



Council Information Package

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Date: May 1, 2026

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SUBJECT: Enforcement Protocol – Election Signs
TO: Council Information Package
FROM: Development and Growth Management
By-law Compliance

Report Number: DGM-37-26

Wards Affected: All

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

CIP Date: 5/1/2026

This memo clarifies election sign enforcement following the decision in [Charles Frederick Armstrong v. The Township of Russell](#) (2025 ONSC 3790), which found that the Township's restrictions on election sign placement infringed freedom of expression under Section 2(b) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

The City of Burlington's *Election Sign By-law* (12-2022) and *Signs and Advertising By-law* (34-2007) are being reviewed for compliance.

Since 2018, staff have prioritized education, recognizing that candidates rely on volunteers for sign placement and that most violations result from vandalism rather than deliberate non-compliance. Signs placed on City property are typically removed by staff and held at City Hall for free pickup.

In the interim, staff will be continuing current enforcement practices which emphasize education and reasonableness, and will no longer remove signs on municipal road allowances provided they are not attached to objects or trees, do not pose safety risks, and are in good condition. Signs must still comply with timing requirements (no more than 45 days before and 4 days after an election). Signs on other City property, such as parks, will continue to be removed.

Appendix A outlines the Election Sign Rules to be distributed to candidates.

Election sign enforcement requests remain low relative to sign volume. Across seven elections since 2018 (includes municipal, provincial, and federal elections), there have been 137 requests (an average of 19.5 per election), nearly all concerning signs on City property. One case involved repeated placement on private property without consent.

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Attachments:

A. 2026 Election Sign Rules (for inclusion in Candidate Packages)

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.

Election Sign Enforcement**2026 Municipal Election**

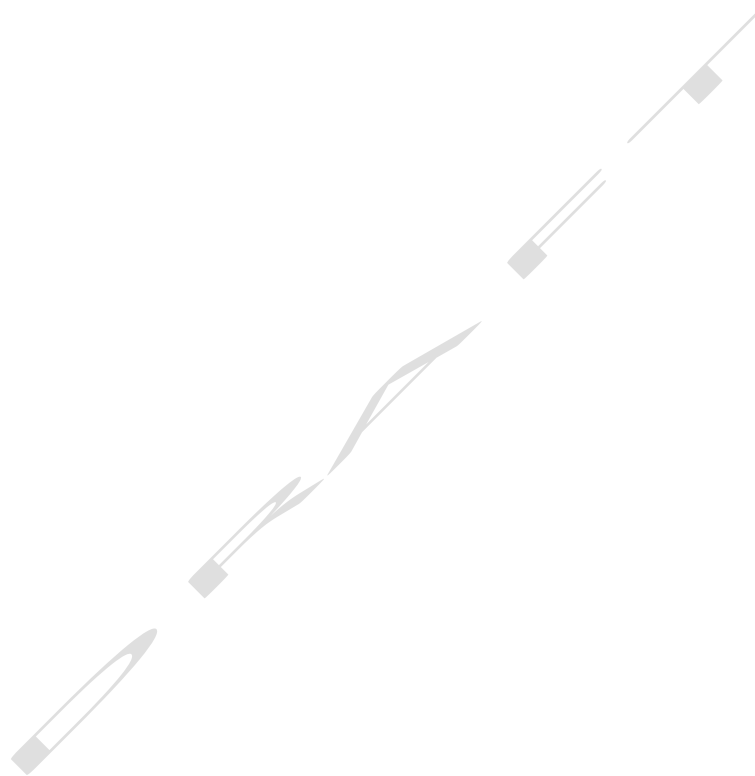
The City of Burlington's *Sign By-law 34-2007* and *Election Sign By-law 12-2022* both apply to election signs. Recognizing that section 2(b) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* protects the expression of ideas and applies to election signs, their display is permitted. However, enforcement under the By-laws, which includes removing a sign and/or laying a charge, may occur if:

- an election sign is displayed on private property without the consent of the owner of the private property.
- an election sign is displayed on City property other than road allowance, for example, in a park.
- an election sign is displayed on the road allowance anywhere other than on the boulevard, that is the election sign is displayed on the sidewalk, the travelled portion of the road allowance or the median.
- an election sign is displayed on any property and:
 - o is erected more than 45 days before election day.
 - o is not removed more than four days after election day.
 - o is in a state of disrepair so as to be unsafe or unsightly.
 - o is painted on, attached to, or supported by a tree.
 - o is painted on, attached to, or supported by a utility pole, traffic control device or other object on the road allowance.
 - o incorporates the City's logo or the City's municipal election logo.
 - o incorporates flashing lights or rotating parts.
 - o is similar to any traffic control device.
 - o interferes with the passage of pedestrians where they are reasonably expected to walk.
 - o interferes with the safe operation of vehicular traffic or the safety of pedestrians, including interferes with the visibility of any traffic control device.
 - o obstructs City maintenance operations.
 - o obstructs the parking of vehicles on road allowance, other City property or private property.
 - o obstructs anything related to fire prevention or protection including but not limited to a fire escape, fire exit door, fire hydrant, or fire route.

Appendix A Election Sign Rules

In addition, no election sign can be displayed on a property where a voting place is located while voting is occurring.

If you have any questions, please contact bylaw@burlington.ca or at 905-335-7731 (menu option #4).





OFFICE of the MAYOR
CITY of BURLINGTON

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance
minister.fin@ontario.ca

Honourable Graham McGregor
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
graham.mcgregor@ontario.ca

Re: Proposal for \$10 Million Heritage Helping Housing Grant Program

April 24, 2026

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Bethlenfalvy and Minister McGregor,

I'm writing to ask for your support in strengthening how Ontario helps municipalities preserve and reuse historic buildings—an approach that delivers real results for housing, sustainability, and complete communities, while also preserving built heritage

Reusing existing buildings isn't just about heritage—it's a practical, cost-effective way to build smarter. It reduces pressure on infrastructure, avoids unnecessary expansion of servicing, and keeps valuable materials out of landfills. Just as importantly, it protects the character of our communities, which supports tourism, local businesses, and a strong sense of place.

This is a made-in-Ontario opportunity to align heritage conservation with our shared goal of increasing housing supply.

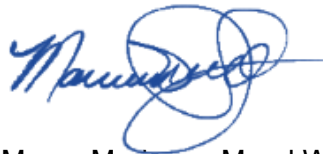
That's why Burlington City Council has endorsed a proposal from the Architectural Conservancy Ontario to create a new, application-based Heritage Helping Housing Grant Program. At our April 21, 2026 Council meeting, we supported the inclusion of \$10 million in the 2026 provincial budget—and annually thereafter—to make this program a reality.

This program would provide a straightforward financial incentive for property owners and developers to adapt and reuse heritage buildings for housing. It also offers an additional tool on top of the current heritage tax relief program, which reduces municipal revenue. In built-out communities like Burlington, where land is limited, this kind of program is essential to unlocking new housing opportunities within our existing footprint.

We all share the goal of building more housing, faster—and doing it in a way that’s sustainable and fiscally responsible. Providing additional incentives aligned with the outcomes we’re all working toward is a practical step that helps us get there.

The City of Burlington remains committed to working collaboratively with the Province to build our way out of this housing crisis through practical tools and policy choices. I look forward to discussing how we can move this initiative forward to benefit all Ontarians.

Sincerely,



Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
City of Burlington



- c: Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Housing
- Honourable Zee Hamid, M.P.P. Milton
- Natalie Pierre, M.P.P. Burlington
- Effie Triantafilopoulos, M.P.P. Oakville-North Burlington



OFFICE of the MAYOR
CITY of BURLINGTON

The Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

April 27, 2026

Dear Minister Flack,

On behalf of Burlington City Council, I am writing to request your consideration of provincial facilitation through the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator in relation to the lands municipally known as 1200 King Road in Burlington.

The site is approximately 47 hectares and is located adjacent to Aldershot GO Station. Given its size, location, and surrounding infrastructure context, it presents a complex land use and infrastructure file involving multiple interests, constraints, and agencies.

The City's request is not intended to endorse a specific development concept or predetermined land use outcome. Rather, it is to seek a neutral provincial process that may assist in convening the relevant parties, clarifying outstanding issues, and supporting a more coordinated assessment of potential paths forward.

In the City's view, provincial facilitation may be warranted because this matter engages interests that align with current provincial priorities and responsibilities, including transit-supportive growth, housing supply, infrastructure coordination, and efficient resolution of complex planning matters. Ontario's current planning framework emphasizes increasing housing supply, supporting complete communities, and focusing growth in locations with existing or planned transit and infrastructure.

This file also involves land use and compatibility considerations adjacent to major transportation infrastructure. The site's proximity to the CN rail corridor, the Aldershot Rail Yard, and Metrolinx infrastructure gives rise to technical, operational, and land use matters that extend beyond municipal authority alone and require coordination across multiple parties.

The Province has also identified transit-oriented communities as an important mechanism to increase access to housing and jobs near GO and other higher-order transit stations. In that context, a structured provincial role may help support alignment where land use, infrastructure, and agency interests intersect.

We understand the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator may be called upon to assist with complex matters through impartial mediation, facilitation, and negotiation, including files involving growth management, land use and infrastructure planning, environmental considerations related to land and development, and provincial land, assets, or interests.

While discussions between relevant stakeholders have occurred to date, there remain issues that would benefit from broader coordination and an impartial forum. The City believes provincial facilitation could assist in bringing together the relevant parties, clarifying matters in dispute or requiring technical resolution, and determining whether there is a viable and coordinated path forward consistent with applicable provincial and municipal requirements.

For these reasons, Burlington City Council respectfully requests that you consider whether this matter would be appropriate for facilitation through the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
City of Burlington



cc: Karina Gould, M.P. Burlington
Natalie Pierre, M.P.P. Burlington



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

April 24, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario),
Honourable Trevor Jones (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness),
Honourable Todd McCarthy (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks),
Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing),
Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade),
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills
Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South),
Ontario Federation of Agriculture,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
All Municipalities in Ontario

Re: Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

At a meeting held on April 15, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved the following Resolution # 2026-04-15-251 adopting the below recommendation from the April 1, 2026 Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Olena Hankivksy

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee receive the correspondence from Township of North Dumfries regarding 'Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025', for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council support the correspondence."

Council Resolution # 2026-04-15-251

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at bennett@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,



Tonia Bennett
Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hankivsky

Agenda Resolution Number
Item 10.a 2026-04-15- 251

Seconded By J. Logel

Council Date: April 15, 2026

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 30, 31 and April 1, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Social Services Committee, Item 9.a, 310 Division Street Community Liaison Committee Meeting - Minutes – Held by Councillor Cleveland; and

Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried  _____
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Economic Development, Tourism, & Land Use Planning Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: April 1, 2026

Agenda Item: 7.b

Resolution Number: 2026-04-01- 241

Moved by: Cate

Seconded by: Osbander

Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2026

"**That** the Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee receive the correspondence from Township of North Dumfries regarding 'Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025', for information and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council ~~receive~~ ^{support} the correspondence ~~for information.~~"

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature



—The TOWNSHIP of—
NORTH DUMFRIES

106 Earl Thompson Road, 3rd Floor
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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

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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

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



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

April 24, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario),
Honourable Todd McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks),
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
Circular Materials Ontario,
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Regional Municipality of York
'Circular Materials Ontario'**

At a meeting held on April 15, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved the following Resolution # 2026-04-15-251 adopting the below recommendation from the March 30, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee receive the correspondence from the Regional Municipality of York regarding 'Circular Materials Ontario', for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council:

- Support the correspondence and call upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) and its contractors provide fair, consistent and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario; and
- Request the province to establish, enforce and publicly report on consistent province wide standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times and contractor performance; and

- Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable, Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Todd J., McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Circular Materials Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2026-04-15-251

Carried

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Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: March 30, 2026

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2026-03-30- 224

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: B. Crato

Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2026

"That the Public Works Committee receive the correspondence from the Regional Municipality of York regarding 'Circular Materials Ontario', for information; and

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- Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable, Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Todd J., McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Circular Materials Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Circular Materials Ontario
Date: March 6, 2026 8:12:57 AM

You don't often get email from regional.clerk@york.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

CAUTION: External E-Mail

On February 26, 2026 Regional Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Province of Ontario has implemented the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, transferring responsibility for municipal recycling to producer responsibility organizations and their contractors, including Circular Materials Ontario;

And Whereas Circular Materials Ontario has engaged multiple private collection contractors to deliver recycling services to municipalities across Ontario, including those within the Regional Municipality of York;

And Whereas municipalities throughout Ontario are experiencing inconsistent recycling collection service levels under the new EPR model, including differences in collection frequency, missed collections, accepted materials, cart provision, contamination management, customer service response times, and contractor accountability;

And Whereas residents in some municipalities are receiving reduced or inferior recycling collection services compared to others, despite participating in the same provincial Blue Box program;

And Whereas these service level inequities have resulted in increased resident complaints, confusion, reduced participation in recycling programs, and declining public confidence in Ontario's recycling system;

And Whereas upper- and lower-tier municipalities, including York Region, no longer have direct operational control over Blue Box recycling collection, yet continue to experience the impacts of service disruptions and resident dissatisfaction;

And Whereas the intent of Extended Producer Responsibility was to improve environmental outcomes, efficiency, and accountability, not to create unequal treatment of Ontario residents based on municipal boundaries;

And Whereas access to reliable and effective recycling collection is an essential public service and should be fair, consistent, and equitable for all residents of Ontario, regardless of where they live;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of The Regional Municipality of York calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario and its contractors provide fair, consistent, and equitable

recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario;

And That the Province be requested to establish, enforce, and publicly report on consistent province-wide service standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed-collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times, and contractor performance;

And That the Province require Circular Materials Ontario to promptly address collection service level inequities and performance gaps between municipalities, including those impacting York Region;

And That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
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Peterborough, Ontario
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April 24, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario;
MP Emma Harrison;
Paul Thompson, Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Rob Wright, Deputy Minister of Labour and Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Cliff Groen, Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
MPP Dave Smith;
Daniele Zanotti, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services;
Cordelia Clarke Julien, Assistant Deputy Minister Social Assistance Program Branch;
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and
All Ontario Municipalities

Subject: Guaranteed Basic Income Resolution

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 30, 2026, is forwarded for your consideration.

WHEREAS:

- 1. Poverty and income insecurity continue to negatively impact the health and well-being of residents in Peterborough and across Ontario;**
- 2. Municipal governments bear significant costs from the downstream effects of poverty, including increased demand for social services, emergency shelters, and community programs;**
- 3. Evidence from the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (2017–2019) and comparable programs demonstrated meaningful improvements in health, housing stability, and food security among participants;**



City of
Peterborough

4. A Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) requires collaboration between the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to design, fund, and implement effectively; and
5. Municipalities, as the order of government closest to residents, are well-positioned to advocate for income security policies that reflect local needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council urges the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to collaborate on the design, funding, and implementation of a Guaranteed Basic Income for all Canadian residents;
2. Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to reinstate a basic income pilot with a view to province-wide implementation; and
3. The Clerk be directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, our local MPP and MP, relevant federal and provincial Ministers, AMO and FCM, and to share it with all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kennedy".

John Kennedy
City Clerk

April 24, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
minister.mah@ontario.ca

Re: Strengthening Provincial Sanctions for Coercive or Politically Motivated Misuse of Office by Municipal Councillors

Please be advised that at its meeting held on April 20, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 92-26:

Whereas municipal councillors in Ontario hold statutory authority that can significantly influence matters such as land use planning, development approvals, and other decisions that directly affect individual property rights;

Whereas the concentration of such authority creates the *potential* for misuse, including situations in which councillors could attempt to leverage their influence over planning or regulatory processes to obtain political advantage or other personal benefit;

Whereas the Municipal Act, 2001 and municipal Codes of Conduct establish ethical expectations for members of council, but the current enforcement framework provides only limited sanctions—primarily reprimands, apologies, or temporary suspension of remuneration—through Integrity Commissioner processes;

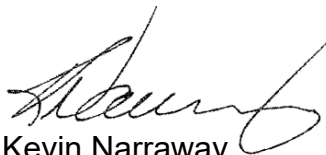
Whereas the existing framework does not provide adequate remedies in circumstances where conduct may involve coercion, intimidation, or attempts to secure political benefit through the misuse of office, nor does it provide mechanisms for disqualification from office in cases of serious misconduct; and,

Whereas maintaining public trust in municipal governance requires that elected officials be held to clear and enforceable standards, particularly in situations where their statutory authority over planning and property matters could be used, or perceived to be used, inappropriately;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That Council formally request that the Province of Ontario undertake amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001 and related statutes to strengthen the accountability framework for municipal elected officials, including:
 - The creation of enhanced sanctions for serious ethical breaches involving coercion, intimidation, or the misuse of office for political or personal advantage;
 - The establishment of a provincial investigative and adjudicative mechanism, independent of local Integrity Commissioners, to address allegations of conduct that may constitute abuse of power;
 - The authority for such a mechanism to impose stronger penalties, including temporary or permanent disqualification from holding municipal office, where findings of serious misconduct are made; and,
 - Clear statutory guidance on the interaction between municipal Codes of Conduct, Integrity Commissioner processes, and criminal law, ensuring that municipalities and the public understand the appropriate pathways for addressing conduct that may cross legal thresholds.
2. That this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities within the Greater Toronto Area.

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 Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

March 23, 2026

Via Email: mtruelove@rideaulakes.ca

Rideau Lakes
1439 County Road 8
Delta, Ontario K0E 1G0

Dear Mayor Arie Hoogenboom:

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

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan at its meeting on March 16th, 2026, passed the following resolution:

R67-2026

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

That Council hereby supports the letter to Senator from Rideau Lakes regarding concerns with the Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget), as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to all parties listed on the original correspondence.

CARRIED.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Prime Minister of Canada
MP Emma Harrison
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

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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
mayor@rideaulakes.ca
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

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 4.4.1.
Resolution Number 2026-074
Title: Correspondence - Otonabee-South Monaghan - Resolution Rideau Lakes Concerns re Alto High Speed Rail Project (BillC-15 Budget)
Date: April 15, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution Number R67-2026 passed on March 16, 2026 by the Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding the Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget); AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada; all Member of Parliament; all Provincial Cabinet Ministers; our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

April 28, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Call for Continued Election of the Regional Chair

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday April 20, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0062 regarding Call for Continued Election of the Regional Chair.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0062.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Leaders of the Provincial Opposition Parties
Halton MPPs
Halton Region
Town of Milton
Town of Oakville
City of Burlington
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO)



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0062
Title: Call for Continued Election of the Regional Chair
Date: April 20, 2026
Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville
Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

Item No. 4.8

WHEREAS the Halton Regional Chair has been directly elected by residents of Halton Region since 2000;

AND WHEREAS the election of the Regional Chair has provided an important element of democratic accountability in Halton and a public mandate for the position;

AND WHEREAS on April 2, 2026, the Provincial Government introduced Bill 100, the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026, which would allow the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint Regional Chairs in Durham, Halton, Muskoka, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo, York and the Ward in the County of Simcoe;

AND WHEREAS in connection with the introduction of Bill 100, the Provincial Government indicated it intends to provide such appointed Chairs with "Strong Chair" powers akin to the existing "Strong Mayor Powers" provided for in the Municipal Act, 2001 following the 2026 municipal election;

AND WHEREAS providing "Strong Chair" powers to Provincial appointees shifts regional decision-making to individuals not chosen by local voters and weakens democratic accountability;

AND WHEREAS under the direction of the Provincial Government, the Halton community moved to elections for the position of Regional Chair, which is a democratic process that has been in place for 26 years;

AND WHEREAS Halton Region has continued to be an effective, efficient and well-managed upper-tier municipal government which has consistently maintained a AAA/Aaa credit rating, supported significant growth as one of the fastest growing communities in Canada, and provided high-quality and fiscally responsible programs and services;

AND WHEREAS Halton Region has continued to work collaboratively with the Provincial Government to deliver on shared priorities including housing and infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the next municipal election for the 2026-2030 term of council will take place on October 26, 2026, and the term of office for the next Regional Chair and Council begins on November 15, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills supports the Region of Halton's resolution from the April 15, 2026 Council meeting to reaffirm its preference for the continued direct election of the Regional Chair, ensuring that the Chair remains accountable to the people and reflects their interests;

AND FURTHER THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills supports the Region of Halton's ongoing commitment to collaborate with the Province and governance practices that support collaborative decision-making and accountable leadership;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the leaders of the Provincial Opposition parties, Halton MPPs, Halton Region, Halton's Local Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO).



Mayor Ann Lawlor

April 28, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Protecting Students – School Bus Stop-Arm Camera

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday April 20, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0070 regarding Protecting Students – School Bus Stop-Arm Camera.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0070.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Joseph Racinsky, MPP Wellington – Halton Hills
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Halton District School Board
Halton Catholic District School Board
Conseil scolaire Viamonde
Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir
All Ontario municipalites



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0070
Title: Protecting Students – School Bus Stop-Arm Camera
Date: April 20, 2026
Moved by: Councillor J. Brass
Seconded by: Councillor M. Kindbom

Item No. 12.1

WHEREAS the safety of children travelling to and from school is a fundamental priority for the Town of Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS illegal passing of stopped school buses continues to occur in Ontario, placing children at serious and preventable risk;

AND WHEREAS stop-arm camera systems improve driver compliance, support enforcement, and enhance accountability through reliable video evidence;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills has consistently advocated for stronger school bus safety measures, including Council support in 2017 for a pilot initiative with Halton Regional Police to collect data on stop-arm violations, a March 25, 2019 resolution supporting the continued placement of school bus cameras, and a July 10, 2023 resolution, calling for provincial action to require stop-arm cameras on school buses and fund their implementation;

AND WHEREAS despite this longstanding advocacy, illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a persistent safety concern, demonstrating the need for stronger and more consistent province-wide action;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and school boards require modern enforcement tools, clear provincial rules, and equitable access to safety technology in order to protect students in communities of all sizes;

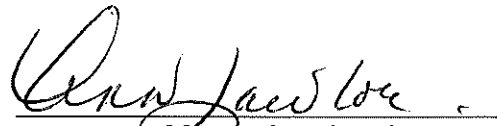
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Halton Hills reaffirms its longstanding support for enhanced school bus safety measures, including stop-arm camera systems;

AND FURTHER THAT Council reiterates and strengthens its previous requests to the Province of Ontario to take decisive action on this matter;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to:

- a. mandate the installation of stop-arm camera systems on all school buses operating in Ontario;
- b. provide full or substantial funding support, together with a standardized provincial implementation framework, to enable municipalities and school boards to deploy this technology effectively and consistently; and
- c. fully implement and standardize enforcement mechanisms, including the administrative monetary penalty framework and related regulations, to support compliance and effective enforcement across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, MPP Joseph Racinsky, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, local school boards, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



OAKVILLE



Complete Application and Statutory Public Meeting for a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

Meeting information

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

Meeting date: Tuesday, May 19, 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: 580 Burloak Drive. Located west of Burloak Drive, at the intersection of Michigan Drive and Great Lakes Boulevard. (See the site map on next page).

Applicant: Theeb Investments Inc.

File No.: Z.1635.11

Ward No.: 1

Planner on file: Riley McKnight

Email: riley.mcknight@oakville.ca

Phone: 905-845-6601 ext. 2919

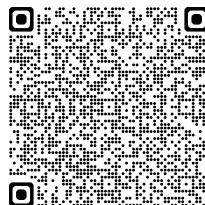
Address: 1225 Trafalgar Rd, Oakville, ON L6H 0H3

What is proposed?

The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to rezone the lands from 'Business Employment' to 'Business Commercial' and establish a site specific exception to modify the minimum lot area.

The effect of the application is to permit the development of the lands with two, two-storey commercial buildings connected at the second storey by a pedestrian bridge.

Search "Z.1635.11" on oakville.ca for more information on the project webpage or scan this QR code:



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](https://www.oakville.ca) by searching the file number or visiting "Agendas & Meetings" the Friday before the meeting.

Review the supporting material:

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

Provide written comments:

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

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

All speakers have 10 minutes to present.

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

Watch the public meeting online:

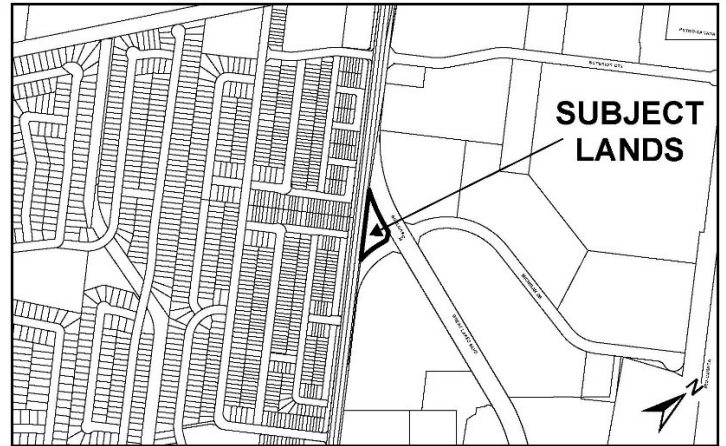
To watch the meeting live, or to view a previously recorded meeting, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TownofOakvilleTV>.

You must attend in person to speak at the meeting.

Find more information

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

Site map:



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 zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submission to Town of Oakville Council before the proposed zoning by-law amendment, 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 April 28, 2026.

April 28, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday April 20, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0071 regarding Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0071.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- cc. The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Region of Halton MPPs
Region of Halton
City of Burlington
Town of Milton
Town of Oakville
All Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0071
Title: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework
Date: April 20, 2026
Moved by: Councillor J. Brass
Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS municipalities, including the Town of Halton Hills, play a critical role in delivering essential services and infrastructure that support growing and evolving communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are increasingly contributing to areas that intersect with provincial responsibilities, such as housing, social services, and certain capital obligations, placing additional pressure on property tax-based revenue systems;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenue tools, particularly property taxes, are limited in their ability to keep pace with growth, inflation, and the expanding expectations placed on local governments;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills continues to invest in critical infrastructure, including roads, water, stormwater, emergency services, and recreation, to support both existing residents and future growth;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have identified opportunities to better align municipal funding tools with the realities of modern service delivery and growth pressures;

AND WHEREAS ensuring long-term financial sustainability for municipalities is essential to maintaining service levels, supporting housing targets, and protecting affordability for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Halton Hills respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, in collaboration with AMO, FCM and other municipal partners, undertake a comprehensive review of the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, with a view to strengthening long-term sustainability and alignment of responsibilities;

AND FURTHER THAT this review considers opportunities to:

- better align funding responsibilities with service delivery expectations;
- explore sustainable, growth-related revenue tools that reflect the demands placed on municipalities; and
- support a funding framework that enables municipalities to accommodate growth while protecting affordability for residents;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to continue working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that funding frameworks become responsive to community needs and evolving growth pressures;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; The Region of Halton MPP's and MP's; Halton area Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: April 29, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 168

Moved By: Margaret Ann MacPhail **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

WHEREAS municipal workers and contractors play a critical role in maintaining essential infrastructure and ensuring public safety, particularly during significant weather events;

AND WHEREAS there has been a documented increase in incidents involving harassment, threats, and dangerous interference with municipal workers across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) has formally requested provincial legislative amendments to strengthen protections for these workers;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Oro-Medonte has passed a resolution supporting these requests, which has been endorsed by other municipalities including the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the AORS request for provincial legislation amendments to enhance protections for municipal workers and contractors;

AND THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to:

- Implement stronger legislative measures addressing interference with municipal workers;
- Enhance protections during declared Significant Weather Events;
- Improve enforcement and coordination with police services;



Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini
14th Floor, 400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

Walid Abou-Hamde, Ontario Road Builders' Association Chief Executive Officer

March 23, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL

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

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance
minister.fin@ontario.ca

The Honourable Graham McGregor, MPP
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
graham.mcgregor@pc.ola.org

RE: Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding

At the March 23, 2026, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, the attached motion was passed endorsing the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hailey Leigh-Mossley".

Hailey Leigh-Mossley
Deputy Clerk
Encl.

cc. MPP Lisa Thompson
All Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SAUGEEN SHORES

MOVED BY: C. Grace

RESOLUTION NO: 096-2026

SECONDED BY: M. Myatt

DATE: March 23, 2026

Whereas older buildings have inherent sustainability and provide economic, environmental and social benefits for Ontario communities; and,

Whereas re-use of existing buildings reduces the need for increased infrastructure that accompanies new builds such as sewer and water services, new roads and sidewalks; and,

Whereas re-use of existing building can reduce construction waste and extend the life expectancy of landfills; and,

Whereas keeping older buildings helps a community remain visually richer and enhances identity while building its tourism brand and appeal; and,

Whereas creating a new, application-based, matching grant program of \$10M/year, modelled on an existing Alberta program would incentivize owners and smaller developers to keep, fix and reuse heritage buildings to create new housing; and,

Whereas such a grant program would provide an alternative to the Ontario heritage property tax relief program, which has limited impact on developers and reduces municipal revenues; and,

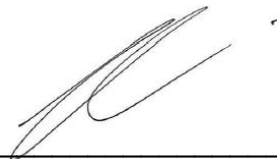
Whereas such a grant program would provide a simpler and more direct way for heritage building owners to fund renovations or conservation; and,

Whereas Ontario developers surveyed by the National Trust for Canada in 2014 ranked a heritage-revolving fund as their top incentive to encourage heritage development if:

- the grants are simple to apply for and to administer; and,
- the fund is large enough to meet at least 33% of the demand so that applicants have a reasonable chance of recovering the cost and effort of applying.

Therefore, be it Resolved That the Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores endorse the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding, and that this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and MPP Lisa Thompson, and be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

- Carried
- Carried, as amended
- Defeated
- Deferred
- Referred
- Tabled
- Withdrawn



Mayor



Municipality of Huron Shores
7 Bridge Street, PO Box 460
Iron Bridge, ON P0R 1H0
Tel: (705) 843-2033 Fax: (705) 843-2035

May 1, 2026

Subject: *Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal for 2026 Provincial Budget*

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #26-08-15 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the resolution of the Town of Saugeen Shores endorsing the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) proposal to include \$10 million per year in the 2026 Provincial Budget for the Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant program;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk
NR/KN

Cc: Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities



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May 1, 2026

Subject: *Tar and Chip*

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #26-08-16 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the request of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider the use of lighter-grade oils for chip-and-tar surface treatment, or develop a suitable alternative, in recognition of the reduced durability and increased maintenance costs experienced by municipalities;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Good Roads, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

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Cc: Ministry of the Environment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Good Roads, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities



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Please see below a Resolution passed by the Council of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

If your Council supports this motion please share with the appropriate Ministries and Organizations.

Thank You

Resolution No. 75-03-2026

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: P. Aelick

Whereas the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, like many municipalities, utilizes chip-and-tar surface treatment on a significant portion of its road network; and

Whereas the Town has observed a substantial decrease in the length of time these treated roads remain in acceptable condition; and

Whereas the quality and durability of the oil used in the surface treatment appears to be a contributing factor; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment amended its regulations several years ago, permitting only lighter-grade oils for environmental considerations; and

Whereas the reduced durability of the lighter-grade product has resulted in more frequent resurfacing cycles and has consequently led to increasing maintenance costs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands respectfully requests that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil, taking into account the increased number of applications required, as well as the associated additional time, energy, and financial burden placed on municipalities or develops a better alternative oil.

And Further that this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, AMO, Good Roads, FONOM, MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all other municipalities.

Carried

Sent by Email

May 1, 2026

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
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Subject: Corr. 06-26
Tracy Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees, Durham District School Board
Re: Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on April 27, 2026 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 06-26, from Tracy Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees, Durham District School Board, dated March 26, 2026, regarding a Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region MP's, Durham Region MPP's, John Henry, Regional Chair, The Regional Municipality of Durham, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), all Ontario Municipalities, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, and all Durham District School Board Trustees.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your information.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: Juanita Nathan, MP Pickering-Brooklin
Jennifer McKelvie, MP Ajax
Ryan Turnbull, MP Whitby
Rhonda Kirkland, MP Oshawa
Jamil Jivani, MP Bowmanville-Oshawa North
Jacob Mantle, MP York-Durham
Hon. Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham
Rob Cerjanec, MPP Ajax
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby
Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
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March 26, 2026

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And

The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
Ministry of Education
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Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca; minister.edu@ontario.ca

Re: Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board, I am writing to request that a province-wide consultation process take place before making any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees.

The potential elimination of trustees is concerning and represents a significant shift in Ontario's education governance. Trustees serve as a longstanding, essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system. Any change of this magnitude should not be considered without seeking input through evidence-based research and meaningful public engagement.

It is essential that communities have an opportunity to fully understand and respond to the implications of a proposal that would remove school board trustees, which may have unintended negative consequences on the communities that we are elected to serve. We understand you have recently heard from a number of other boards across the province, and we strongly agree with the statement from our colleagues at Avon Maitland DSB that *"transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of this proposal is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue."*

Durham Region includes diverse, urban, suburban, and rural communities, all with vastly varying histories and needs. Local representation ensures the unique needs of each of our communities are considered and met. As a Board of Trustees, we are firmly and proudly



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committed to promoting meaningful learning, connected communities, and well-being, being responsive to the priorities of the local community in carrying out our duties and responsibilities.

In parallel to this letter, we are also writing to the Ombudsman's Office to request an immediate review of the potential impacts of removing school board trustees with respect to fairness, openness, transparency, and accountability.

We thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Tracy Brown
Chair, Board of Trustees
Durham District School Board

cc.

Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) for Durham Region
Members of Parliament (MPs) for Durham Region
Regional Chair, Mayors and Council for Durham Region Municipalities
Ontario Public School Boards' Association and Members Board
DDSB Board of Trustees