



Council Information Package

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April 22, 2026

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to update you on amendments to Ontario Regulation 584/06 under the *Municipal Act, 2001* (MA) and O. Reg 595/06 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (COTA) that were filed on April 17, 2026. These changes come into force on July 16, 2026.

As you know, since spring 2024 the province has encouraged municipalities designing stormwater fees and charges to ensure that there are no unintended consequences that would disproportionately impact farmers and greenhouse operators.

In the province's 2025 Fall Economic Statement, our government stressed the importance of the agri-food sector and that protecting Ontario's local agriculture and food industry is essential to ensuring a strong, self-sufficient food supply chain.

Agricultural properties generally have invested in their own stormwater-mitigating measures and have large areas of green space that contribute significantly to stormwater runoff management.

In this respect, the province is making changes to remove the authority for municipalities to impose stormwater fees and charges on portions of properties that are classified in the farm or managed forests property class, if they are not connected to a municipal storm sewer.

As we continue to work together to build up our communities, I look forward to our continued collaboration in investing in key infrastructure projects while making life more affordable for members of the agri-food sector and supporting the viability of their operations. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

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

- c. Municipal Chief Administrative Officer and/or Treasurer
Hon. Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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April 22, 2026

TO: Stakeholder Distribution List

RE: Requirements for waste disposal site service area and fill rate changes

Earlier this week, I wrote to you about proposed amendments to the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) as part of ongoing efforts to modernize the environmental assessment (EA) program.

Today, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks posted a new proposal on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for public comment and invites your feedback.

Ontario is proposing changes to requirements for waste disposal sites. These changes would support more efficient use of existing waste disposal capacity and provide communities with more options to meet their waste disposal needs while maintaining strong environmental protection.

The proposal would allow operators more flexibility to change the area where the waste comes from (the service area) and to change the rate at which they can accept it (the fill rate).

The ministry would continue to review these changes through the Environmental Compliance Approval amendment process, which is expected to reduce the time it takes to make these types of changes.

This proposal would not allow landfill expansions beyond a site's approved size, nor would it change the types of waste a site is authorized to receive. These types of changes would continue to require separate approvals under existing legislation.

More information is available [here](#), and input is being accepted until **June 8, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca. Any comments on the proposal can be submitted through the ERO posting via the link above, or by email to us.

We are committed to keeping you apprised about EA modernization and working with you to build a strong EA program for Ontario. We value your perspectives on the EA program and look forward to your further participation. More information on our other efforts to modernize the EA program can also be found [here](#).

Sincerely,

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Annamaria Cross
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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April 20, 2026

TO: Stakeholder Distribution List

RE: Proposed *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) amendments to improve the comprehensive environmental assessment (EA) process

Today, Ontario introduced the [Protecting Ontario's Workers and Economic Resilience Act, 2026 \(POWER Act\)](#) in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. If made, the changes would support a more efficient comprehensive EA process and make it easier to navigate by removing certain steps while maintaining strong environmental protections and other consultation opportunities.

The proposed legislation would, if passed, amend the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) to make three key changes to the comprehensive EA process:

- Remove the requirement to publish and consult on a Ministry Review
- Remove the opportunity for the public to request a hearing before the Ontario Land Tribunal (Tribunal) while maintaining the Minister's authority to refer an application or matter related to an application to the Tribunal for a hearing and decision on their own initiative
- Remove the requirement for Cabinet approval of the Minister's decision, while providing the Minister discretion to refer an application to Cabinet for a decision

In addition, we also proposed minor updates to improve clarity and flexibility in the EAA.

If the proposed EAA amendments are made, the regulation that sets out deadlines for certain steps in the comprehensive EA process (Ontario Regulation 616/98 (Deadlines)) would be adjusted to align with the changes.

The proposal has been posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for public comment. More information is available [here](#). Input is being accepted until **May 20, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca. Any comments on the proposal can be submitted through the ERO posting via the link above, or by email to us.

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Moved by: Joseph Cybulskie
Seconded by: Shelley Maika

06-RC-21 Apr 2026
21 April 2026

BE IT RESOLVED

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley supports the Resolution of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

WHEREAS arable land is a critical and finite resource and;

WHEREAS Ontario loses as much as 319 acres off 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 Madawaska Valley support Bill21, Protect Our FoodAct,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 Billy Denault, Senator Rob Flack, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario

X CARRIED

Suzanne Klatt

Suzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk

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Moved by: Shelley Maika
Seconded by: Linda Neuman

08-RC-21 Apr 2026
21 April 2026

BE IT RESOLVED

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley supports the Resolution of the Township of Oro-Medonte

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley supports the resolution from Township of Oro-Medonte regarding the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and their request for Provincial Legislation Amendments to strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors and;

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to: The Premier of Ontario, Michael Kerzner - Solicitor General of Ontario, Jill Dunlop - Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Rob Flack - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Prabmeet Sakaria - Minister of Transportation, MPP Billy Denault, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) , Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS) , Ontario municipalities

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Suzanne Klatt

Suzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk

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April 1, 2026

Northern Ontario Municipalities

****Sent Via Email****

Re: Special Economic Zone

Dear Northern Ontario Municipalities,

The following resolution was ratified by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on March 31, 2026:

WHEREAS Canada's economic security and modern defence capabilities depend on resilient supply chains, energy security, and reliable access to critical minerals;

AND WHEREAS Greater Sudbury is one of Canada's most important critical mineral hubs, producing and refining nickel, copper, and other critical minerals essential to national and provincial priorities;

AND WHEREAS these minerals support industries across Canada and among our allies, making Greater Sudbury a strategic centre in the global competition for critical resources;

AND WHEREAS mining activity in Greater Sudbury is rapidly expanding, with the number of mines within municipal boundaries expected to grow from nine to fifteen within five years;

AND WHEREAS the City maintains extensive infrastructure, including more than 3,600 kilometres of roads and major water and wastewater systems across a land mass comparable to Prince Edward Island, supporting both residents and a multi billion dollar industrial ecosystem;

AND WHEREAS the current municipal funding model does not reflect the scale of responsibility borne by Greater Sudbury, resulting in an unsustainable burden on local taxpayers despite the city generating nearly one third of Northern Ontario's GDP;

AND WHEREAS most mining related revenues flow to provincial and federal governments, with only a small portion reinvested in the community that enables this economic activity;

AND WHEREAS a Special Economic Zone designation would ensure that more of the wealth generated in Greater Sudbury is reinvested locally in infrastructure, housing, workforce development, and social services, with significant returns on this investment for both our communities and our government partners;

AND WHEREAS Greater Sudbury has strong partnerships with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Wahnapiatae First Nation, and enhanced fiscal capacity would support continued collaboration and shared prosperity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury formally request that the Government of Ontario designate Greater Sudbury as a Special Economic Zone;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council request the Government of Canada recognize Greater Sudbury as a region of national strategic importance and work with the province of Ontario to implement complementary federal measures;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be shared with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Wahnapiatae First Nation, FONOM, AMO, and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their support.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter conveying Council's support for these measures be sent to:

- Gimaa Craig Noochtai, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
- Chief Larry Roque, Wahnapiatae First Nations
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- All Northern Ontario municipalities

Yours truly,

Brigitte Sobush
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

c. Members of City Council

April 22, 2026

Sent via Email: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, Heads of Council and Municipal Clerks, Ontario Municipalities

Re: Resolution - Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic

Please be advised that at its meeting held on April 13, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara passed the following resolution declaring intimate partner violence as an epidemic and requesting action from municipalities and the Province of Ontario.

Council respectfully shares the resolution below for your consideration and support.

Resolution Number CR.103.2026

Moved by Dana Tuju
Seconded by Keith Bell

WHEREAS statistics report that more than 4 in 10 Canadian women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and 1 in 10 experience it almost daily;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have determined that in 2024 there was an 18% increase in intimate partner violence victims compared to the previous year;

AND WHEREAS North Simcoe Victim Services has had an increase in calls of 64% in the past two years;

AND WHEREAS Green Haven Women's Shelter, which serves the Township of Ramara, received more than 1,025 crisis calls in the past year;

AND WHEREAS studies note that the risk of intimate partner violence is 75% higher in rural communities, like the Township of Ramara;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara declares intimate partner violence as an epidemic;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ramara request support from other municipalities to declare intimate partner violence an epidemic, if they have not already done so;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ramara requests the Province of Ontario to declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Nate Harrington

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United Counties of
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry

RESOLUTION

MOVED BY Councillor Guindon

RESOLUTION NO 2026-69

SECONDED BY Councillor St. Pierre

DATE April 20, 2026

WHEREAS housing affordability remains a critical issue in Ontario and across Canada, with the national average home sale price at approximately \$675,000, making homeownership increasingly difficult for first-time buyers; and

WHEREAS under the current Ontario *Land Transfer Tax* regime, first-time home buyers may receive a rebate of up to \$4,000 toward provincial land transfer tax, which fully offsets the tax only on homes valued up to approximately \$368,000, a level substantially below the current average home price; and

WHEREAS at a home purchase price of \$675,000, the provincial land transfer tax before any rebate can exceed \$8,000, meaning that even with the current maximum \$4,000 rebate first-time buyers must pay a significant tax burden at closing that undermines housing affordability; and

WHEREAS the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry acknowledges and applauds recent efforts by the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to improve housing affordability, including measures to reduce or rebate GST/HST on new housing construction and purchases; and

WHEREAS the majority of first-time homebuyers in Ontario purchase resale homes rather than newly constructed units; and

WHEREAS the vast majority of residential real estate transactions in Ontario, including both resale and new homes, are subject to provincial Land Transfer Tax, meaning that enhancements to the Land Transfer Tax rebate would provide broader and more immediate financial relief to first-time homebuyers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry formally requests that the Province of Ontario consider amending the *Land Transfer Tax Act* to:

1. Increase the value threshold at which the first-time home buyer rebate fully offsets provincial Land Transfer Tax to a level that reflects current housing market realities (for example, to no less than \$675,000, aligning with the 2025 national average home price); and

2. Increase the maximum rebate amount available to first time home buyers accordingly (such as to a minimum of \$8,000, or a proportional figure tied to the new threshold) to meaningfully reduce upfront tax costs for first-time purchasers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such amendments be designed to enhance housing affordability and access to homeownership for first-time buyers in urban, suburban, and rural communities alike; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for consideration and advocacy.

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Recorded Vote:	
Councillor Bergeron	_____
Councillor Broad	_____
Councillor Densham	_____
Councillor Fraser	_____
Councillor Guindon	_____
Councillor Lang	_____
Councillor MacDonald	_____
Councillor McDonald	_____
Councillor McGillis	_____
Councillor St. Pierre	_____
Councillor Williams	_____
Warden Landry	_____





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Resolution # RC26077	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—including roads, bridges, 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, material, 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 Municipality of Wawa 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 Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa 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.

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- 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.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to five percent (5%) 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 Municipality of Wawa supports the April 15, 2026 resolution of the Township of Shuniah regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Table with 4 columns: RESOLUTION RESULT, RECORDED VOTE, YES, NO. Rows include CARRIED, DEFEATED, TABLED, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and WITHDRAWN.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

Table with 2 columns: MAYOR - MELANIE PILON, CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL. Contains handwritten signatures of the Mayor and Clerk.