



## Council Information Package

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**Date:** February 13, 2026

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SUBJECT: Delegated Authority 2025 Q3 and Q4 Report

TO: Council Information Package (CIP)

FROM: Legal and Legislative Services  
Legislative Services

Report Number: LLS-14-26

Wards Affected: all

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

CIP date: February 6, 2026

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Note: at the request of a member of council, this information report can be pulled from the CIP for consideration at a future committee/council meeting.

## **Executive Summary**

### **Purpose of report:**

- The purpose of this report is to fulfill delegated authority reporting requirements through the City Clerk exercised by the delegates for the period of July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

### **Key findings:**

- A list of exercised delegated authorities reported to the City Clerk have been provided by the Legal Services division.

### **Implications:**

- Not applicable

# Information Report

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## Background

The purpose of this report is to fulfill delegated authority reporting requirements through the City Clerk exercised by delegates for the time period of July 1, 2025 through to December 31, 2025, and provide updates on maintenance considerations of new delegated authorities, if applicable.

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## Status

The following exercised delegated authorities have been reported to the City Clerk for the period of July 1, 2025 through to December 31, 2025:

Department	Subject	Decision
<b>Leases and Licenses</b>		
Legal Services	Real Estate Agreement DA Schedule Number 14 DA-08-2025	City to enter into a 5 year licence
Legal Services	Real Estate Agreement DA Schedule Number 14 DA-09-2025	City to enter into a one day licence
Legal Services	Real Estate Agreement DA Schedule Number 14 DA-10-2025	City to enter into Supplemental Agreement.
Legal Services	Real Estate Agreement DA Schedule Number 14 DA-11-2025	City to enter into a 4 month parking licence
Legal Services	Real Estate Agreement DA Schedule Number 14 DA-12-2025	City to enter into a 5 year extension
Legal Services	Real Estate Agreement DA Schedule Number 14 DA-13-2025	City to enter into a 1 year extension

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## Key Dates & Milestones

The 2026 Q1 delegated authority quarterly report will be included in the Council Information Package in April 2026.

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## Implications

Not applicable

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## References

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## Strategic Alignment

(Select all that apply)

- Designing and delivering complete communities
  - Providing the best services and experiences
  - Protecting and improving the natural environment and taking action on climate change
  - Driving organizational performance
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## Report Approval:

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



OFFICE of the MAYOR  
CITY of BURLINGTON

February 9, 2026

Honourable Sam Oosterhoff  
Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 77 Grenville Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2C1

Dear Associate Minister Oosterhoff,

On behalf of the City of Burlington, I would like to sincerely thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and your ministerial team during the recent 2026 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Annual General Meeting and Convention. Moreover, we appreciate you covering not only issues within your ministerial mandate, but also for taking the time to discuss issues falling under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Rural Affairs.

ROMA truly provides an excellent platform for engagement between municipal and provincial leaders to exchange ideas and policy proposals to improve public service delivery for all Ontarians. We remain grateful for your participation and appreciate the thoughtful conversation around key issues material to the interests of Burlington residents.

I am reaching out to re-open dialogue with the ministry around Burlington's delegation items discussed in our meeting and welcome any opportunities to discuss further. We believe that through effective coordination and collaboration between the ministry and the municipality that we can achieve demonstrable improvements for residents and commercial stakeholders. We remain committed to pursuing jointly informed solutions to these key issues.

I would like to reiterate the City of Burlington's key policy recommendations. In summary, the City recommends that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

- **Accelerated High-Speed Internet Program:** To meet funding requirements, the Ministry of Infrastructure should set clear deadlines for Internet Service Providers to show measurable progress on high-speed broadband installations in Ontario's rural communities, including Burlington, where reliable and affordable service remains limited.

- **Halton Digital Access Services model:** Building on the success of standardized permitting and licensing, timely access to municipal infrastructure, and a dependable “one-window” approach to network planning, the Ministry of Energy and Mines should assess whether the [Halton Digital Access Services Corporation](#) model can be applied in other Ontario jurisdictions. This approach has improved coordination with telecom providers by giving them a single point of contact for streetlight and hydro pole permitting, rather than requiring separate approvals through local governments and electrical utilities—streamlining approvals and shortening timelines.
- **Rural Ontario Development Program eligibility:** Given Burlington’s roughly 50% rural land base, extensive prime agricultural lands, and permanently protected Greenbelt areas, the Ministry of Rural Affairs should update the program’s eligibility criteria so rural areas within otherwise “urban” municipalities can access supports. This would strengthen rural economic development across the broader provincial Agricultural System.

We welcome the opportunity to continue the conversation, and our teams can connect if helpful. Our project team is keen to share further details on these initiatives and would be proud to host you at your convenience for a visitation of key sites and discussion.

The City of Burlington remains committed to working collaboratively with the provincial government and your Ministry specifically to create the conditions for prosperity for municipalities across the province of Ontario. We commend you for your service to our province and would welcome any opportunities to meet further to discuss these priorities.

Sincerely,



Mayor Marianne Meed Ward  
City of Burlington



CC: Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy  
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Infrastructure  
Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs  
Honourable Zee Hamid, Associate Solicitor General for Auto Theft and Bail Reform  
Natalie Pierre, M.P.P. Burlington  
Effie Triantafilopoulos, M.P.P. Oakville-North Burlington



OFFICE of the MAYOR  
CITY of BURLINGTON

February 9, 2026

MPP Matthew Rae  
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
College Park  
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Parliamentary Assistant Rae,

On behalf of the City of Burlington, I would like to sincerely thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and your ministerial team during the recent 2026 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Annual General Meeting and Convention.

ROMA truly provides an excellent platform for engagement between municipal and provincial leaders to exchange ideas and policy proposals to improve public service delivery for all Ontarians. We remain grateful for your participation and appreciate the thoughtful conversation around key issues material to the interests of Burlington residents.

I am reaching out to re-open dialogue with the ministry around Burlington's delegation items discussed in our meeting and welcome any opportunities to discuss further. We believe that through effective coordination and collaboration between the ministry and the municipality that we can achieve demonstrable improvements for housing development opportunities in the City of Burlington. We remain committed to pursuing jointly informed solutions to these key issues.

I would like to reiterate the City of Burlington's key policy recommendations. In summary, the City recommends that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

- **Burlington Additional Residential Unit Incentive Program:** Evaluate potential policy amendments that would support future expansion of the Burlington Additional Residential Unit Incentive Program into rural areas of the Greenbelt to increase housing options for Burlington residents.

- **Agricultural system mapping and policy alignment during the Greenbelt review:** Evaluate potential policy amendments that would allow municipalities with approved Land Evaluation and Area Review studies to rely on their current Official Plan agricultural system mapping until the completion of the Greenbelt Plan review to ensure harmonization with the new Provincial Planning Statement, and the release updated Agricultural System Implementation Procedures.

We welcome the opportunity to continue the conversation, and our teams can connect if helpful. Our project team is keen to share further details on these initiatives and would be proud to host you at your convenience for a visitation of key sites and discussion.

The City of Burlington remains committed to working collaboratively with the provincial government and your Ministry specifically to create the conditions for prosperity for municipalities across the province of Ontario. We commend you for your service to our province and would welcome any opportunities to meet further to discuss these priorities.

Sincerely,



Mayor Marianne Meed Ward  
City of Burlington



CC: Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Honourable Zee Hamid, Associate Solicitor General for Auto Theft and Bail Reform  
Natalie Pierre, M.P.P. Burlington  
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OFFICE of the MAYOR  
CITY of BURLINGTON

February 9, 2026

Hardeep Singh Grewal  
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Parliamentary Assistant Grewal,

On behalf of the City of Burlington, I would like to sincerely thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and your ministerial team during the recent 2026 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Annual General Meeting and Convention.

ROMA truly provides an excellent platform for engagement between municipal and provincial leaders to exchange ideas and policy proposals to improve public service delivery for all Ontarians. We remain grateful for your participation and appreciate the thoughtful conversation around key issues material to the interests of Burlington residents.

I am reaching out to re-open dialogue with the ministry around Burlington's delegation items discussed in our meeting and welcome any opportunities to discuss further. We believe that through effective coordination and collaboration between the ministry and the municipality that we can achieve demonstrable improvements for improvements for residents and visitors alike using Burlington's roadways. We remain committed to pursuing jointly informed solutions to these key issues.

I would like to reiterate the City of Burlington's key policy recommendations. In summary, the City of Burlington recommends:

- **QEW and Highway 403 construction coordination:** Building on lessons from the Burlington Skyway Bridge Improvements project, the Ministry of Transportation should schedule regular meetings with the municipality to jointly address community impacts from the QEW and Highway 403 improvements and to identify additional roadwork that can be coordinated during construction in partnership with the Province.

- **Real-time off-ramp signal timing to reduce congestion:** To help manage QEW congestion during major construction, the Ministry of Infrastructure should work with Burlington officials to enable real-time adjustments to highway off-ramp signal timing. This would ease pressure on municipal roads, reduce the time it takes for vehicles to exit the highway, lower the risk of complete standstills, and improve overall traffic flow.
- **Road Safety Initiatives Fund eligibility for automated speed enforcement:** Given Burlington’s progress in implementing automated speed enforcement and the approximately \$175,000 already invested, the Ministry of Transportation should expand eligibility for the Road Safety Initiatives Fund to include municipalities that have demonstrated substantial implementation progress on automated speed enforcement programs.

We welcome the opportunity to continue the conversation, and our teams can connect if helpful. Our project team is keen to share further details on these initiatives and would be proud to host you at your convenience for a visitation of key sites and discussion.

The City of Burlington remains committed to working collaboratively with the provincial government and your Ministry specifically to create the conditions for prosperity for municipalities across the province of Ontario. We commend you for your service to our province and would welcome any opportunities to meet further to discuss these priorities.

Lastly, I am honoured to invite you to participate in the Traffic and Safety Roundtable that I am convening. A formal invitation to your office is forthcoming. We look forward to collaborating with you on this initiative.

Sincerely,



Mayor Marianne Meed Ward  
City of Burlington



CC: Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation  
Honourable Zee Hamid, Associate Solicitor General for Auto Theft and Bail Reform  
Natalie Pierre, M.P.P. Burlington  
Effie Triantafilopoulos, M.P.P. Oakville-North Burlington

February 6, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 29, 2026 the following resolution regarding support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO.** 2026-32

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Prinzen

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor MacNaughton

**WHEREAS** arable land is a critical finite resource; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario has lost 2.8 million acres of farmland in the last three decades; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the County of Prince Edward support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

**THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner, Haldimand-Norfolk MPP Bobbi Ann Brady, Bay of Quinte MPP Tyler Allsopp, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Prinzen, Councillor Branderhorst



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*Office of the Mayor*

February 9, 2026

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 Town of Parry Sound, 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.

The Town of Parry Sound 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.


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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jamie McGarvey', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jamie McGarvey  
Mayor

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



OAKVILLE

## **Statutory Public Meeting for a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment**

### **Meeting information**

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

**Meeting date:** Monday March 2, 2026

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

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

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

**Site location:** Town wide.

**Applicant:** Town-initiated

**File No.:** 42.03.94

**Ward No.:** 1 to 7

**Planner on file:** Christina Tizzard, Manager – Urban Design

**Email:** [christina.tizzard@oakville.ca](mailto:christina.tizzard@oakville.ca)

**Phone:** 905-845-6601 ext. 3266

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

### **What is proposed?**

Public Meeting Report for Town-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment for Seasonal Commercial Patios on Private Property.

Staff propose new zoning by-law provisions to permit seasonal patio installations on private property annually between May and November. Staff propose modifications to all existing patio-related regulations in Zoning By-law 2014-014 (south of Dundas Street) and Zoning by-law 2009-189 (north of Dundas Street) to add greater clarity, to differentiate between permanent and seasonal patios, and to establish town wide consistency in the definitions and regulations.

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

#### **Read the staff report:**

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

#### **Review the supporting material:**

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

#### **Provide written comments:**

We welcome your views. To provide a written comment to be presented to Council or if you wish to

#### **Watch the public meeting online:**

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

You must attend in person to speak at the meeting.

### **Find more information**

To learn more about the planning process, visit [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca) and search “Building, Planning & Development Guide”.

#### **Related applications:**

To view the active development applications across the Town, visit [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca) and search "active development applications".

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:

Register before noon on the day of the meeting at <https://www.oakville.ca/delegation-request-form>; or 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>.

**Legal notice**

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

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Town of Oakville Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal, but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town Clerk before the zoning by-law amendment is passed, 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 zoning by-law amendment is passed, 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 notice was issued on February 10, 2026.





Robyn Rogers, Municipal Clerk  
Municipality of Highlands East  
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February 11, 2026

Via Email:

Prime Minister Mark Carney  
Minister of Finance and National Revenue Francois-Philippe Champagne  
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure Gregor Robertson  
Premier of Ontario Doug Ford  
Ontario Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack  
Member of Parliament Jamie Schmale  
Member of Provincial Parliament Laurie Scott  
Associations of Ontario Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Haliburton County Home Builders Association

Re: Resolution – Affordable Housing

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The Council for the Municipality of Highlands East at their Regular Meeting of Council on February 10, 2026, approved the following resolution:

Resolution # 2026-63

That Council for the Municipality of Highlands East receive and supports the Haliburton County Home Builders Association motion pertaining to affordable housing and;

Further That Council put forward the following;

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

Whereas the federal and provincial governments have announced GST relief only for first-time homebuyers on new-built homes; and

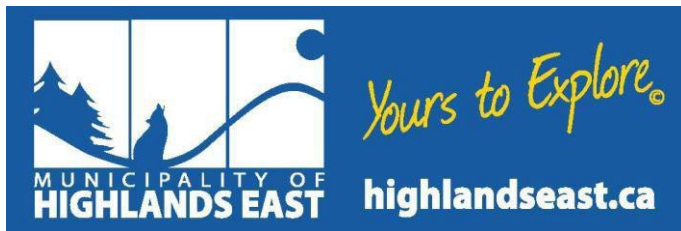
Whereas according to research conducted by the Ontario Homebuilders' Association, first-time home

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buyers currently represent approximately 5% of the new home market; and

Whereas a full PST 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.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Highlands East calls on the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to remove the GST/HST from all new homes purchased as primary residences in Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved 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 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario

Carried

If there is anything further that you require, please contact the undersign.

Sincerely,

Robyn Rogers

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Instagram: [highlandseast](https://www.instagram.com/highlandseast)

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

AGENDA ITEM

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Date: February 10, 2026

Resolution 2026 – 21	
MOVED BY:	SECONDED BY:
<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Marie Cartwright <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Harper <input type="checkbox"/> Glenn Hart <input type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Kukko <input type="checkbox"/> Gayle Westhaver	<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Marie Cartwright <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Harper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glenn Hart <input type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Kukko <input type="checkbox"/> Gayle Westhaver

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 municipalities within Lakehead Region established the Neebing Valley Conservation Authority in 1954 which enlarged to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) in 1963;

AND WHEREAS local municipalities currently provide approximately 50% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 5%;

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 hectares of land, much of which was donated by local residents and entrusted to conservation authorities as a personal legacy 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 **Township of Nipigon** 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 THAT while the **Township of Nipigon** 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 THAT the Township of Nipigon** 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 THAT the Township of Nipigon** is opposed to the proposed “Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority” boundary configuration outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257;

**AND THAT the Township of Nipigon** recommends that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority form the “Northwestern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority”;

**AND THAT the Ministry** engage directly with affected municipalities of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, before finalizing any consolidation boundaries or legislative amendments;

**AND THAT a copy of this resolution** be forwarded to the Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations and to:

- the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics;
- local Members of Provincial Parliament;
- local Members of Parliament;
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- Conservation Ontario;
- All local municipalities; and
- All Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Anne Marie Cartwright	✓	
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED*	Greg Harper	✓	
<input type="checkbox"/> REFERRED*	Glenn Hart	✓	
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Suzanne Kukko		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE	Gayle Westhaver	✓	
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN*			
<b>MAYOR – SUZANNE KUKKO</b>	Clerk: <b>TIM COBBAN</b>		
