generated through internally generated revenue and permitting fees; and

Whereas the fees charged by Conservation Authorities have been frozen for 3 years which has had the effect of shifting the financial burden onto levies and by extension the property tax payers; and

Whereas the Provincial Conservation Authorities Association (Conservation Ontario) has and continues to provide the respective Authorities with guidance, oversight, and consistency of regulation application; and



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Town of Saugeen Shores
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Whereas the development of the “Agency” is proposed to be funded by municipalities and serves only to add another layer of Government bureaucracy, which by definition will serve only to increase financial burden on member Municipalities; and

Whereas one of the stated objectives of the “Agency” is development of a single digital permitting platform. This approach will serve to alienate a significant portion of our residents who do not have access to internet services, due to rural location or due to religious beliefs; and

Whereas the SVCA is located in a primarily rural geographic region, that due to the proposed consolidation of 7 Authorities will be seemingly overshadowed by much larger and more densely populated authorities with much larger urban components; and

Whereas the SVCA has worked hard to achieve a streamlined and efficient operation and service delivery model, due in large part to the direct oversight by a Board comprised of member municipalities appointed elected officials; and

Whereas the proposed consolidated Huron-Superior Authority would be comprised of up to 80 municipalities, 23,000 sq/km and by extension, a Board of Directors that would be so large as to be unmanageable, and would surely result in smaller rural municipalities losing direct control over the operation of the Authority; and

Whereas the inclusion of Lakehead Region CA in North West Ontario, could have detrimental repercussions arising from travel distance and geographic differences alone; and

Whereas the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority owns and manages thousands of acres of CA land, many of which are income generating, through user fees, land leases, managed forest harvest, and campground fees. The Amalgamation plan does not address how these assets, which by extension belong to member Municipalities, would be equitably divested. Many of these properties were granted to the Authority, specifically detailing the nature and terms of ownership which legally must be maintained going forward; and

Whereas Authorities across the province have liquid assets in the form of trusts, and reserves that belong to member municipalities which run the risk of being swallowed up by large Authorities with larger budgets and resources.



Town of Saugeen Shores
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Now Therefore, be it Resolved that the Town of Saugeen Shores requests that the Amalgamation into the "Huron Superior Regional Conservation Authority" as outlined in ERO 025-1257 be reconsidered. This in order to maintain the local oversight and protect against as yet unforeseen consequences which will serve to undermine the SVCA's ability to provide regional knowledge-based service delivery and management of properties under our stewardship and ownership; and

Further ensure that should the amalgamations go forward that consideration be given to grouping Rural Authorities with similar watershed characteristics together, while grouping more Urban Authorities together for similar reasons; and

Further ensure that any transitional costs are fully funded by the Province and not borne by member Municipalities, and that Municipalities are provided with clear funding models in 2026 so as to allow for sufficient planning data for the 2027 budgets; and

Further that Saugeen Shores Council urges the Province to engage with affected municipalities and First Nations communities in a meaningful way to collaboratively review the service delivery model and standardize only where necessary paying attention to the different needs of Rural and Urban Authorities. That the Province use this approach rather than develop another level of administration and the associated financial burden that would surely result; and

Finally that this resolution be included in the Municipalities ERO response and be forwarded to the:

- Premier of Ontario;
- Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks;
- Bruce County Council;
- All of Ontario's Municipalities;
- Huron Bruce MPP/ Minister of Rural Affairs;
- The board of Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
- AMO; and,
- Conservation Ontario.



Town of Saugeen Shores
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Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C0

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Ashlyn Kennedy".

Ashlyn Kennedy
Licensing and Records Clerk

cc: Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks;
Bruce County Council;
All Ontario Municipalities;
Huron Bruce MPP/ Minister of Rural Affairs;
The board of Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
AMO; and,
Conservation Ontario.

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH
COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Council - Updated



Agenda Number: 7.

Resolution Number 03.01.26

Date: January 12, 2026

Moved By Lee Anne Andriessen

Seconded By Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports item 7.22 Township of Perry Resolution re: Removal of HST and GST From New Homes; and

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth's supporting resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Perth-Wellington MP, Perth-Wellington MPP, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.

ACTION ON MOTION:

CARRIED

[Signature]
MAYOR OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL



*The Corporation of the
Township of Perry*

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: December 17, 2025

Resolution No.: 2025- 448

Moved By: Joe Lumley

Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby support the October 21, 2025 resolution of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the removal of the HST/GST from new homes purchased as primary residences to support housing affordability;

And that Council endorse the related November 3, 2025 supporting resolution of the Municipality of South Huron;

And that Council's supporting resolution be circulated to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Municipality of South Huron, the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Scott Aitchison and MPP Graydon Smith, AMO, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried: ✓ **Defeated:** _____


Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE

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



City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

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January 15, 2026

Sent by email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Bill 68, Plan to Protect Ontario Act, and ERO Posting 025-1257

At the January 12, 2026, Regular meeting, Stratford City Council considered resolutions from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and the Long Point Region Conservation Authority regarding Bill 68 and ERO Posting 025-1257 relating to the proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities.

At the meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution:

R2026-21

THAT CA-2026-007, being resolutions regarding Bill 68: Plan to Protect Ontario Act, be endorsed.

A copy of the endorsed resolution has been provided below:

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses;

AND WHEREAS the City of Stratford established the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (initially formed in 1947);

AND WHEREAS local municipalities currently provide approximately 35% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 2% (2026 budget);

AND WHEREAS municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of acres of land. Many of these properties were entrusted to the UTRCA for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined;

AND WHEREAS the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

AND FURTHER THAT while the City of Stratford supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down agency structure without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Stratford supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities to determine the most effective level of strategic consolidation to achieve both provincial and local objectives;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks,
- local MPPs,
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association,
- area Indigenous communities,
- all municipalities,
- Conservation Authorities, and
- Conservation Ontario.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk
tdafoe@stratford.ca
519-271-0250 extension 5329

Cc: The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks,
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament for Perth – Wellington,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario municipalities,
The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority,
Long Point Region Conservation Authority, and
Conservation Ontario.

January 15, 2026

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

Dear Prime Minister

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Owen Jaggard
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January 15, 2026

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution - Support the City of Peterborough – Elect Respect Pledge

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution #8, January 13, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

Carried

Support the City of Peterborough – Elect Respect Pledge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Township of Larder Lake Council supports the *Elect Respect* pledge and commits to:

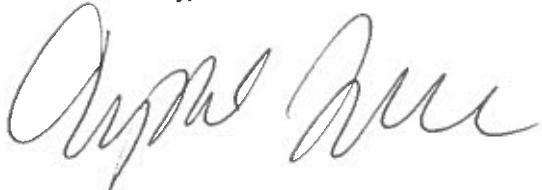
- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call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

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

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

The originating correspondence is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,



Crystal Labbe

CAO/ Clerk Treasurer



REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Keith Hamilton, Senior Planner - Policy

DATE: October 30, 2025

REPORT NO.: PD-2025-065

SUBJECT: Proposed Grand River Source Protection Plan Policy
Amendments under Section 34 of the Clean Water Act

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2025-065 dated October 30, 2025 regarding 'Proposed Grand River Source Protection Plan Policy Amendments under Section 34 of the Clean Water Act', be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the proposed amendments to the [Grand River Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report under the Clean Water Act, 2006](#) as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this report, be forwarded to the Chair of the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee (SPC), Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Region of Halton, Grand River Conservation Authority, and the Town of Milton.

KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Amendments are being proposed to the Source Protection Plan (SPP) and Assessment Report for the Grand River Source Protection Area under Section 34 of the *Clean Water Act*.
- The Lake Erie Source Protection Region is seeking endorsement of the proposed amendments from Halton Hills Council.
- The amendments impact the Definitions and Timelines for Implementation subsections of the SPP to align with the most current (2021) Director's Technical Rules under the *Clean Water Act*.

- As part of the proposed amendments, Halton Hills staff will undertake annual reporting to the Lake Erie Source Protection Authority and incorporate necessary source protection policies into the Official Plan.
- The Lake Erie Source Protection Region is seeking a resolution of support for the proposed amendments from all municipalities who are impacted.
- Lake Erie Source Protection Region staff will undertake public consultation on the amendments before seeking approval from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

1. Overview

Municipal drinking water systems are regulated in Ontario under the *Clean Water Act* (CWA). This Act was passed in 2006 to implement recommendations made by the Walkerton Inquiry to better regulate safe drinking water systems, starting at the source. The intent of source protection planning is to protect water sources (both surface and groundwater) through the prevention of harmful contaminants entering the system as a result of human activities.

Drinking water source protection is undertaken in Halton Hills through the implementation of policies found in Source Protection Plans (SPP). These Plans are created and amended under Section II of the *Clean Water Act*. Within its boundary, Halton Hills is subject to three different Source Protection Regions, each with their own SPP: Halton-Hamilton; Lake Erie; and Credit Valley - Toronto and Region - Central Lake Ontario (CTC). The focus of this report is on amendments to the Grand River SPP for the Lake Erie Source Protection Region (for a map see Appendix 2 attached). The original Grand River Source Protection Plan came into effect on July 1, 2016, and has been amended on two previous occasions.

The intent of SPP policies is to protect the quality and quantity of groundwater (drawn by wells) and surface water used for municipal drinking water systems. Regulations created through SPPs are enforced by the appointed Risk Management Official (RMO) through Part IV of the *Clean Water Act*. In Halton, the Town and Region are responsible for SPP policy implementation, largely through Official Plans.

Section 34 of the *Clean Water Act* authorizes Source Protection Authorities (SPA) to make amendments to the SPP, subject to public and stakeholder consultation. Amendments that are appropriate to make under Section 34 include those necessary to ensure new or expanded municipal sources of drinking water are protected, implement important information not available at the time the SPP was first approved, and address other critical implementation issues.

At this time, the Lake Erie Source Protection Region is undertaking Section 34 Amendments that include:

- Necessary updates (revisions and added terms) to the Definitions subsection of the Plan;
- Updates to policy implementation and monitoring responsibilities for Halton municipalities (Milton and Halton Hills); and,

- Added policies to address threats to aquifers and surface water bodies resulting from water-taking activities.

2. Halton Hills Context

2.1 Area Covered

As shown in Appendix 2, the area of the Grand River Source Protection Plan (SPP) covered in Halton Hills is located north of Sideroad 22 and west of Dublin Line. The area is made up of farms and rural properties west of Acton and does not include any urban areas. The area within Halton Hills covered off by the Grand River SPP contains an Intake Protection Zone (IPZ). This is an area of land and water near a municipal intake where source water can be contaminated or depleted. These zones are established to manage risks and regulate land use activities that could threaten the quality or quantity of a drinking water supply from a river, lake, or stream. Currently the portion of this SPP that covers Halton Hills is subject to water quality policies only.

2.2 Policy Impacts

Chapter 9 of the Grand River SPP includes policies that apply to vulnerable areas within Halton Region. Where previously this chapter had only referenced Halton Region and Milton, proposed amendments will now identify Halton Hills, starting in the Definitions subsection (9.1).

Other key changes from the proposed amendments are summarized as:

- **Annual reporting requirements:** As part of the proposed amendments, Halton Hills would be required to report annually on actions taken to implement SPP policies. Town staff already report annually to both the CTC and Halton Hamilton Source Protection Authorities on similar actions.
- **Local policy implementation and monitoring:** As part of the proposed amendments, Halton Hills would be required to implement applicable policies of the Grand River SPP into the Official Plan. As part of this implementation process, Town staff are required to consult with Lake Erie Source Protection representatives to ensure proper implementation.

In preparation of this report, Town staff consulted with Halton Region staff to better understand the impacts the proposed amendments would have on the small area in the Town covered under this SPP. The added policies, as part of the proposed amendments, focus on water quantity policies and do not apply to the SPP area in Halton Hills. As such, the overall impact on Halton Hills as part of these amendments is limited to what is noted above.

3. Next Steps

Upon receiving a resolution of support from all the municipalities impacted by the proposed amendments, Lake Erie Source Protection staff will begin public consultation, focusing on landowners impacted by the proposed amendments. Following this, finalized policy amendments will be submitted to the Grand River Conservation Authority and Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for approval.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report identifies natural areas and heritage as one of the Town's Strategic priorities.

Through continued participation in Source Protection working groups and supporting Source Protection Plan policy implementation, the Town is taking steps to protect the natural environment for present and future generations.

RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:

This report is administrative in nature and does not directly impact or address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Public Engagement was not needed as this report is administrative in nature.

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Town Planning staff consulted with Halton Region Infrastructure Planning staff in preparation of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have any financial implications.

Reviewed and approved by,

Bronwyn Parker, Director of Planning Policy

John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Development

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer

