



## Council Information Package

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**Date:** February 6, 2026

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Date: February 4, 2026

107-2026-303

Marianne Meed Ward  
Mayor, City of Burlington  
[mayor@burlington.ca](mailto:mayor@burlington.ca)

Thank you for meeting with me at this year's Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference in Toronto. I was pleased to meet with your delegation to discuss local issues and ways to improve transportation in the City of Burlington.

I appreciated hearing your views about our transportation initiatives, and your feedback on our work to improve transportation across Ontario. The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) strives to ensure that our roads, highways, and public transit are all safe, efficient and reliable – and ready to keep Ontario moving and the economy growing.

We are proud to work closely with our municipal partners to connect communities and build safe and reliable transportation systems for years to come. I look forward to continuing to engage in discussions about how we can improve the transportation network throughout Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hardeep Grewal".

Hardeep Singh Grewal  
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation



## **Revised Notice of Meeting for a Proposed Official Plan Amendment**

### **Meeting information**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a recommendation to Town Council. You can attend the meeting online or in person.

**Site location:** Town wide.

**Applicant:** Town-initiated

**Planner on file:** Sybelle von Kursell, Manager  
Midtown Oakville and Special Programs

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**Phone:** 905-845-6601 ext. 6020

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

**File No.:** 42.15.71, **Ward No.** 1 to 7

**Meeting date:** **Tuesday**, February 17, 2026

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Council Chamber, Town Hall  
1225 Trafalgar Road

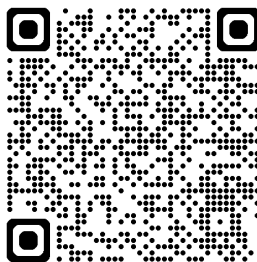
(See instructions on how to participate on next page).

### **What is proposed?**

An Official Plan Amendment to enable the Town to implement Inclusionary Zoning within Protected Major Transit Station Areas.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment will add policies to the Livable Oakville Plan that enables the Town to implement Inclusionary Zoning within Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSAs) (such as Midtown Oakville and the Bronte GO growth areas) identified in the Official Plan.

Search “Inclusionary Zoning” on [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca) for more information on the project webpage or scan this QR code:



## How to participate/How you can share your views

### Review the supporting material:

Information about Inclusionary Zoning is provided on the “Inclusionary Zoning” webpage.

### Provide written comments:

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

### Speak at the public meeting:

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

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

All speakers have 10 minutes to present.

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

### Watch the public meeting online:

To watch the meeting live, or to view a previously recorded meeting, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TownofOakvilleTV>.

You must attend in person to speak at the meeting.

## Find more information

To learn more about the planning process, visit “Inclusionary Zoning” page.

### Related applications:

The OPA enables the use of a Planning Act Tool. The Tool would apply only to PMTSAs, see the Town's Development Application webpage for active applications within Midtown Oakville and Bronte GO growth areas.

The Town is consulting on a Community Planning Permit By-law wherein Inclusionary Zoning provisions are drafted, visit the “Community Planning Permit System” page via [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca) for more information.

### Legal notice

Pursuant the *Planning Act*, section 17 (24.1.3) only the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing may appeal the decision of Town Council in respect of official plan policies that authorize inclusionary zoning. If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Town of Oakville Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal, but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town Clerk before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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

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

This **revised** notice was issued on February 6, 2026.

February 2, 2026

The Honourable John Vanthof, MPP  
Timiskaming–Cochrane  
Legislative Assembly of Ontario  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

RE: Concerns Regarding the Closure of the LifeLabs Laboratory in Greater Sudbury

Dear MPP Vanthof,

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren, I am writing to express our serious concerns regarding the announced closure of the LifeLabs laboratory facility in Greater Sudbury.

The Sudbury LifeLabs facility plays a critical role in providing timely diagnostic services for residents throughout Northern Ontario, including those in Markstay-Warren and surrounding communities. The planned transition of laboratory processing services to facilities located in the Greater Toronto Area raises serious concerns regarding longer turnaround times, potential service disruptions, and increased risks to patient care. Particularly during winter months and periods of inclement weather that frequently affect northern transportation routes.

Reliable access to diagnostic testing is essential to the health and well-being of our residents. Many of our citizens rely on timely laboratory results to support urgent and ongoing medical treatment. Any delays or disruptions may result in adverse health outcomes, particularly for seniors, rural residents, and vulnerable populations.

Council is also concerned about the potential loss of skilled laboratory professionals from our region, further weakening already strained healthcare services across Northern Ontario.

The Municipality of Markstay-Warren respectfully urges the Province of Ontario to engage with LifeLabs and the Ministry of Health to explore options that would maintain local laboratory processing capacity in Sudbury and ensure that residents of Northern Ontario continue to receive timely, high-quality diagnostic services.



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Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We appreciate your continued advocacy on behalf of Northern Ontario communities and respectfully request your support in addressing this issue.

Sincerely,

Marc Serré, CAO/Clerk  
Municipality of Markstay-Warren  
Encl. Closure of Sudbury's LifeLab Laboratory Resolution  
cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health  
MPP France Gélinas, Nickel Belt  
MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)  
LifeLabs Ontario



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February 3, 2026

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, Manitoulin Police Services Board Veronique Dion; and  
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

**RE: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR POLICE SERVICES REQUEST**

Please be advised that at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council meeting of January 29, 2026, the following motion was approved:

**021-2026 That the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the following motion from the City of Peterborough meeting dated November 3, 2025:**

*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, ensuring 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:*

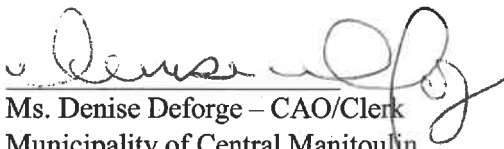
*Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and*

*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*

*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 Manitoulin Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.*

Sincerely,

  
Ms. Denise Deforge – CAO/Clerk  
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

cc. File



THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Regular Council - Updated



**Agenda Number:** 7.  
**Resolution Number** 14.01.26  
**Date:** January 26, 2026

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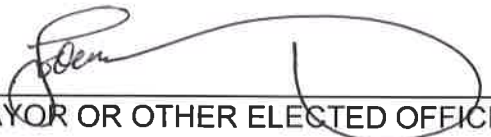
**Moved By** Sarah Blazek  
**Seconded By** Dave Johnston

THAT: The Council of The Municipality of North Perth supports item 7.9 City of Peterborough Resolution Regarding Sustainable Funding for Police; and

THAT: The support resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Solicitor General, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Perth County OPP Detachment Board, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

ACTION ON MOTION:

  
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MAYOR OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL



Office of the City Clerk, City Hall  
500 George Street North  
Peterborough, Ontario  
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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**

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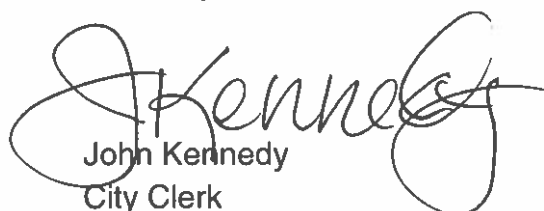
**Therefore, be it further resolved that:**

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



**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*

*Drew Merrett, Vice-Chair*

*Mayor Jeff Leal*

*Councillor Gary Baldwin*

*Steve Girardi*

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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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***Peterborough Police Service Board***  
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THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH  
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**Moved By** Allan Rothwell  
**Seconded By** Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports item 7.13 Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board Regarding Enhanced School Bus Safety; and

THAT: The resolution be circulated to Perth-Wellington MP, Perth-Wellington MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities.

ACTION ON MOTION:

CARRIED

  
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MAYOR OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL



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January 2, 2025

**The Honourable Doug Ford**  
Premier of Ontario

**The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria**  
Minister of Transportation  
Province of Ontario

**RE: Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board, we are writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a persistent and dangerous problem in Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at serious risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require additional tools to address this issue effectively and consistently.

The Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the Highway Traffic Act. These systems have proven effective in deterring dangerous driving behaviour, improving compliance, and enhancing accountability. Provincial funding and support would enable municipalities to implement these technologies equitably and at scale.

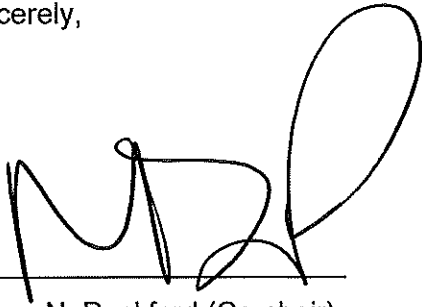
Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board also proudly supports the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. Adam's story underscores the urgent need for stronger enforcement, public education, and modern safety solutions to protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to continue advancing this life-saving work by providing municipalities with the funding mechanisms, legislative support, and implementation guidance necessary to deploy stop-arm cameras and complementary safety technologies province-wide.

Protecting children is a shared responsibility. With provincial leadership and municipal partnership, we can take meaningful action to prevent further tragedies and ensure Ontario's roads are safer for students and families.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to road safety.

Sincerely,

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Mayor N. Peckford (Co-chair)  
Municipality of North Grenville

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, circular loop and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Mayor M. Cameron (Co-chair)  
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

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

**Enclosed: Co-signing Template**



**[Municipality Name]**  
**[Municipal Address]**

**[Date]**

**The Honourable Doug Ford**  
Premier of Ontario

**The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria**  
Minister of Transportation  
Province of Ontario

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

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the **[Council / Municipality / Township / City] of [Municipality Name]**, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

**[Municipality Name]** supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

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

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

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

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

**[Name]**

**[Title – Mayor / Reeve / Warden]**

**[Municipality Name]**

**cc:**

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



## **TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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February 4, 2026

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

### **RE: Support for the Steel and Lumber Sectors**

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Naim & Hyman.

**Resolution No: 2026-02-04-07**

**Moved by: Councillor Quade**

**Seconded by: Councillor Keller**

**"Be It resolved** that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Township of Naim & Hyman's resolution regarding Support for the Steel and Lumber Sectors.

**And further that** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, Renfrew Nipissing & Pembroke MP and MPP, and all municipalities in Ontario."

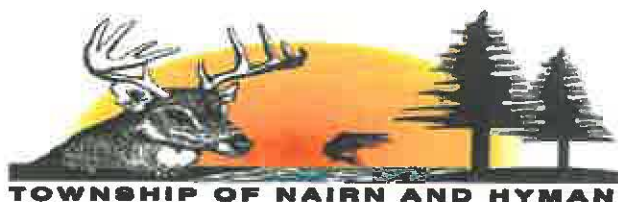
**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



TOWNSHIP OF NAIRN AND HYMAN

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December 17, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Support Resolution

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman, I am writing to formally convey Council's support for recent federal measures aimed at stabilizing and strengthening Canada's steel and softwood lumber sectors.

As a small Northern Ontario municipality whose economy is closely tied to the continued operation of Interfor, a local softwood lumber mill, Council is increasingly concerned that ongoing trade pressures and market uncertainty are placing added strain on the long-term viability of this key employer. Any reduction in operations or a potential closure would have significant and lasting consequences for local employment, municipal revenues, and the overall economic and social wellbeing of our community.

In this context, and in response to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' November 26, 2025 media release, Council adopted the enclosed resolution at their meeting of December 8, 2025:

**SUPPORT FOR STEEL AND LUMBER SECTORS**

**RESOLUTION # 2025-14-247**

**MOVED BY:** Karen Richter

**SECONDED BY:** Wayne Austin

**WHEREAS** the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has issued a media release dated November 26, 2025, welcoming the Government of Canada's new measures to support the steel and softwood lumber sectors in response to ongoing U.S. tariff pressures; and

**WHEREAS** the federal actions—including strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports, and increased incentives to utilize Canadian steel and lumber in federal infrastructure and housing projects—represent important steps in stabilizing industries that are vital to Northern Ontario's economy; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities across the North continue to experience the economic impacts of industry closures, including the recent shutdown of Domtar a pulp and paper mill in the neighboring Town of Espanola, which has demonstrated the vulnerability of resource-dependent communities and the need for coordinated intergovernmental support; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of Naim and Hyman recognizes the significant role of Interfor, our local soft-wood lumber mill, as a major employer and economic anchor in our region, and further recognizes that any threat to its continued operation would have devastating consequences for workers, families, and local businesses; and

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has a shared responsibility to ensure the long-term sustainability of the forestry, lumber, and steel sectors, which are foundational to the economic wellbeing of Northern and rural communities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Township of Naim and Hyman commends the Government of Canada for its leadership and for implementing substantial measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries during this period of trade volatility; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council respectfully urges the Government of Ontario to introduce additional financial, regulatory, and policy-based supports to ensure that Ontario's steel, forestry, and lumber sectors remain competitive, resilient, and able to withstand ongoing international trade pressures; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council specifically calls upon the Province of Ontario to work directly with industry stakeholders, including municipalities and major employers such as Interfor, to create programs and investments that will help protect jobs, maintain production capacity, and support long-term industry growth in Northern Ontario; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, MP Jim Belanger, MPP Bill Rosenberg and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Sincerely Yours,



Belinda Ketchabaw  
CAO Clerk - Treasurer

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cc: Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Minister of Northern Development  
FONOM  
MP Hon. Jim Belanger  
MPP Hon. Bill Rosenberg  
All Ontario Municipalities





## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 26, 2025

### **FONOM Welcomes Federal Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors Impacted by U.S. Tariffs**

**Northeastern Ontario** – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) welcomes today's announcement by Prime Minister Mark Carney outlining new federal measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries, which continue to face unprecedented challenges due to aggressive U.S. tariff actions.

The federal plan includes strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports for companies facing liquidity pressures, and new incentives to increase the use of Canadian steel and lumber in national infrastructure and housing projects. These measures aim to stabilize sectors vital to the economies of many Northern Ontario communities.

Prime Minister Carney announced that Canada will significantly tighten tariff-rate quotas on foreign steel imports, opening an estimated \$850 million in domestic demand for Canadian producers. In addition, the federal government is allocating \$500 million in new financing for softwood lumber firms, paired with a further \$500 million expansion of the Business Development Bank of Canada's softwood guarantee program.

FONOM is encouraged by the federal government's recognition of the pressures facing Northern resource-based communities, where steel and lumber operations support thousands of jobs and anchor local economies.

**"These measures acknowledge what Northern Ontario has long understood — that our steel and lumber sectors are national economic pillars,"** said FONOM President Dave Plourde **"U.S. tariffs continue to destabilize communities across the North, and today's announcement provides needed tools to help our workers and industries adapt, compete, and grow."**

FONOM also welcomes the federal commitment to reduce interprovincial freight rates by 50 per cent for steel and lumber shipments beginning next spring. Lower transportation costs will help Northern producers access new domestic markets and move product efficiently while north-south trade remains constrained.

As part of the plan, the federal government will also advance the Buy Canadian Policy, ensuring that major defence, construction, and infrastructure projects prioritize Canadian steel, aluminum,

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and wood products. This aligns strongly with FONOM's longstanding advocacy for procurement policies that support Canadian jobs and supply chains.

"Keeping Canadian dollars working in Canada is essential," added the President. "These steps will create new demand for made-in-Canada materials while helping stabilize communities affected by unpredictable U.S. trade actions."

FONOM looks forward to continued collaboration with federal officials to ensure the timely rollout of these programs, and to ensure that Northern Ontario municipalities and industries can fully benefit from the measures announced today.

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February 4, 2026

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

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Brantford.

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

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

**And further that** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario."

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan





December 19, 2025

Honorable Mark Carney

Sent via email: [mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Honorable Mark Carney:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council, at its meeting held December 16, 2025 adopted the following:

**12.2.7 Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry - Councillor Samwell**

WHEREAS the community of Welland and the surrounding communities were deeply impacted by a recent heinous crime that highlighted critical gaps in Canada's criminal justice and offender-management systems; and

WHEREAS on September 4, 2025, Mayor Frank Campion of the City of Welland wrote to the Premier of Ontario urging comprehensive reform to strengthen sentencing, parole, and bail provisions for violent sexual offenders, and to enhance public safety protections; and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2025, Mayor Mat Siscoe of the City of St. Catharines wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada expressing strong support for these reforms and calling for immediate federal action to strengthen sentencing, parole, and accountability measures for violent sexual offenders; and

WHEREAS the City of Thorold, at its meeting of September 9, 2025, adopted Resolution 14.2 requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offenders Registry), 2000 to make Ontario Sex Offender Registry publicly accessible; and

WHEREAS several Niagara municipalities; including Grimsby, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and St. Catharines have subsequently endorsed this call for greater transparency and reform; and

WHEREAS municipal councils, though not responsible for criminal law or parole, play a vital role in advocating for the safety and well-being of their residents;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. THAT the Council of the City of Brantford hereby supports the City of Thorold's Resolution calling for the Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry and the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 4, 2025, calling for reform to sentencing, parole, and registry provisions concerning violent sexual offenders; and
- B. THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offender Registry), 2000 to make the Ontario Sex Offender

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Registry publicly accessible, subject to appropriate privacy and safety safeguards; and

C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- i. The Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- ii. The Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
- iii. The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety;
- iv. The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- v. The Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
- vi. The Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario;
- vii. Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock;
- viii. Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Will Bouma;
- ix. The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- x. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- xi. All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



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**RE: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children**

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Aylmer.

**Resolution No: 2026-02-04-05**  
**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 Aylmer's resolution regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children.

**And further** that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario."

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

January 15, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada  
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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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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 black ink, appearing to read "Frank Campion".

Frank Campion  
Mayor of Welland

February 6, 2026

Via Email

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
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Re: Remove the GST/HST from all New Homes Purchased as Primary Residences in Ontario

Please be advised that at its meeting held on February 2, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 17-26:

Whereas housing affordability is one of the most pressing issues facing Ontario families; and,

Whereas the current HST rate on new homes in Ontario is 13%, which adds tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of a typical home; and,

Whereas existing federal and provincial HST rebates on new homes purchased from the builder are limited by purchase-price thresholds, with most new homes in Ontario priced above the level required to qualify for meaningful relief, thereby limiting their effectiveness in improving overall housing affordability; and,

Whereas the federal and provincial governments have proposed new GST/HST rebates only for first-time homebuyers purchasing from the builder a newly built or substantially renovated home; and,

Whereas according to research conducted by the Ontario Homebuilders' Association, first-time home buyers currently represent approximately 5% of the new home market; and,

Whereas the Ontario Homebuilders' Association estimates that a full HST exemption would stimulate the construction of an additional 53,000 new homes,

on top of the roughly 80,000 homes already expected to be available for sale by 2026 — bringing the total to approximately 132,000 units.

Now Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby calls on the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to remove the GST/HST from all newly built or substantially renovated homes purchased from the builder as primary residences in Ontario up to \$1.5 million; and,
2. That this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

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



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