



Council Information Package

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SUBJECT: BurlingtonGreen Fee for Service Update

TO: Council Information Package (CIP)

FROM: Public Works
Transportation

Report Number: PWS-08-26

Wards Affected: All

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: March 24, 2026

CIP date: March 13, 2026

Executive Summary

Purpose of report:

- This report highlights services provided by BurlingtonGreen in 2025.

Key findings:

- The City and BurlingtonGreen (BG) have over 15 years of environmental collaboration.
- The City has a current fee for service agreement with BG.
- BG's 2025 Services Summary Report in Appendix A provides a summary of 14 services outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) themed around climate change, local nature, and waste. All actions were completed, some exceeded, and one adjusted.

Implications:

- The City's fee for services agreement with BG is for \$62,000 in 2025 and 2026 with the potential to extend the agreement to 2027 and 2028 pending future budget approval.
- BG pays \$12,500 in rent for the Pump House.
- BG secured \$8,800 from Trees Canada in 2025 to support the City's community tree planting supply costs.
- BG tracked 21,744 volunteer hours.
- The MOU between the City and BG helps to advance environmental and climate goals identified in multiple City plans and strengthens community engagement. The City cannot meet climate targets and goals alone. The fee for services agreement helps mobilize BG's volunteer network to take action on climate and environmental initiatives.

Information Report

Background

[BurlingtonGreen](#) Environmental Association (BG) was established in 2007 as a “community-driven, solutions-focused, non-partisan, registered charity.” Between 2007 and 2025, BG:

- Donated 8,688 pounds of produce to the local food bank,
- Planted 79,709 trees and shrubs, some of which took place at the annual Green Up community tree planting events in partnership with City Forestry staff,
- Registered 152,612 volunteers for the annual city-wide Community Clean Up event,
- Greened 99 events and festivals,
- Presented climate focused topics to over 10,000 children and youth,
- Diverted over 32 tonnes of electronic waste through zero waste drop-off events,
- Established an award-winning BurlingtonGreen Youth Network, and
- Hosted annual eco-film festivals, environmental awards, and youth eco-summits including high profile speakers such as Robert Bateman, Jane Goodall, John Stewart and David Suzuki.

There is a long history of collaboration between the City and BG including:

- In 2011, BG took over the annual city-wide community clean-up event which was formerly organized by the Mayor’s office in collaboration with the local Member of Parliament. BG first grew the one-week event around Earth Day to a month-long [Clean Up Green Up](#) (added a tree planting event), and since COVID runs the program from March to October.
- In 2011, BG and the City introduced the Burlington Transit Youth Ambassador (BTYAs) program to local high schools to promote active and sustainable forms of transportation. This collaboration continued for many years.
- In 2012, BG and the City opened the first community garden on City property as a two-year 30-plot pilot at Burlington Central Park. BG received Provincial funding to cover the costs and operated the pilot while the City provided in-kind support. The program was a success and is currently run by the City.
- In 2012, BG received a grant from the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund. Between 2013 and 2016, [six events](#) were held in collaboration with the City, Region and Conservation Halton removing litter and invasive plant species, planting over 20,000 native trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers, and adding educational signage.
- In 2021/2022, the City entered into a funding agreement to complete the community based [Electric Mobility Strategy](#) (50 percent of the funding from the Ministry of Energy).
- In 2022, BG leased the Burlington Pump House at Beachway Park transforming it into an Eco Hub. This location is ideal to educate walkers, cyclists and visitors to the beach

about local environmental programs while showcasing the on-site pollinator garden, heat pump, EV charging stations, bike racks and bike repair station.

- In 2023, BG received funding through the City's Community Development program in exchange for services related to sustainable transportation, urban nature, climate change, and zero waste.
- In 2024, City Council approved a fee for services collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BG to support the delivery of environmentally related programs and activities ([EICS-01-24](#)).
- In 2025, the City entered an MOU with BG to provide services throughout 2025 and 2026 with the option to extend for two more years ([PWS-03-25](#)).
- Contributed input as stakeholders on Burlington's plans and policies.

Between 2009-2025, BG was nominated, was a finalist, and/or received many [awards and recognitions](#) as an organization and for individual team members including many City awards.

Many of [BG's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan](#) actions align with the City's addressing transportation, urban nature, complete communities, and zero waste. BG's strategic plan vision is: *A Burlington where everyone recognizes that we are all connected to, and dependent on the environment, and acts on this understanding to ensure a sustainable future for all life.* BG's strategic plan mission is: *Through awareness, advocacy, and action, we empower the Burlington community to protect and care for the environment, now and for the future.*

Status

BG's 2025 Services Summary Report in Appendix A provides an overview of 14 services outlined in the MOU. The topic areas of action include climate change, protection and care for local nature, and low waste living solutions. All actions were completed, a few succeeded, and one adjusted (planting replaced with invasives removal). Below are some highlights for 2025:

- 52 in person workshops, events, and presentations with over 3,640 community members, and outreach via an online and newsletter audience of 17,754
- 28,720 eco-actions were shared as part of the 200,000 eco actions by 2030 campaign
- 802 native trees were planted and over 500 invasive plants were removed
- 12,063 community members participated in the 15th annual city-wide Community Clean Up event
- 8,352 kg of waste was diverted from the landfill through zero waste drop off events and 5,200 kg through event greening services with community members educated about proper waste management at the events
- 12,469 cigarette butts collected at the beach and sent to Terracycle for recycling
- 22 different volunteer opportunities were coordinated and implemented with an estimated 21,744 hours donated. Burlington's youth continue to be the largest group of volunteers for hands-on opportunities such as tree planting and event greening.

Key Dates & Milestones

- 2023 - BG received funding through the City's Community Development program
 - 2024 – Fee for services program ([EICS-01-24](#))
 - 2025 – Fee for services program ([PWS-03-25](#)).
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Implications

Financial Implications

The City has a fee for services agreement with BG for \$62,000 in each of 2025 and 2026 with the option to extend in 2027 and 2028, pending future budget approval ([PWS-03-25](#)).

BG pays the City \$12,500 in rent for the Pump House. BG also applies for funding streams where eligible in collaboration with the City. In 2025, they successfully secured \$8,800 from Trees Canada to support the City's 2026 community tree planting supply costs with a similar amount secured in 2024 to support the 2025 community tree planting supply costs.

BG's strength is in recruiting community volunteers. In 2025, they provided 22 volunteer opportunities and tracked 21,744 volunteer hours.

Staffing Implications

Environmental sustainability staff work closely with BurlingtonGreen to help oversee, coordinate and monitor the collaborative agreement.

Climate Implications

The MOU between the City and BG helps to advance several environmental and climate goals identified in City plans including Horizon 2050, Burlington Climate Plan, Climate Resilient Burlington, Integrated Mobility Plan, and the Urban Forest Master Plan; as well as strengthen community engagement. The City cannot achieve the goal of becoming a net carbon neutral community by 2050 on its own. BG has a 19-year community presence in environmental and climate change issues with a broad base of volunteers to engage to take action.

References

- 2024 – BurlingtonGreen Fee for Services for 2024 ([EICS-01-24](#))
 - 2025 – BurlingtonGreen Fee for Services for 2025-2026 with the option to extend in 2027 and 2028, pending future budget approval ([PWS-03-25](#))
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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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A. BurlingtonGreen 2025 Services Summary Report

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



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2025 Services Summary Report



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Burlington City Council approved a fee- for-services arrangement with BurlingtonGreen on March 18, 2025 (PWS-03-25) for the delivery of services through 2025 and 2026. The resulting Memorandum of Understanding includes fourteen services to be executed across the topic areas of:

- Action on climate change
- Protection and care for local nature
- Low-waste living solutions

With an impact outcomes focus, all service agreement deliverables with associated KPIs were established and agreed upon by City staff and BurlingtonGreen, with impressive results presented in the following summary report.

In addition to serving as the ‘go-to’ environmental services provider at the popular Burlington Beach location, the far-reaching work accomplished during 2025 has resulted in restored habitat, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, strengthened local biodiversity, cleaner creeks, parks, and neighbourhoods, the diversion of tonnes of waste from landfill, and a more engaged and empowered community. This work has further advanced the goals of various City plans (Climate Action Plan, Climate Resilient Burlington, Urban Forest Master Plan, Integrated Mobility Plan, Electric Mobility Strategy), in addition to contributing significantly to the shared objectives of strengthened community engagement and the provision of inclusive, rewarding volunteer experiences.

All service deliverables were completed, with a few exceeded, and one minor deliverable was unavoidably adjusted due to weather conditions. Similar to prior years, BurlingtonGreen also provided further benefit to the fee-for-services contract by successfully securing \$8,800 from Tree Canada to support the City’s 2026 community tree planting supply costs. BurlingtonGreen also contributes \$12,500 annually in facility rental fees.

Strategic Priorities Alignment

BurlingtonGreen's [2025-2029 Strategic Plan](#) focuses on the following environmental priority areas:

- Sustainable Communities
- Thriving Nature
- Low - Waste Living



Goal: Reduce GHG emissions and improve climate resiliency through the acceleration of sustainable ('complete') communities and low-carbon living in Burlington.



Goal: Strengthen Burlington's natural environment by protecting, restoring, and expanding green space, caring for Lake Ontario and local waterways, and improving local biodiversity by planting more trees and vegetation, and caring for local habitat.



Goal: Create a cleaner, healthier environment through waste prevention, reduction, diversion, and circular economy and zero waste strategies and actions.



These environmental priorities and their associated programming aligns with the City's Vision 2040 strategic directions:

- A City that Grows
- A City that Moves
- A Healthy and Greener City
- An Engaging City

Strategic Programming Areas

BurlingtonGreen addresses climate mitigation, adaptation and environmental health priorities through a comprehensive scope of community-focused educational programming, outreach engagement, events, partnerships, consultation, and direct environmental services.



Service Agreement Deliverables

All of the 14 deliverables for the 2025 services agreement were completed, with a few exceeded and one adjusted (dune grass planting replaced with Garlic Mustard removal):



1. Execute the city-wide 200K Eco-Action year-round campaign to promote and report on climate and environmental actions in Burlington.
2. Execute an annual Earth Day event and month long Climate Action campaign (online and via community outreach).
3. Make the Switch E-mobility, Heat Pump and Cycling Information Hub via web resources, Share Your EV Story social media campaign, and June Bike Month outreach services.
4. Year-round social media promotions of TakeActionBurlington.ca blog posts and relevant Get Involved Burlington opportunities.
5. Green Up Tree Planting and Care Events (1 Spring and 1 Fall) including Green Up at Home tips, resources and an educational Spring native plant sale. (exceeded)
6. Ask an Arborist Webinar and/or Guided Tree Walk (1 event) and deliver one annual Tree Photo Contest. (exceeded)
7. Healthy Habitat invasives removal & beach dune restoration planting (minimum 2 workshops). (exceeded)
8. City-wide Community Clean-up program (March through October) including national Butt Blitz host for Burlington, facilitated clean ups for groups, and the provision of free clean-up supplies to the Burlington community.

9. Zero and E-Waste Community Collection events (1 Spring and 1 Fall) plus Terracycle Community Collection Hub services.

10. Provision of educational presentations, workshops, facilitated activities and meetings to various Burlington sectors (minimum 12). (exceeded)

11. Coordination, promotion and provision of a variety of rewarding environmental, skill-building volunteer opportunities.

12. Seasonal outreach at community events and at the Eco Hub including the provision of informative displays about Burlington Beach ecology and Lake Ontario protection. The following features will be highlighted in community programming aligning with the City's climate action initiatives at the Eco Hub:

- EV Charging Infrastructure
- Air Source Heat Pump
- Cycling/Repair Station
- Multi-use active transportation
- Demonstration Pollinator Garden

13. Extensive year-round web and social media tips, resources and promotions pertaining to a variety of locally-focused environmental opportunities and issues including Shop Local Buy Green online Directory.

14. Regular waterfront litter retrieval including sorting to optimize waste diversion, lakefront monitoring for pollutants/hazards and reporting of hazardous conditions, dead animal pick-ups, lost and found collections to appropriate authorities.

Some 2025 Impact Highlights

Significant progress was achieved further advancing BurlingtonGreen's Strategic Plan's central goal of empowering more of the community to take ACTION to protect and improve the health of the local environment. **28,720** actions were shared during the January through December 2025 period for the city-wide 200,000 eco-actions by 2030 campaign.



Community members took action with BurlingtonGreen during 2025 to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss by expanding Burlington's tree canopy and improving local ecosystem health by joining us to plant **802** native trees, removing approximately **500+** invasive plants from parks and natural areas, and by adding more pollinator friendly seeds and plants to home gardens.

BurlingtonGreen's 15th city-wide Community Clean Up was held from March through October where **12,063** community members of all ages took action collecting litter from Burlington's parks, creeks, schoolyards and neighbourhoods, resulting in a cleaner, healthier environment while demonstrating a tremendous spirit of volunteerism.



A whopping **13,552 kg** of waste was successfully diverted from landfill through our impactful zero waste drop off events and event greening service, with thousands of community members learning about the importance of waste reduction and correct waste management practices, specific to Halton.



Widespread education and meaningful community engagement about local opportunities to address climate change mitigation and adaptation, the protection, care and improvement of nature, and the importance of advancing low-waste living solutions was carried out throughout the year. This took place through in person programming with **52** workshops, events and presentations, outreach engagement with **3,640+** community members, and extensive online engagement with BurlingtonGreen's combined online and newsletter audience of **17,754**.

22 different types of inclusive volunteer opportunities were coordinated and implemented during 2025 resulting in a more environmentally aware and actively participating local community contributing an estimated **21,744 hours**. Experiences were available to all sectors and age-levels including continued participation by local youth who provide BurlingtonGreen's largest contingent of volunteers for our hands-on related opportunities (tree planting, event greening, etc.)



Service Agreement KPIs



1. Execute the city-wide 200K Eco-Action year-round campaign to promote and report on climate and environmental actions in Burlington

Year 2 of city-wide campaign:

KPI: # of BurlingtonGreen led eco-actions and community/sector eco-actions reported during 2025: **28,766**

Most commonly reported actions per 5 topic areas in 2025:

1. Reduce car emissions via walking
2. Reduce energy consumption via use of LED lighting
3. Help nature thrive via planting trees
4. Reduce waste via recycling
5. Other: purchase second-hand items/clothing



2. Execute an annual Earth Day event and month long Climate Action campaign (online and via community outreach).

KPI: # of events/campaigns hosted: 2 (Earth Day at Beach + August Climate Action campaign)

KPI: # of event participants: 300 (120 at Earth Day at Beach, 180 outreach @hub for August Climate campaign)

KPI: participant experience feedback *“Everyone had a great can-do attitude.” ... “The drizzly, frigid weather probably kept about half our registrants away, but it was still a glorious and meaningful day for the hearty souls that joined us.”*

KPI: # City Climate Action print resources distributed: 87

KPI: # and reach of event and campaign promotions (social media, newsletters, web traffic, community outreach engagements):

- # of event(s)/campaign promotions via social media platforms: 98 / reach: 6802
- # of event(s) promotions via newsletters: 4 /reach: 5155
- # of event(s) promotions (pages/redirects) via BG website: 3 /reach: 1257
- # of event(s) promotions via posts to community/city online calendars: 5
- # community outreach engagements: 300

Service Agreement KPIs



3. Make the Switch E-mobility, Heat Pump and Cycling Information Hub via web resources, Share Your EV Story social media campaign, and June Bike Month outreach services.

KPI: # of outreach community engagement interactions including June Bike Month activity participants as one example: 732

KPI: # and reach of campaign promotions (social media, newsletters, web traffic)

- # of program promotions via social media platforms: 217 / reach: 12,808
- # of program promotions via newsletters: 18 / reach: 5155
- # of program promotions (pages/redirects) via BG website : 6 /reach: 919

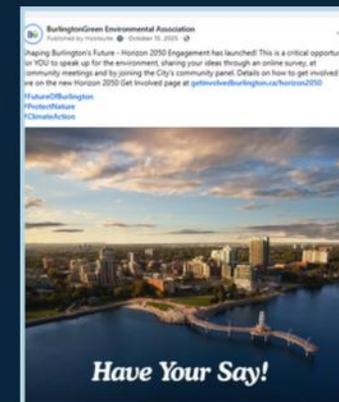
Share Your EV story community submission tip:

“Take advantage of free charging available at various City of Burlington properties!”



4. Year-round social media promotions of TakeActionBurlington.ca blog posts and relevant Get Involved Burlington opportunities.

KPI: # of social media promotions: 86 / KPI: # reach of social media promotions: 9273





5.Green Up Tree Planting and Care Events (1 Spring and 1 Fall) including Green Up at Home tips, resources and an educational spring native plant sale.

KPI: # trees planted and projected carbon absorption values (kg of CO2 sequestered): 802 trees planted - approximately 6,400 kg of CO2 per year for the first 20 years of the trees' life (based on 80% survival rate)

KPI: # tree species planted (to support canopy diversity): 35

KPI: # Green-up event participants: 115 participants (for 3 tree planting events)

KPI: # /type of TLC (Tree Loving Care) activities: 6 (weeding, inventory, tree guards removal, mulching, tree/shrub planting, native plants seed dispersal via seed ball making)

KPI: # and reach of promotions (social media, newsletters, web traffic)

- # of event(s) promotions via social media platforms: 242 / reach: 44 693
- # of event(s) promotions via newsletters: 27 /reach: 5155
- # of event(s) promotions (pages/redirects) via BG website: 6 / reach: 4651

KPI: participant experience survey highlights: 67% Excellent, 33% Good / "You guys are great. Thanks for including something special for the kids. It was all super inclusive."

More: 176 native plant seed packets distributed and 308 pollinator plants sold/planted locally.

Service Agreement KPIs



6. Ask an Arborist Webinar and/or Guided Tree Walk (1 event) and deliver one annual Tree Photo Contest.

KPI: # of Ask an Arborist webinar participants: 11 / recording views: 59

Participant feedback: 100% would recommend the webinar event to others. 66% excellent, 33% good. 100% agreed that the event inspired them to care more about tree protection, tree care and the importance of a healthy forest canopy.

KPI: # guided walk(s) participants: 92 attendees at 10 guided nature walks (8 tree walks)

KPI: Participant feedback: all feedback received by BG team members and hike guides was consistently positive, with participants interested in more similar opportunities to learn about local nature in Burlington

KPI: # of Burlington Tree Photo Contest Participants & Voters: 54 (48 voters for 6 photo contest submissions)

KPI: # and reach of promotions (social media, newsletters, web traffic)

- # of event(s) promotions via social media platforms: 78 / reach: 14,350
- # of event(s) promotions via newsletters: 10 / reach: 5155
- # of event(s) promotions (pages/redirects) via BG website: 4 / reach: 3100

7. Healthy Habitat invasives removal & beach dune restoration planting (minimum 2 workshops) - adapted

KPI: # of areas invasive plants removed: 3

KPI: # of bags of invasive plants removed: 47 / est 500+ plants)

KPI:

- square metres of beach area planted: N/A (November grass planting workshop cancelled due to weather. A Garlic Mustard removal workshop held instead)
- # of grasses planted: N/A
- # and diversity of species planted : N/A



Service Agreement KPIs



8. City-wide Community Clean-up program (March through October) including national Butt Blitz host for Burlington, facilitated clean ups for groups, and the provision of free clean-up supplies to the Burlington community

KPI: # of registered Burlington locations cleaned of litter: 103

KPI: # of participants per sector (residents, schools, businesses, and organizations)

- **27** families/individuals with **333** participants
- **33** schools with **10,774** participants
- **29** businesses with **569** participants
- **22** community groups with **387** participants
- **253** additional individual participants

KPI: # of community volunteer hours (including \$ value): 18,739 volunteer hours, valued at \$ 374,780 (\$20/hour)

KPI: # of clean-up supply kits distributed to Burlington participants: 125

KPI: estimated volume (kg) of litter collected including cigarette butts: 6203 kg

KPI: # and reach of promotions (social media, newsletters, web traffic):

- # of event(s) promotions via social media platforms: 158 / reach: 27,653
- # of event(s) promotions via newsletters: 50 / reach: 5155
- # of event(s) promotions (pages/redirects) via BG website: 6 / reach: 4559

KPI: community experience feedback summary: Via Share Your Results Survey (46 responses): 57% top notch, 29% good, 14% satisfactory

12,469 cigarette butts collected from Burlington communities and sent to [Terracycle](#) for recycling!



Service Agreement KPIs



9. Zero and E-Waste Community Collection events (1 Spring and 1 Fall) plus Terracycle Community Collection Hub services.

10. Provision of educational presentations, workshops, facilitated activities and meetings to various Burlington sectors (minimum 12)

KPI: volume (kg) of electronic waste diverted from the landfill: 8, 320 kg

KPI: quantity and variety of items collected for Terracycle recycling: 43.5 kg, 30+ different items

KPI:# Zero Waste & Repair Cafe event participants : 440 Zero Waste & 40 at Repair café. Note: Repair Café did not participate at fall event

KPI: # and reach of promotions (social media, newsletters, web traffic):

- # of event(s) promotions via social media platforms: 164 / reach: 33,235
- # of event(s) promotions via newsletters: 13/ reach: 5155
- # of event(s) promotions (pages/redirects) via BG website: 6 / reach: 3353



KPI: # of presentations, events, workshops, activities, youth gatherings, etc. : 52
(Note: Events included. Outreach not included)

KPI: # of attendees: 1971

Service Agreement KPIs



KPI: # /types of volunteer opportunities provided across service areas: **22**

KPI: # of community volunteer hours: **21,744**

KPI: \$ value of community volunteer hours @ \$20/hr: **\$434,880**

KPI: volunteer feedback: survey results (42 respondents) reported 100% excellent or good rating for communications provided pre-shift, and 98% excellent or good rating for overall experience.



"BurlingtonGreen has allowed me to serve humanity by helping create a sustainable environment. It has introduced me to members of the Burlington community, fellow youth activists, and like-minded individuals. By creating videos that address environmental issues and volunteering at in-person events, I have been able to learn and shape our society through this meaningful experience. It not only taught me about environmental stewardship, but also inspired me to continue this work through my future studies."

~Pranav (Youth Volunteer)

11.Coordination, promotion and provision of a variety of rewarding environmental, skill-building volunteer opportunities

More BG Volunteer Voices

"I enjoyed learning how simple it is to make a small impact"

"I believe BG offers a welcoming and safe space for volunteers of all backgrounds and ages"

"I loved the experience"

"The experience was great"

"Kale and Sue are such great ambassadors for the environment and are generous to share their wealth of knowledge to help Mother Earth"

"...organizers were great at leading the team in a positive way and keeping us all organized"



12. Seasonal outreach at community events and at the Eco Hub including the provision of informative displays about Burlington Beach ecology and Lake Ontario protection. The following features will be highlighted in community programming aligning with the City's climate action

initiatives at the Eco Hub:

- EV Charging Infrastructure
- Air Source Heat Pump
- Cycling/Repair Station
- Multi-use active transportation
- Demonstration Pollinator Garden

KPI: # annual community engagement interactions at community events: 3061

KPI: # of Eco Hub visitors/interactions: 586

KPI: # of Eco Activities facilitated: 10 types delivered during 77 Eco- hub outreach days and BG outreach at 11 community events

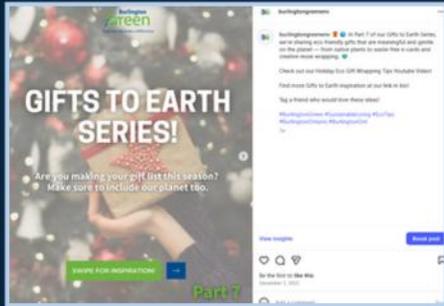
KPI: # of Eco Activities participants: 1803

KPI: # and reach of Eco-Hub programming promotions (social media, newsletters, web traffic)

- # of program promotions via social media platforms: 254 / reach: 31,189
- # of program promotions via newsletters: 19 / reach: 5155
- # of program promotions via BG website pages: 6 / reach: 6689

More: # City Climate Action print resources distributed: 87





13. Extensive year-round web and social media tips, resources and promotions pertaining to a variety of locally-focused environmental opportunities and issues including Shop Local Buy Green (SLBG) online Directory

KPI: total reach of social media, newsletter and web traffic across MOU service areas: 111,665

KPI: # of SLBG and other locally focused eco opportunities promoted via newsletters: 42

KPI: # of local green businesses, products and services listed/supported in the BG Shop Local Buy Green Directory: 162

More: # reach SLBG via BG website : 607



Explore our searchable directory of local eco-friendly products, services and businesses!

14. Regular waterfront litter retrieval including sorting to optimize waste diversion, lakefront monitoring for pollutants/hazards and reporting of hazardous conditions, dead animal pick-ups, lost and found collections to appropriate authorities

KPI: # of BG led beach clean-ups : 8 BG + 6 A Greener Future events

KPI: #(kg) of litter collected at beach: 100+kg

More: # cigarette butts collected at beach and sent to [Terracycle](https://www.terracycle.com/) for recycling: 12,469



Service Agreement KPIs

Not included in fees but captured in year end impact report:

KPI: # of Burlington events and festivals using BurlingtonGreen Event Greening services and consultation: 7

KPI: # kgs of waste diverted from landfill: 5200+ kg

Advocacy:

KPI: # of City issues BurlingtonGreen provided input/delegations/submissions: 8

Topics:

- March 2025 - City Climate Action Plan (online form input)
- June 2025 - City report re: Bill 17
- July 2025 - Electric Vehicle Charging Policy and fee options, the Burlington Agricultural Action Plan, the New Draft Zoning Bylaw for Residential Zones and the new Housing Strategy
- November 2025 - input/inquiry to Mayor and Council re: City position re: amalgamation of Ontario CA's + extended producer responsibility for Blue Box Recycling Collection

Other: We launched the Reconnect Burlington project in partnership with Environmental Defence, hosting two clothing swaps, two guided hikes, and the production of user-friendly Guides specifically for Burlingtonians.



Fees Summary

The following table summarizes the financial breakdown of various deliverables across the contracted timeline.

Staff hours (including Mandatory Employment Costs) for the program/service coordination, research, promotions, execution and evaluation, plus materials and supplies comprise the costs.

As required, funding contributions from other sources (Tree Canada, Sponsorships, etc) supplement this core funding, to achieve the comprehensive scope of services provided throughout the year.

rounded estimates
across calendar year

<p>Jan - March, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Clean Up coordination, promotions, registration, launch • Green Up Community Tree Planting coordination, promotions, registration • Volunteer promotions/recruitment/onboarding • Various presentations, youth engagement activities and promotions • Coordination and promotions of Native Plant Sale and various spring community programming offerings • Promotions, execution, tracking of 200K Eco-Actions campaign • Promotions of City Take Action & Get Involved Burlington 	<p>\$13,000</p> <p><i>Funded by BurlingtonGreen due to late May receipt of payment</i></p>
<p>April-June, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Clean Up coordination, promotions, registration, launch • Spring Green Up Community Tree Planting coordination, promotions, registration, execution (Longmoor Park) • Earth Day Community event at the Eco Hub • Coordination, promotion and execution of Volunteer Appreciation event • Various presentations, youth engagement activities and promotions • Spring Zero Waste electronics community collection event with Terracycle and Repair Cafe services • Coordination/execution of May invasive plant removal workshop • Coordination/execution of Guided tree walks • Native Plant Sale execution • Shoreline Clean Ups • Promotions, execution, tracking of 200K Eco-Actions campaign • Promotions of City Take Action & Get Involved Burlington • June -National cycling month engagement, activities, giveaways • Weekends/Holidays : community outreach, eco education/activities/community inquiries 	<p>\$16,000</p> <p><i>Partially Funded by BurlingtonGreen due to late May receipt of payment</i></p>

Fees Summary Continued

<p>July/August, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAILY: community outreach, eco education/activities/community inquiries • Continued City wide Clean Up program execution, promotions, registrations, supplies organization/distribution, mapping • Coordination/execution of August Climate Action online and outreach campaign • Coordination/execution of July invasive plant removal workshop • Promotions, execution, tracking of 200K Eco-Actions campaign • Promotions of City Take Action & Get Involved Burlington • Shoreline Clean Ups • Various presentations, youth engagement activities and promotions • Tree Canada grant reporting for spring community tree planting project • Fall program/event planning 	<p>\$13,400</p>
<p>September/October, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Zero Waste electronics community collection event with Terracycle services • Ask An Arborist Webinar : coordination, promotions, execution, post-event video promotions • Burlington Tree Photo Contest: coordination, promotions, registrations, voting platform, prize delivery • Two community tree planting events: coordination, promotions, registration, facilitation, activity supplies/execution (Pathfinder Park & Bromley Park) • Continued City-wide Clean Up program execution, promotions, registrations, supplies organization/distribution, mapping • Promotions, execution, tracking of 200K Eco-Actions campaign • Promotions of City Take Action & Get Involved Burlington • Shoreline Clean Ups • Various presentations, youth engagement activities and promotions • Coordination /execution of invasive plant removal workshop + guided tree hikes 	<p>\$14,600</p>
<p>November/December, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Community Clean Up program tasks (data, gather supplies, evaluation, award prizes) • Various presentations, youth engagement activities and promotions • Promotions, execution, tracking of 200K Eco-Actions campaign • Comprehensive Volunteer Program assessment, recognitions, 2026 planning • Promotions of City Take Action & Get Involved Burlington 	<p>\$5,000</p>
	<p><i>BurlingtonGreen also contributed \$21,300 to the City in 2025 in facility rental fees & Tree Canada funding</i></p>	<p>City Fees Total: \$62,000</p>



Rideau Lakes

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March 10, 2026

Dear Senator,

Re: Rideau Lakes Concerns re Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget)

We in Rideau Lakes Township are writing this letter because of major concerns about the Alto High Speed Rail Project (HSR), as well as a request to fully evaluate our concerns of Bill C-15 in relation to Alto HSR and expropriation of land.

The Alto HSR is lacking full and meaningful consultation of critical information for the early design and development phase. We recognize that having this information is important to the engineers in determining routes that minimize disruptions to the communities, residents, businesses, farmland, waterways, environment, and ecosystems that they pass through. What we have experienced is less than adequate information upon which to base our ability to conduct impact assessments involving our rural communities, agriculture, businesses, and countless heritage buildings and monuments. Alto's recently proposed Southern Ontario route included a 10 km wide corridor, and they provided high-level maps which are not useful in determining the impacts which more detailed route maps would give us and that are vital to our informed feedback. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our more local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

HSR will divide communities. There will be a major impact on our roadways for school buses, public transportation and emergency vehicles given the many closed roadways when fences are erected along the HSR route. This will increase mortality and morbidity as it will take longer to receive timely care. Farther to travel will also increase emissions and costs for plowing and road maintenance. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

The Southern route would traverse the UNESCO recognized Frontenac Arch Biosphere Region, the ancestral lands of the Haudenosaunee (Kanien'kehá:ka) and Anishinaabeg (Algonquin); where a land bridge of the Canadian Shield connects the Algonquin and Laurentian Highlands to the Adirondack Mountains in the USA. Many animals use this migration route in both directions every year, and unless wildlife corridors are included in the ALTO plans, this would cut off their migration.

This does not begin to speak to the negative impact on tourism which is estimated in the order of \$30 million for the UNESCO Rideau Canal system from Ottawa to Kingston.

Another major concern is that the government proposes to grant Alto, as a Crown Corporation, the right to 3 methods of property expropriation! Until now the government itself held the right to a single method of property expropriation. This causes our residents varying degrees of stress ranging to mental anguish if their properties are affected and they will not get full current market value if they decided to sell. Under the new proposed legislation, they would be forced to sell to the Corporation! This is of particular concern to many potentially affected property owners who are in the business of farming and feeding our population.

Cost analysis to build the railway in the northern and southern routes has not been done. We have also been told that a route parallel to the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario is not viable. We do not have enough information to understand why this option is not viable.

Rideau Lakes Township is asking you, and your Senate colleagues, to undertake your considered review of our concerns that are being sent to you for First Reading. We hope that you will see that this portion of Bill-C15 (HSR and expropriation) is premature, given that there are many unanswered questions and important issues have not been adequately addressed in the information provided. There has been inadequate public consultation to move to the development stage of this generationally important Canadian transportation project affecting so many lives along whatever corridor may eventually be approved. Should the Senate determine that a delegation to a Senate committee be appropriate with a view to consolidating recommendations for changes that would go back to the House of Commons, we would be available to participate, of course upon invitation.

Thank you for your attention in this very important matter affecting all of us here and across Ontario! It would be very much appreciated if I could receive a response in order to brief my Council.

Yours respectfully,



Arie Hoogenboom
Mayor, Rideau Lakes Township
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613-323-0901

Cc: Prime Minister of Canada
All Members of Parliament
All Provincial Cabinet Ministers
MPP Steve Clark
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



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February 26th, 2026

The Honourable Michael Kerzner
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Ministry of the Solicitor General
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SOLGEN.Correspondence@ontario.ca

By electronic submission

Re: Proposed New Regulation under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act

Dear Solicitor General,

Please be advised that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of February 25, 2026, considered and approved the following motion:

MOTION

Moved by / Motion de: Councillor S. Plante
Seconded by / Appuyée par: Mayor M. Sutcliffe

WHEREAS the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025* (RPCISA) was brought into force on June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) is considering regulatory amendments to the RPCISA to prescribe special constables employed by authorized public transit agencies, including OTranspo special constables for the purpose of the Act, thereby granting them the same enforcement powers as police officers, and is seeking public input on this proposal until March 1st; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has invested significant resources to improve public safety in the downtown core and the ByWard Market; and

WHEREAS OC Transpo deploys on average approximately 4 special constables in the downtown daily, and 13 deployed across the city-wide transit network, who are already present in high-traffic transit environments, including stations, platforms, and bus stops throughout the downtown core and across the city; and



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WHEREAS public transit riders include workers, students, seniors, people with disabilities, youth, and low-income residents who rely on transit as their primary or only mode of transportation and require a safe environment at all times; and

WHEREAS restoring ridership is essential to the financial sustainability of Ottawa's public transit system, to achieving the City's climate and transportation goals, and to ensuring equitable access to employment, education, healthcare, and community services; and

WHEREAS enabling OCTranspo special constables to enforce the RPCISA would allow for timely, proportionate, and location-specific interventions focused on transit spaces, while reducing reliance on police response for matters that occur primarily within the transit system; and

WHEREAS any extension of authority under the RPCISA would be accompanied by appropriate training and would operate alongside existing public health, outreach, and harm reduction services, recognizing that enforcement alone does not address substance use but that clear rules and safe public spaces remain necessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa endorse the proposed regulatory amendments under the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Solicitor General of Ontario in support of the proposal before March 1st, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk share this motion with other Municipalities in Ontario, prior to March 1st, 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write the Solicitor General of Ontario to renew or extend the funding associated with the Ontario-Ottawa agreement.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Mark Sutcliffe
Mayor
City of Ottawa

cc. All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

March 9, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation

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

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, at its meeting on March 2, 2026 passed the following resolution:

R52-2026

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

That the correspondence from the Township of Larder Lake regarding School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems is received for information;
AND FURTHER that the Council for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan hereby supports the Township of Larder Lake's 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.

CARRIED.

A copy of the original correspondence from the Mayor of the Township of Larder Lake is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Township of Larder Lake
All Ontario Municipalities

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February 11th, 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 Municipality of Larder Lake, 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 Municipality of Larder Lake 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.

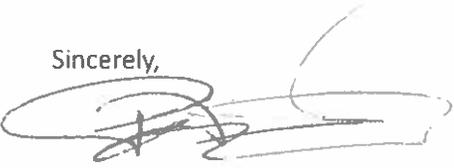
We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Patricia Quinn', written over a faint rectangular stamp or box.

Patricia Quinn, Mayor, Municipality of Larder Lake

cc:

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



OAKVILLE



Public Meeting for a Proposed Official Plan Amendment

Meeting information

You are invited to attend a public meeting under the *Planning Act* to share your comments on the proposal. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a recommendation to approve the proposed Official Plan Amendment. You can attend the meeting online or in person.

Meeting date: Monday, March 23, 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: All lands designated for Employment within the Town of Oakville.

Applicant: Town-initiated

File No.: 42.15.70

Ward No.: 1 to 7

Planner on file: Sita Ganesan, Policy Planner

Email: Sita.Ganesan@oakville.ca

Phone: 905-845-6601 ext. 3129

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

What is proposed?

The purpose of these amendments is to implement Provincial changes to the definition of "area of employment" in the Planning Act and "employment area" in the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

The effect of these amendments is to update the definitions, policies, and designations for the Town of Oakville's Employment Areas.

How to participate/How you can share your views

Read the staff report:

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

To review the submission materials search "Employment Areas Review" on oakville.ca for more information on the project webpage or scan this QR code:



Review the supporting material:

The reports, studies and plans submitted by the proponent are available to review on the project

Find more information

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

Related applications:

Currently there are no other developments applications affecting the subject lands.

Legal notice

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

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

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

Speak at the public meeting:

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

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.

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.

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 notice was issued on March 9, 2026.

Community Notice: Open House

Town Official Plan Update

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Town of Milton under Section 17 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13, as amended, to inform the public of the Town's intent to update the Official Plan. The Official Plan is a detailed land use plan for guiding growth and development.

Open House details

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2026
TIME: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (online [registration](#) is required)
LOCATION: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Town Hall Lobby, 150 Mary Street)

How to attend: Town staff are hosting two events, one virtually and in person. [Register](#) online for the virtual session beginning at 12.30 p.m. or drop by in person at Milton Town Hall at 6.00 p.m. At both sessions you will learn about the proposed Official Plan and speak with the project team. Comments on the proposed Official Plan can also be provided online (noted below).

Application details

- The Town of Milton is undertaking a comprehensive review and update of the Official Plan. The new Plan presents the vision for long-term development and policies to achieve this vision. The Plan clearly facilitates growth to shape neighbourhoods, while being flexible to respond to future emerging opportunities.
- Through the proposed updates to the official Plan, the Town will achieve conformity with Provincial policy direction and be responsive to updated growth trends.

Get involved

The Town of Milton is dedicated to meeting the needs of all members of the public. For documents in an alternative format such as braille, large print, electronic or plain language, contact the [Town Clerk](#).

Contact

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION can be obtained by visiting the Town Hall located at 150 Mary Street, Milton, Ontario or by contacting Gail Anderson, Senior Policy Planner at telephone number (905) 878-7252 ext. 2332 or by [e-mail](#). All written comments should be forwarded to the Planner noted above. If you wish to be placed on the interested parties list to receive notification of future meetings and other matters related to the Official Plan, please advise the above noted contact. You can also register for project updates and to learn about ongoing engagement opportunities [here](#).

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 and may be contained in an appendix to a staff report, published in the meeting agenda, delegation list and/or the minutes of the public meeting and made part of the public record. The

Town of Milton collects this information in order to make informed decisions on the relevant issues and to notify interested parties of Council's decisions. It may also be used to serve notice of Ontario Land Tribunal hearing. Names and addresses contained in submitted correspondence and other information will be available to the public, unless the individual expressly requests the Town to remove their personal information. The disclosure of this information is governed by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M. 56. Questions about this collection and disclosure should be directed to the Planner listed above.

Jill Hogan, Commissioner
Town of Milton Development Services Department
150 Mary Street, Milton, Ontario L9T 6Z5

Dated: March 10, 2026

From: [Mailbox, Office of the Mayor](#)
To: [Szachlewicz, Paul](#); [Mailbox, Clerks](#)
Subject: FW: Decision Notice on the Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 3:16:12 PM

From: ca.office (MECP) <ca.office@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 3:14 PM
Cc: ca.office (MECP) <ca.office@ontario.ca>
Subject: Decision Notice on the Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Municipal Partners and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),

We are writing to inform you that a decision notice has been posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) regarding the proposal notice posting #025-1257 on the "Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities."

The proposal initially consulted on by the government proposed boundaries that would have resulted in seven regional conservation authorities. As a result of the feedback received during consultation, the province adjusted the boundaries to accommodate areas with distinct geographies and development contexts, to better balance differing priorities across rural, urban and northern areas and improve alignment with watersheds and with source protection regions. The government is now planning to move forward with consolidation to create nine optimized regional CAs. A map showing the planned boundaries and the nine new CAs is available at [Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency | ontario.ca](#).

In the coming weeks, the government plans to introduce amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act (CAA) that would implement the consolidation and set out a smooth path to consolidation to ensure service continuity for communities. Consolidation is targeted to take effect in early 2027 to allow transition planning to occur over the next year. The government's plan would ensure a clear, coordinated and successful transition led by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA), that would minimize disruptions to CA staffing, services, permitting processes and with all existing partnerships and obligations carried forward to maintain service stability. A summary of the consolidation plan, and details on transition, are included in the decision notice [Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities | Environmental Registry of Ontario](#).

The government's plans to consolidate CAs build on recent progress Ontario has

made to improve the CA system, including establishing OPCA to provide centralized leadership and oversight for Ontario's CAs. Under these plans, the important work that conservation authorities do to protect people and property from the risks of flooding and other natural hazards would not change. The nine new regional CAs would continue to operate as independent, municipally governed organizations and to fulfill their provincially mandated programs such as managing flooding and other natural hazards, drinking water source protection under the Clean Water Act, watershed management programs, and the management of their lands and recreational trails, ensuring public access to local natural areas and outdoor activities.

We recognize the important role that municipalities have in the governance of conservation authorities. We are committed to keeping you informed throughout the transition and ensuring that the relationships, programs and services that CAs provide to municipalities continue.

The province is committed to working closely with municipal partners and AMO throughout this process and ensuring local knowledge informs next steps. In the coming weeks you will be invited to technical briefings to provide further information on the next steps in the planned transition process.

For questions regarding the plans for consolidation, please contact CCEO@ontario.ca. If you have questions about the planned legislative amendments and day-to-day CA business, please reach out to MECP staff via ca.office@ontario.ca.

We thank you for taking the time to share with us your perspectives during the consultations that helped to shape this plan and look forward to working closely with you and your municipal/association colleagues over the next year.

Sincerely,

Chloe Stuart
ADM, Land and Water Division
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Hassaan Basit
Chief Conservation Executive
Office of the Chief Conservation Executive



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March 4, 2026

RE: OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68

Dear Honourable Rob Flack and Honourable Peter Bethenfalvy,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Resolution No: 2026-03-04-04
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 Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution regarding OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68, as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Minister of Finance, EOWC MPPs, and AMO."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

Resolution: OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68

Moved by: Warden Jennifer Murphy, Renfrew County

Seconded by: Warden Mario Zanth, United Counties of Prescott and Russell

“WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children’s aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

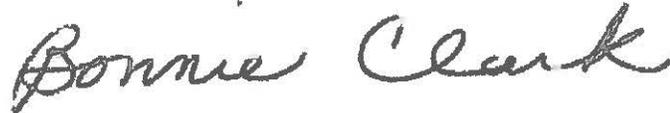
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model,

with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to:

- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs;
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
- EOWC regional MPPs: Billy Denault, Dave Smith, David Piccini, John Jordan, Laurie Scott Nolan Quinn, Ric Bresee, Steve Clark, Stephane Sarrazin, Ted Hsu, Tyler Allsopp; and
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)."

CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and 'C'.

Signed by: **Bonnie Clark, EOWC Chair**
Warden of Peterborough County
Info@eowc.org
January 8, 2026



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March 4, 2026

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

RE: Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario

Dear: Honourable Doug Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from Tay Valley Township.

Resolution No: 2026-03-04-05
Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Tay Valley Township's resolution regarding Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario, as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Party and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



October 24, 2025

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

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

RE: Municipality of Tweed – Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on October 21st, 2025 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2025-10-22

MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie
SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

"WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township Support the Municipality of Tweed's resolution regarding waste incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

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

AND WHEREAS, with large urban centres now looking in rural areas of our province and entire country for lands to bury their garbage waste;

AND WHEREAS, a large landfill site owned by a large urban centre which receives 50% of their garbage at the present time is expected to be full by 2029 creating more environmental impacts;

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 it unusable;

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 environment jeopardizing our future generations;

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

AND WHEREAS, the incineration of household and other municipal waste has a long tradition in Germany, which currently has 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of around 25 million tons;

AND WHEREAS, with a strong focus on community involvement, innovative infrastructure, and sustainable practices, Germany has set a high bar for municipal recycling programs that the rest of the world can learn from and emulate;

AND WHEREAS, at the present time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its garbage waste at a municipal level. This places the country as the most effective and prominent country when it comes to recycling in the entire world. This highlights the citizen's strength and motivation to deal with environmental issues on a daily basis;

AND WHEREAS, German schools often integrate recycling education into their curriculum. This early exposure to the importance of recycling instills a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, creating a culture of sustainability that transcends generations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township 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."

ADOPTED



If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aaron Watt", followed by a horizontal line.

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party,
All Municipalities in Ontario



The TOWNSHIP of
NORTH DUMFRIES

106 Earl Thompson Road, 3rd Floor
PO Box 1060
Ayr, ON N0B 1E0

March 11, 2026

Sent via Email:

Premier of Ontario, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario

RE: Resolution – Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on March 9, 2026 the Township of North Dumfries Council considered the enclosed resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

“THAT the Resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 be received;

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; 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 Township of North Dumfries 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, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.”

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Good". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Good, Clerk
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February 20, 2026

Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; 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 Township of Southgate 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, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound
Senator Rob Black
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipalities in Ontario

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

Resolution Number 2025-253

September 29, 2025

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data,

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

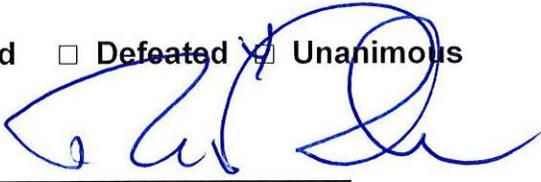
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demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.

5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.
6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
 - o The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - o The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 - o The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - o The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
 - o Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - o Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 - o Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - o The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 - o All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: 

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		

March 13, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 9, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 41-26:

Whereas current provincial–municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining the Town of Whitby’s economic prosperity and the quality of life of its residents;
Whereas nearly one third of all municipal spending in Ontario is directed toward services in areas of provincial responsibility, with expenditures outpacing provincial contributions by approximately \$4 billion annually;

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has emphasized that the ongoing requirement for municipalities to fund provincial responsibilities—such as social housing, health related capital obligations, and social services—results in at least \$1.5 billion annually in net municipal expenditures for social housing alone, a problem unique to Ontario;

Whereas municipalities are further required to contribute 10% of capital funding for new provincial hospitals, diverting local revenue away from essential municipal infrastructure;

Whereas municipal revenue sources, primarily property taxes, do not grow at the same rate as the economy or inflation, yet municipalities—including the Town of Whitby—are responsible for managing major growth related infrastructure such as roads, transit, water, sewer, fire, and parks;

Whereas only 34 cents of every residential property tax dollar collected in Whitby remains with the Town, while 55 cents flows to the Region of Durham and 11 cents to school boards;

Whereas AMO has highlighted that provincial housing related revenues—including \$5.8 billion in Land Transfer Tax revenues in 2021/22, which exceeded the provincial budget plan by \$2 billion, as well as billions in HST revenue from new home construction—are not currently shared with municipalities, despite being generated by housing activity that requires significant local infrastructure investment;

Whereas AMO has stated that allocating a portion of these housing related provincial revenues to municipalities would provide a predictable, growth linked revenue stream necessary to support housing targets and the expansion of critical public infrastructure;

Whereas AMO has cautioned that proposals to reduce or limit development charges shift costs away from growth and onto existing property taxpayers, threatening the ability of municipalities to finance essential infrastructure, given that most municipal reserves are already allocated to specific projects or required for responsible asset management practices; and,

Whereas municipal staff have already identified \$2.5 million in expenditure reductions for 2026 and continue to identify efficiencies through the ongoing 2026 Core Services Review.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Council of the Town of Whitby once again calls upon the Province of Ontario to work collaboratively with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) to undertake a comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity Review to modernize and realign the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, ensuring that municipal revenues are aligned with the actual costs of today’s service delivery and growth;
2. The Town of Whitby requests that this review specifically address the \$4 billion annual gap where municipal property taxes are currently used to fund provincial responsibilities, including social housing, health, and transit, and further evaluate:
 - the \$1.5 billion annual municipal burden created by the provincial download of social housing costs;
 - the requirement for municipalities to fund 10% of provincial hospital capital projects; and,
 - the opportunity to allocate a portion of provincial Land Transfer Tax and HST revenues generated by housing activity to municipal infrastructure supporting growth.

3. The Province be urged to establish a predictable, housing linked revenue stream for municipalities that reflects the economic, social, and infrastructure demands associated with growth, including addressing the financial impacts of changes to development charges; and,
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
 - The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure;
 - The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
 - Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby);
 - The Region of Durham;
 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
 - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and,
 - All Ontario Municipalities.

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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The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health - Sylvia.Jones@ontario.ca
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The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure - Minister.MOI@ontario.ca
The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services - MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca
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