



Council Information Package

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SUBJECT: Recreation Program Participation and Trends – 2025 Summary

TO: Council Information Package

FROM: Community Services
Recreation, Community and Culture

Report Number: CSS-07-26

Wards Affected: all

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

CIP Date: 4/2/2026

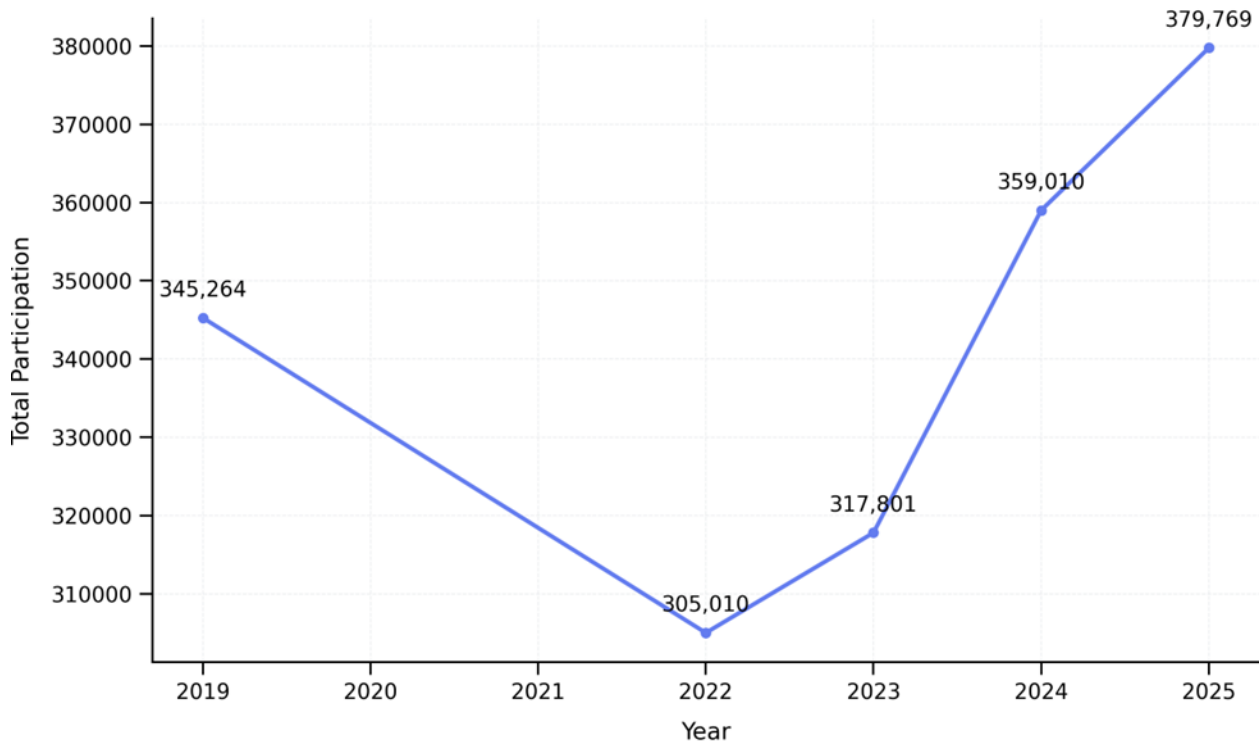
Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the growth, trends, and community impact of Recreation Services in 2025, inclusive of adult, aquatic and youth direct-delivered programs.

Participation Highlights:

Participation in Burlington’s recreation programs continues with a strong upward trajectory, having increased since 2022 and reaching 379,769 visits in 2025. These programs contributed to a 6.92% increase in program revenue compared to 2024, reflecting sustained demand for programs across aquatics, adult, older adult, and youth services. This growth was achieved through targeted expansions in high- demand program areas, improved access to services including more program availability, better geographic access, and reduced barriers, and a continued focus on inclusion. Strategic grant funding, when available, supports improvements to program access and quality across multiple areas. Funding secured this year was used to enhance program delivery. Comparing to pre-pandemic numbers, participation from programs exceeded 2019 participation numbers starting in 2024.

Total Recreation Program Participation by Year



Through community engagement events, including Food for Feedback, along with program evaluations and targeted surveys, residents have clearly expressed a desire for more program variety, enhanced access, and services that reflect changing needs and interests. Staff have incorporated this feedback by refining the program mix, adjusting schedules, and broadening service delivery locations.

Program Highlights:

Across all service areas, staff have continued to enhance programming through a series of targeted improvements and responsive strategies:

- **Aquatic programming:** Enhancements to program delivery, streamlined queue management, and a broader range of program offerings resulted in improved customer experience and access. The early opening of Outdoor Pools and a hot summer, contributed to a 14% higher utilization and overall participation (total of 92,588 drop-ins). A single-day record of 1,725 swimmers was set on July 6, 2025, at Mountainside Outdoor Pool. Swimming lesson registrations increased 2.3% and Aquafit participation returned to 2019 levels (total of 27,596 participants). Furthermore, the Swim to Survive and Swim to Survive Plus programs, lifesaving initiatives delivered to Grade 3 and Grade 7 students, also provided essential survival-skill training to 1,199 children.

- **Youth programming:** Weekly youth drop-ins under the *You(th) Belong* banner now attract 150 participants per week of which 80–100 participants are at Tansley Woods alone, with additional engagement through events such as friendly basketball nights with Halton Regional Police (100+ attendees across two events). Camps continued to provide essential supervised programming in the summer and during PA Days to 3,736 children and youth in 2025.
- **Adult and Older Adult participation:** Adult recreation services expanded opportunity for high-demand drop-in offerings such as pickleball and leisure programs. Adding in new locations and increasing program capacities, along with expanded social programming (33 events) and a significantly scaled Seniors' Fair (from 200+ in 2024 to 450+ in 2025) supported rising participation, complemented by the Burlington Seniors' Centre Bistro serving an estimated 28,000 patrons and 3,300 volunteer hours (highest to date).
- **Program collaboration and grants:** Collaboration with schools, youth organizations, and health providers (e.g., Acclaim Health) strengthened service delivery and outreach. Grant revenues supported enhanced access and quality, including over \$100,000 for youth and adult initiatives.
- **Facility capacity and access:** Reopening of Skyway Community Centre and activation of spaces at Robert Bateman Community Centre improved geographic distribution and access. Since reopening in September 2025, Skyway has welcomed 635 adult participants across pickleball, fitness, dance, and the walking track.

This collective work has resulted in strong and sustained growth across all program areas. Staff advanced pilot initiatives, refined scheduling, and led continuous improvement efforts, including cross-departmental collaboration and intergenerational programming. Targeted outreach to schools increased awareness of youth services, while volunteer engagement enhanced service quality and participant experience.

Conclusion:

Program participation continues to grow, and early 2026 indicators show these strong trends are holding steady across all major service areas. Capacity constraints, particularly in aquatics, remain a key operational challenge, with peak-time waitlists consistently averaging 2,500 participants. Similar pressures exist in gymnasiums and multi-use spaces, where limited availability restricts staff's ability to increase program volumes or introduce new offerings.

Despite these constraints, the Recreation Services team continues to adapt effectively, monitoring trends, responding to community feedback, and optimizing available space to meet

demand wherever possible. As community growth is adding pressure to current pressure to current facilities, reinforcing the need for continued planning to support service delivery.

Memo Details

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Attachments:

A. Recreation Services – 2025 in Pictures

Memo Approval:

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

Recreation Services – 2025 in Pictures



Adult Recreation Services - Fitness Program



Adult Recreation Services - Program Team conducting Engagement at Skyway Community Centre.



Adult Recreation Services - Social



Adult Recreation Services – Bistro Volunteers



Aquatic Services – Outdoor Pool Fun Swim



Aquatic Services – Outdoor Pool Fun Swim



Youth Services – Partnership with Halton Police



Youth Services – Camp Field Trip

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April 1, 2026

On March 30, 2026, our government introduced the *Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026*, (Bill 98). Through this legislation and accompanying measures, we are creating the conditions for Ontario to build the housing and infrastructure it needs to grow and remain competitive. These changes will help get shovels in the ground faster for much-needed housing, and housing enabling-infrastructure projects, while improving the way people and goods move across Ontario.

A brief description of the proposals in this bill are included in this letter below. You are also invited to review the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) and [Regulatory Registry of Ontario](#) posting links provided with this letter and share any feedback you may have.

If you have any questions, please reach out to my Director of Stakeholder and Caucus Relations, Tanner Zelenko, at Tanner.Zelenko@ontario.ca

I look forward to our continued collaboration with our municipal partners as we build a more prosperous, resilient and competitive economy that will enhance affordability and the quality of life for Ontario residents and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
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Laura Smith, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Brian Saunderson, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
David McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Development Charges Act, 1997 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 3 of the Bill would make amendments to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*.

New section 4.5 would provide that non-profit retirement home developments are exempt from development charges.

The Schedule would also make technical amendments to address out-of-date cross-references in provisions related to front-ending agreements.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* through the Ontario Regulatory Registry

<https://www.regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca/proposal/52054>

Municipal Act, 2001 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The Schedule repeals and remakes section 93 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to address barriers to the development of communal water and wastewater systems and increase housing supply across Ontario.

New subsection 93 (1) of the Act provides that no person shall construct, maintain or operate a non-municipal water or sewage public utility without first applying for and obtaining the consent of the municipality. Under new subsection 93 (2) of the Act, a municipality that receives an application for one of these utilities must review that application and either provide consent subject to conditions and limits that are agreed upon, or, in the case of a regulation having been made setting out criteria or conditions that must be met, and the municipality is of the opinion that regulated requirements have been met, the municipality must provide consent to the application. Regulation-making authority would be made to establish the criteria or conditions related to applications for consent and for the proposed public utility.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice and the Ontario Regulatory Registry ([ERO 026-0302](#)) from March 30, 2026 to April 29, 2026.

Planning Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 7 of the Bill proposes the following amendments to the *Planning Act* that would help create the conditions necessary to support housing and community development. If passed, the proposed changes would:

- Specify a standardized structure and a standardized set of land use designations for local official plans (i.e., lower- and single-tier municipalities and planning boards).
- Provide a two-phased implementation approach for the new official plan framework which focuses on the 29 large and fast-growing municipalities in the first phase,
- Remove redundant requirement for municipalities to include climate change policies in their official plans,
- Provide the Minister with authority to exempt lower-tier municipalities from requirement to conform with upper-tier official plan to facilitate voluntary early implementation of the proposed official plan framework,

- Provide that for an already approved Protected Major Transit Station Area (PMTSA), only official plan amendments changing the boundaries of the PMTSA or the planned population and jobs for the area would require the Minister's approval,
- Remove the legislative requirement for the Minister to provide notice on proposed amendments to or revocations of Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs),
- Provide flexibility for removing Simcoe County's planning responsibilities in up to three separate phases, based on municipal readiness, and
- Facilitate the implementation of provisions from Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, that provide for a new framework for developer-identified land, including encumbered land and privately owned public spaces (POPS) arrangements, to count toward municipal parkland dedication requirements.
- Remove references to "sustainable design" from site plan control and restrict municipalities from requiring an owner of land to provide electric vehicle supply equipment in connection with off-street vehicular parking facilities, so that municipalities may not impose 'enhanced' development standards at the lot level that are not required for health, safety, or environmental performance (e.g., stormwater).
- Provide the Minister with authority to establish a minimum lot size through regulation.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed measures. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry from March 30, 2026, to April 29, 2026:

- [ERO 026-0300](#): Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, 2006, Building Code Act, 1992 and Municipal Act, 2001 Changes (Schedules 7, 2 and 1 of Bill 98, the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026).

We are also interested in receiving any comments you may have on other associated proposals:

- [ERO 026-0315](#): Consultation on upper-tier official plans, secondary plans, and site and area-specific policies
- [ERO 026-0310](#): Consultation on site plan control reform under the *Planning Act* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*
- [ERO 026-0305](#): Proposed Changes to Various Regulations Under the *Planning Act* to Facilitate the Electronic Submission of Information and Materials to Approval Authorities and Allow Notices to be Given Electronically to the Province
- [ERO 026-0314](#): Proposed Changes to Various Regulations Under the *Planning Act* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to Specify Additional "Prescribed Professions" for the Purposes of a Complete Application
- [ERO 026-0313](#): Streamlining the Information and Material that Planning Authorities can Require as Part of a Complete Application
- [ERO 026-0309](#): Proposed Regulation to Prohibit Mandatory Enhanced Development Standards as a Condition of Land Division Approvals
- [ERO 026-0311](#): Proposed Regulatory Approach to Establish a Minimum Residential Lot Size in Urban Areas
- [ERO 026-0304](#): Draft Projection Methodology Guideline to support the implementation of the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024
- [ERO 026-0312](#): Proposed Changes to Support Standardizing of Parkland Requirements Under the *Planning Act*

The Environmental Registry postings provide additional details regarding the proposed changes.

Building Code Act, 1992 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 1 amends the *Building Code Act, 1992* to clarify that standards for the protection or conservation of the environment are included in the meaning of municipal by-laws respecting the construction or demolition of buildings for the purposes of section 35 of the Act.

[ERO 026-0300](#): Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, 2006, Building Code Act, 1992 and Municipal Act, 2001 Changes (Schedules 7, 2 and 1 of Bill 98, the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026.

City of Toronto Act, 2006 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The proposed change would, through various amendments to section 114 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, remove references to “sustainable design” in site plan control. Changes would also be made to allow the Minister to establish a minimum lot size through regulation under the *Planning Act*.

[ERO 026-0300](#): Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, 2006, Building Code Act, 1992 and Municipal Act, 2001 Changes (Schedules 7, 2 and 1 of Bill 98, the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026

Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The ministry is proposing legislative amendments to the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025*. These include:

- Explicitly prohibiting private ownership in any new Water and Wastewater Public Corporation (WWPC) to align with the government’s intent to maintain 100% public sector ownership and respond to the strong feedback we have heard on the issue from the public, unions, associations and municipalities regarding privatization.
- Supporting the continuation of services and existing contracts – so that transferred contracts and agreements are not affected by a transfer to a new WWPC. This includes contracts such as employment or insurance, permits, licenses or a collective agreement, helping to support an efficient transfer and continuity of service during the transfer process.
- Supporting labour and employment continuity by clarifying that certain rights (such as successor, employment, and pay equity rights) are carried forward to a new WWPC.
- This would include regulation-making authority to help ensure continuity of services related to contracts and employees that are transferred to a new WWPC.
- Prohibiting the transfer of long-term municipal water and wastewater debt to a WWPC to provide clarity and reduce lender uncertainty, while creating new regulation-making authority to enable future regulations to address other matters related to municipal debt.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice and the Ontario Regulatory Registry ([026-0301](https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301)) from March 30, 2026 to April 29, 2026.
<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301>

Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 – Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Schedule 8 of the Bill proposes a change to the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (SDWA)* to clarify that a drinking water system owned by a WWPC would be considered a municipal drinking water system under the SDWA. This change would ensure that WWPCs are subject to the same public health and safety requirements under the SDWA that apply to all municipal drinking water systems.

The Bill also proposes changes to the *Safe Drinking Water Act* that would deem municipal consent to have been provided under the *Safe Drinking Water Act* for a proposed non-municipal drinking water system if consent has been provided by a municipality under the *Municipal Act* and regulated requirements under that Act were met. This avoids duplication of the municipal consent and helps to remove a barrier to development on communal systems.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notices related to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, [026-0302](https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0302), and the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025*, [026-0301](https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301) from March 30, 2026 to April 29, 2026.
<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301>
<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0302>

Fare Alignment and Seamless Transit Act, 2026 – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 4 of the bill enacts the *Fare Alignment and Seamless Transit Act, 2026*. The proposed legislation would authorize the Minister of Transportation to make regulations:

1. **Prescribing local transit systems** in the GTHA that are subject to the Act.
2. **Establishing One Fare 2.0**, including: setting fare prices and categories; defining eligibility and fare discount policies; establishing fare and transfer policies between prescribed transit systems (e.g., free transfers); requiring participation in a unified fare payment system approved by the Minister (e.g., PRESTO); and determining how fares shall be apportioned among prescribed transit systems in a geographic zone, which could result in the reallocation of fare revenue collected in one prescribed transit system to another prescribed transit system in a different municipality.
3. **Improving service to key regional destinations** by designating new and existing routes as “priority routes”, including routes that may cross municipal boundaries; setting service standards for priority routes; and prescribing requirements for service integration between prescribed transit systems, including requiring a prescribed transit system to provide services outside of its primary service area (i.e., in other municipalities).

4. **Improving specialized transit service**, including requiring prescribed specialized transit systems to: participate in a unified trip booking system approved by the Minister; and provide transportation a prescribed distance outside of its primary service area (i.e., in another municipality) without requiring a person with a disability to transfer to a different passenger transportation system.
5. **Creating exemptions** from the Act or regulations.

Metrolinx Act, 2006 – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 5 amends *the Metrolinx Act, 2006* to create a voluntary, streamlined compliance reporting process for Metrolinx which will be more scoped than the traditional building permit process. The proposed compliance reporting process does not override the existing building permit process. Instead, it allows for more flexibility for Metrolinx by creating a streamlined process to get building science expertise from municipalities.

The proposed legislative amendments require municipalities, upon receiving a proposed construction or demolition notice from Metrolinx, to provide Metrolinx with a report that includes:

- An assessment of whether the proposal would contravene the Building Code.
 - Municipalities would not include a review of certain *Planning Act* requirements such as municipal zoning bylaw and site plan approvals.
- An assessment of the applicability of the Architects Act or the Professional Engineers Act.
- An assessment of whether every person who prepared the relevant building documents had the correct qualifications under the Building Code.
- Any other prescribed information.

The proposed legislation also enables the Minister of Transportation, through regulation, to prescribe additional exemptions to applicable law and specific timelines for municipal inspections and conveyance of occupancy reports, among other items.

April 2, 2026

Dear CAO Benson,

I am pleased to provide an update and clarity on the recent changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CA Act) introduced through *Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026* (Schedule 3 Conservation Authorities Act includes amendments to the CA Act).

Under this legislation, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley, Hamilton, and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authorities will merge to form the Western Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority (WLOORCA). A transition committee will be established within 90 days of approval, including representatives of the predecessor CA and a Project Executive appointed by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA). A transition plan will be approved by the OPCA, and a copy will be provided to the participating municipalities. A transition date of February 1, 2027, is proposed.

All ongoing planning matters and services (including services offered to municipalities under Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)) will continue under the new Authority without disruption. The new Authority will assume the rights, obligations, assets and liabilities of the predecessor Authority. Additional details related to governance, watershed councils, and other matters will be finalized through future regulations.

Governance

Participating municipalities are all single- and upper-tier municipalities within the jurisdiction of the new Authority. New Regulations are proposed upon Royal Assent of Bill 97 Schedule 3, including:

- Prescribing a transition date (February 1, 2027, or later)
- Prescribing Board member details appointed to an Authority by the participating municipality
- Criteria for the appointment of a citizen member who is not a member of the council
- Watershed Councils

The formal transfer and consolidation to WLOORCA is scheduled for February 2027 (or updated per new regulations), post municipal elections, and once the new CA Board members have been appointed by the upper-tier and single-tier participating municipalities. Participating municipalities appointing members will need to notify OPCA of the appointments in writing.

2027 Budget Process

No changes are proposed to the 2027 budget process or the Budget Regulation at this time. The Province has asked that all budgets be submitted to municipalities before December 2026. The Minister may issue directions on CA budgetary matters in future.

Plan Review Services

It is business as usual for our plan review services. Accordingly, planning applications should continue to be circulated to Conservation Halton for review. Plan review comments under the Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation (O.R. 686/21), including natural hazards and source water protection, will be unchanged.

We will continue to provide our usual plan review services in a timely manner to support your ability to meet the legislated deadlines under the *Planning Act*.

Permits

It is business as usual for Conservation Halton's permitting services, with the exception of the provisions for Minister's Zoning Orders and Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator Orders (CA Act, s. 28.0.1) under Sections 34.1 and 47 of the *Planning Act*. We will collaborate with you on the efficient delivery of such permits as they arise.

Updated Fee Schedule

Conservation Halton's fee schedule for 2026 was approved by the Conservation Halton Board on February 12, 2026, and is available on our website (conservationhalton.ca/permitting/). The fee schedule meets the requirements of the Minister's List of classes of programs and services for which conservation authorities may charge a fee.

Other Services Provided through MOUs/Agreements

The recent legislative changes do not affect other services provided to municipalities. Conservation Halton will continue to work under arrangements through the signed MOUs and agreements.

We value the strong relationship, collaboration, and support of our municipal partners. We will ensure that you receive timely updates through Conservation Halton as we advance through this process over the next six months. In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly or my office (Adriana Birza, Senior Advisor, abirza@hrca.on.ca).

Sincerely,



Chandra Sharma
President & Chief Executive Officer
Conservation Halton



TOWNSHIP OF
McNab/Braeside

Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: February 17, 2026 No: RESOLUTION - 56-2026
 Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien Disposition: CARRIED
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Item No: 14.2

Description: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and

WHEREAS The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and

WHEREAS The maximum annual HODG grant of \$1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation, such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and

WHEREAS Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and

WHEREAS Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by:	_____	
	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: _____
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
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Friday, March 27, 2026

Mandy Cannon
Interim CAO/Clerk
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SENT VIA EMAIL: mcannon@mcnabbraeside.com

RE: Resolution – Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

Dear M. Cannon,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 23, 2026, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Petrie
Seconded By: Councillor McMillan
That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from the Township of McNab/Braeside regarding the Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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Enclosed: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy Resolution

cc: Hon. Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, stan.cho@pc.ola.org
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All Ontario Municipalities



MACKAY CENTRE FOR SENIORS

March 3, 2026

Deanna Hastie, CPA, CA
Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Town of Goderich
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Goderich, Ontario N7A 2K5

Dear Deanna:

Thank you so much for taking time to meet with Larry and myself this past Friday. On behalf of MacKay Centre for Seniors which includes its membership of 540 plus the many volunteers, and the Board of Directors. We are very thankful for receiving a wonderful and significant Bequest of \$25,000.

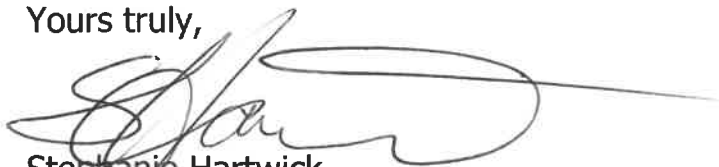
We respect the Donor is to be confidential and anonymous.

In following up on your direction to have the funds released this letter confirms the funds will be used diligently by MacKay Centre for Seniors in maintaining and managing its ongoing operations. This will go a long way in offering the many venues to its members, to which all of them are so very appreciative.

If there is anything you require further by all means let me know.

I will leave it with you to circulate this letter to Council and to be included in the appropriate Council Agenda.

Yours truly,



Stephanie Hartwick
Executive Director

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting**

Resolution # 7

Date: Monday February 23, 2026

Moved by: Michael Madden

Seconded by: Carma Williams

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

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; and

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; and

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; and

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; and

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

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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.

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry supports the September 29, 2025 resolution of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the October 20, 2025 resolution of the Municipality of South Huron, and the November 19, 2025 resolution of the Township of Pulsinch regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHER THAT this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED



MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

	YEA	NEA
Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams	—	—
Councillor: Jacques Massie	—	—
Councillor: Brian Caddell	—	—
Councillor: Jeff Manley	—	—
Councillor: Michael Madden	—	—
Councillor: Gary Martin	—	—
Mayor: Jamie MacDonald	—	—



The Corporation of the Township of
NORTH STORMONT
RESOLUTION

Date: March 24, 2026

Resolution No. 068-2026

MOVED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
Deputy Mayor S. Densham
Councillor A. Bugelli
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor C. Shane

[Signature]

SECONDED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
Deputy Mayor S. Densham
Councillor A. Bugelli
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor C. Shane

[Signature]

WHEREAS the Township of North Stormont acknowledges the municipal infrastructure including roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems support public safety, vitality and quality of life in Ontario's rural and small urban communities; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist these communities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenues; and

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

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

WHEREAS predictable multi-year funding indexed to real work costs is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long range asset management plans, reduce emergency repair work and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure funding; and

WHEREAS the Township of North Stormont requires a dedicated provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF funding beyond 2026, ensuring fiscal stability to ensure infrastructure resilience and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township of North Stormont calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF allotment of not less than \$400 million beyond its five year term ending in 2026 with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the annual OCIF envelope and each individual municipal allotment to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculated on a calendar year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five year OCIF funding framework that

guarantees allocation percentages to municipalities enabling long term capital planning and stable cash flow management.

4. The Province undertake a form review of the OCIF allocation at least once every four years incorporating municipal asset management, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.

5. A dedicated contingency reserve of five percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs of 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 acceptable online dashboard.

FURTHERMORE, that the Council of the Township of North Stormont supports the resolution of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal dated September 29, 2025; the resolution of the Municipality of South Huron dated October 20, 2025, the resolution of the Township of Puslinch dated November 15, 2025; the resolution of the County of North Cumberland dated January 28, 2026 resolution of the Township of North Glengarry dated February 23, 2026 regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHERMORE that this supporting resolution and be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED DEFEATED DEFERRED


Chair

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: A. Bugelli

Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest

Vacated His/Her/Their Seat

RECORDED VOTE	
Councillor C. Shane	_____
Councillor A. McDonald	_____
Councillor A. Bugelli	_____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham	_____
Mayor F. Landry	_____

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LAURA ROSS

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATHEW GARDINER

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mattawa supports the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding the Ontario Veterinary College's Enrollment Capacity.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College; the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association; the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness; Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote – Yes No

Recorded Vote Requested by:

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bélanger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Gardiner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Levesque	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Mick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Ross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Thibert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Bigelow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

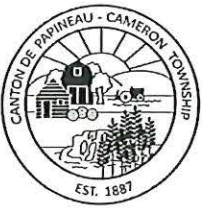
RA Bélanger

Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger

Deferred Tabled Lost Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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February 26, 2026

The Ontario Veterinary College
50 Stone Road East
Guelph, ON N1G 2W1

RE: Ontario Veterinary College expansion of enrollment capacity

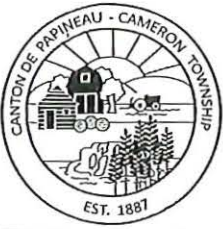
The Council of The Corporation of The Township of Papineau-Cameron met at their Regular Council Meeting on February 24, 2026 and passed the attached resolution 2026-50 that relates to the Ontario Veterinary College's enrollment capacity.

Yours truly,

Venessa Wilson
Administrative Assistant

Encl: Resolution 2026-50, Township of Papineau-Cameron

Cc: The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
The Honorable Victor Fedeli, MPP, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Honorable Trevor Jones, MPP, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
The Honorable Nolan Quinn, MPP, Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security
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DATE: **February 24, 2026** RESOLUTION NUMBER: **2026-50**

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger* SECONDED BY: *M Chenier*

WHEREAS large animal livestock owners in Northern Ontario have extremely limited access to large animal veterinary services;

AND WHEREAS the cost of large animal veterinary services in Northern Ontario is significantly higher due to long travel distances and the limited number of large animal veterinarians available to service the region;

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township that three qualified individuals within our community have applied to the Ontario Veterinary College for large animal veterinary, but were denied admission due to limited enrollment capacity;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township formally requests that the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association consider expanding enrollment capacity at the Ontario Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Hon. Trevor Jones MPP Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Nolan Quinn MPP Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED: *Robert Corriveau* (Mayor) NOT CARRIED: _____ (Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			

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From: [Parkway Belt Transmission Corridor \(ENERGY\)](#)
To: [Parkway Belt Transmission Corridor \(ENERGY\)](#)
Subject: New Joint Parkway Belt Transmission Corridor Study - Ministry of Energy and Mines and Independent Electricity System Operator
Date: Monday, March 30, 2026 3:01:57 PM
Attachments: [Parkway Belt Transmission Corridor Study - Initial Study Area.pdf](#)

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.

We are writing to inform you that the Ministry of Energy and Mines ('the Ministry') and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) have jointly initiated the Parkway Belt Transmission Corridor Study.

The study's objective is to assess the extent to which new transmission infrastructure can be accommodated within Parkway Belt West Plan (PBWP) lands, given the presence of existing public infrastructure, and the potential to expand space where required. The study's outcome will be a recommendation for a corridor of land to be preserved in the long-term with the purpose of hosting future transmission infrastructure and protected from development for other purposes, given the government's [proposal to revoke the PBWP](#) and its [five associated Minister's Zoning Orders](#).

The study was recommended as an early action by IESO to protect infrastructure corridors that could be used to support new transmission lines within and through the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The government signalled its intent to initiate the study in the June 2025 Integrated Energy Plan, [Energy for Generations](#).

Background

Since its inception in 1978, the PBWP has played a critical role in ensuring that electricity transmission infrastructure can be built through the GTA expeditiously and at relatively low cost. The PBWP lands currently house multiple circuits of the province's bulk transmission system that transfers electricity to and through the GTA to major load centres around the province. Preserving the remaining lands provides a rare opportunity to enhance transmission capacity with minimal new land requirements. Expanding transmission capacity in this area will be critical to support housing and economic development throughout the GTA and to move electricity through the GTA to major load centres throughout the province.

Protection of the Corridor and Request for Planning Applications

The Initial Study Area has been designated as a planned corridor under the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS). A map of the initial study area is attached to this email and can be found on the [environmental registry](#).

Under the policies of the PPS, planning authorities have a shared responsibility to plan

for and protect planned corridors to meet current and projected needs, including for electricity transmission systems. Planning authorities are required to prohibit development in planned corridors that could preclude or negatively affect the use of the corridor for the purpose(s) for which it was identified. It is critical that decisions on planning matters pertaining to the Parkway Belt Transmission Corridor are compatible with these requirements under the PPS.

Pursuant to Ontario Regulations 543/06, 544/06, and 545/06, for development applications partially or fully within the Parkway Belt Transmission Corridor, we ask that electronic notice be provided to the following individuals:

Luca Dannetta
Strategic, Network and Agency Policy Division
Ministry of Energy and Mines
Luca.Dannetta2@ontario.ca

Callee Robinson
Strategic, Network and Agency Policy Division
Ministry of Energy and Mines
Callee.Robinson@ontario.ca

Seeking Feedback

A proposal was posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for a 60-day comment period from March 30, 2026 to May 29, 2026. You are welcome to share any feedback that you may have through the [environmental registry](#).

More Information

We encourage you to visit the environmental registry for additional information on the proposal. We will also be hosting webinar sessions on **April 20, 2026, at 2 pm**. To register for the webinar, please visit register [here](#).

If you'd like to be added to our notification list to receive updates on the study, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your continued cooperation and assistance in protecting for provincial corridors.

Sincerely,

The Parkway Belt Transmission Corridor Team

Ministry of Energy and Mines
Independent Electricity System Operator
ParkwayBeltTransmissionCorridor@Ontario.ca



OAKVILLE



Statutory Public Meeting for a Proposed Town-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment

Meeting information

You are invited to attend a public meeting under the *Planning Act* to share your comments on the proposed Town-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of this meeting is for the Town to present proposed amendments and receive feedback. No recommendation to approve or deny the Town-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment will be made at this meeting. You can attend the meeting online or in person.

Meeting date: April 20, 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 subject to Zoning By-law 2014-014.

Applicant: Town-initiated

File No.: 42.25.23

Ward No.: 1 to 7

Planner: Catherine Buckerfield, Senior Planner

Email: catherine.buckerfield@oakville.ca

Phone: 905-845-6601 ext. 2084

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

What is proposed?

The Town is proposing new and revised regulations related to properties zoned “Residential Low” (RL) under Zoning By-law 2014-014, as amended.

The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to modify and introduce regulations and make various amendments to clarify and simplify zoning regulations to make them easier to understand and apply, reduce the number of Residential Low zones, apply more equitable practices and improve livability.

The effect of the proposed amendment would make changes to various parts of Zoning By-law 2014-014, as amended, including:

- Part 1, Administration
- Part 2, Establishment of Zones
- Part 3, Definitions
- Part 4, General Provisions
- Part 5, Parking, Loading and Stacking Lane Provisions
- Part 6, Residential Zones
- Part 15, Special Provisions
- Part 19, Maps

Proposed updates which include changes to regulations such as:

- general amendments that are housekeeping in nature, and bring about clarity such as the introduction of table identifiers and reorganization of information, clarification of definitions and regulations;
- update transition provisions;
- streamlining and consolidation of zones resulting in updates to minimum lot frontages and areas including related changes to regulations such as minimum yards, residential floor area and lot coverage and symbol change from “RL” to “R”;
- related updates to mapping;
- updates to requirements for side yards, window wells, lot coverage, garage area and residential floor area;

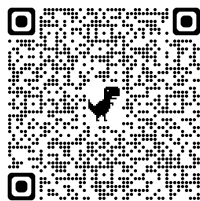
- introduction of height requirements based on roof slope, driveway setbacks, soft landscaping requirements and minimum yards for additional residential units;
- change the “-0” Suffix Zone to an Overlay and removal of some requirements such as main wall proportionality and other changes such as replacing the term “prohibited” with not “permitted” for balconies and residential floor area above the second storey within the “-0” Overlay areas.
- Updates to special provisions for Heritage Conservation Districts and introduction of a special provision for the Trafalgar Road Heritage Conservation District.

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 “South Oakville Residential Zoning By-law 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 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

Watch the public meeting online:

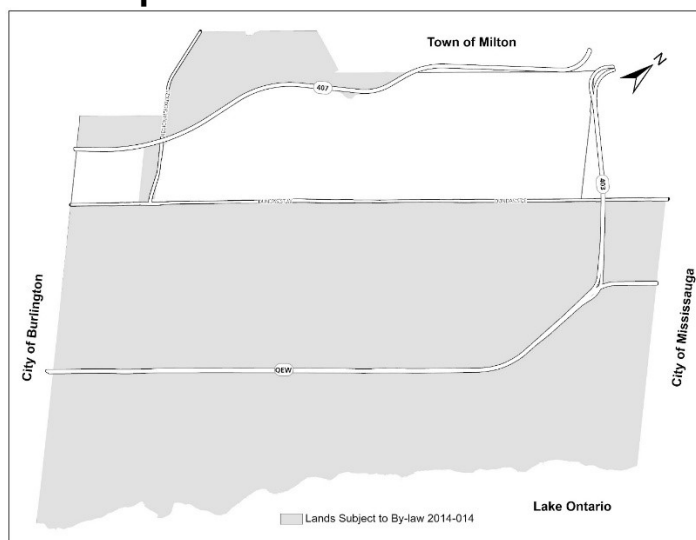
To watch the meeting live, or to view a previously recorded meeting, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/TownofOakvilleTV>.

You must attend in person to speak at the meeting.

Find more information

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

Site map:



Related applications:

Currently there are various *Planning Act* applications across the subject lands. Additional information is found on the Town’s webpage for [Active Development Applications](#) and [Committee of Adjustment](#) applications.

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.

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>.

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 March 31, 2026.

March 31, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0A2



Come for a visit. Stay for a lifestyle.

Via Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

Re: Mayor Crate/Deputy Mayor Metcalf - Proposed Alto High-Speed Rail Corridor – Municipal Position

At its meeting of March 24, 2026, Council considered the Proposed Alto High-Speed Rail Corridor – Municipal Position brought forward by Mayor Crate/Deputy Mayor Metcalf and passed the following motion:

Motion No. THC-260324-30

Moved by Councillor Rob Pope
Seconded by Councillor Daniel Giddings

Whereas the Government of Canada has initiated planning and consultation for the proposed Alto high-speed rail corridor between Toronto and Québec City;

And Whereas preliminary study corridor mapping released by the Alto project indicates that potential route options could pass through the Municipality of Trent Hills;

And Whereas the currently identified study corridor would have significant potential impacts within Trent Hills, including passing through two of the Municipality's three primary urban settlement areas, Campbellford and Hastings, as well as extensive agricultural lands that are central to the local economy;

And Whereas the proposed corridor raises serious concerns regarding impacts to agricultural operations, municipal roads, infrastructure, private property, and established rural and urban communities;

And Whereas there are significant unknown costs to municipalities associated with the proposed corridor, including impacts to municipal infrastructure, service delivery, transportation networks, and emergency response;

And Whereas Trent Hills and residents have not received sufficient detailed information regarding potential local impacts, including land use, environmental effects, municipal infrastructure interfaces, and long-term financial or operational implications;

And Whereas the Municipality of Trent Hills supports responsible transportation infrastructure that strengthens regional connectivity while respecting the needs of local communities;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills formally opposes the currently identified Alto high-speed rail study corridor routes that would pass through the Municipality;


And Further That Council requests that the Government of Canada and the Alto project team remove Trent Hills from the study corridor and pursue alternative routing that avoids impacts to the Municipality's agricultural lands, infrastructure, and settlement areas;

And Further That this resolution be circulated to the Government of Canada, the Alto project team, Philip Lawrence, MP for Northumberland–Peterborough South, Northumberland County, other affected municipalities, and AlderVille First Nation.

Carried.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipality.

Sincerely,



Robert Crate
Mayor



Mike Metcalf
Deputy Mayor

CC: Alto Project Team
Philip Lawrence, MP for Northumberland-Peterborough South
Northumberland County
AlderVille First Nation