



Council Information Package

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234-2026-1806

June 1, 2026

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to invite your municipality to apply to the new Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP), beginning June 1, 2026.

This program is part of the historic Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build, announced on March 30, 2026, which would provide up to \$8.8 billion in new infrastructure funding to municipalities that reduce and maintain development charge (DC) reductions. While the program requires DC reductions of at least 30% to 50%, retroactive to March 30, 2026, municipalities are strongly encouraged to be as ambitious as possible in their DC rate reductions to secure as much funding as possible for their communities.

Ontario understands the importance of municipal DCs in funding the infrastructure to support growth. However, rising DCs have become a significant barrier to home building. Housing is stalling in Ontario and will continue to be deeply affected unless all levels of government come together to take collective, strategic action to incent housing development.

This program gives municipalities a unique opportunity to partner with the provincial and federal governments to support new housing. It will help municipalities to fund and build the infrastructure needed for growth, including housing-enabling infrastructure, such as roads, water and wastewater systems, transit and community infrastructure, such as fire and police infrastructure. Municipalities will be required to fund at least 10 per cent of project costs, with greater municipal contributions leading to higher funding eligibility.

Municipalities must also put forward shovel-ready projects from their DC background study and capital plan that are anticipated to start construction no later than July 31, 2030, and be complete by October 31, 2035. Joint applications are also encouraged, but all applicants would be required to meet the immediate and ongoing program requirements.

Together with the temporary enhanced HST relief on new homes, this summer construction season is pivotal to maximizing the impact of this program on unlocking housing. This is why Ontario is moving expeditiously to launch the DCRP with a single intake period from June 1-19, 2026, to commit all funds for the next ten years.

To apply, municipalities must submit a completed application form with required supporting documents via the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system by **10:00 a.m. EST on June 19, 2026**. To get started, access the TPON system by visiting www.Ontario.ca/getfunding. Program guidelines, frequently asked questions, and the application form will be available on the TPON system shortly. In the interim, if you have questions about the program, including application information, I encourage you to email DCRP@ontario.ca.

All Ontario municipalities (single-tier, upper-tier and lower-tier) that have an active DC by-law in place (as of March 30, 2026) are eligible to apply. Municipalities that took action to reduce DCs prior to March 30, 2026, are also encouraged to apply to receive recognition for their efforts in supporting new housing developments.

By continuing to work together to unlock more housing supply, we are creating jobs, supporting economic growth, building more affordable homes faster, and laying the foundation for long-term prosperity across Ontario.

Sincerely,



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

- c. Municipal Chief Administrative Officer
 - Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of Ministry of Infrastructure
 - Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Ministry of Finance
 - Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Aryn Azzopardi, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Infrastructure
 - Blair Hains, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Finance
 - Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division, Municipal Affairs and Housing

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234-2026-1746

June 1, 2026

On May 25, 2026, our government introduced the proposed [Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026](#) (Bill 119). Through this legislation, we are proposing new tools to address zoning by-law contraventions which respond to recommendations and requests from municipal leaders. The proposed *Planning Act* changes, if passed, would enable municipalities to use an administrative monetary penalty (AMP) system for zoning by-law contraventions which relate to land uses that are not permitted.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed changes. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting [026-0558](#) Proposed Planning Act Changes (Schedule 7 of Bill 119 - *Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026*) from May 26, 2026, to June 25, 2026. The government invites you to review the [Environmental Registry of Ontario and Regulatory Registry of Ontario](#) links provided above and share any feedback you may have.

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

I look forward to continued collaboration with you to address these and other important issues facing our communities.

Sincerely,

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

Hon. Robert J. Flack

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Municipal Chief Administrative Officers



The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: Councillor Geary

NO 104-26

SECONDED BY: Councillor Krystoff

DATE: May 19th, 2026

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are required to maintain a police service or detachment board; and

WHEREAS policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of rising costs to implement provincial mandates; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has asserted that the fiscal framework that enables municipalities to provide critical policing and public safety services is broken, and AMO requests an urgent update to the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship; and

WHEREAS double-digit increases in municipal annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) budgets are unsustainable, especially as Ontario municipal police services tackle provincial responsibilities, including mental health, addictions, and homelessness, which place police resources under enormous financial strain; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly attributable to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (the Act); and; and

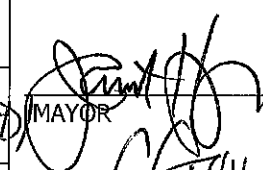
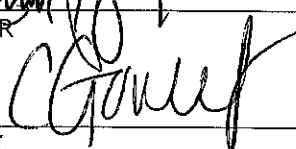
WHEREAS the costs of other measures, such as providing provincial court security, are rising and are not part of providing core, adequate, and effective municipal policing; and

WHEREAS these developments especially negatively impact rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake hereby requests that the Province provide financial assistance to municipalities to offset all additional costs directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Act, not general increases to police budgets; and

FURTHER THAT Council urges the Province of Ontario to expeditiously review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities, so that communities with changing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor-General of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Police Governance Ontario (PGO), and all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement.

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Declaration of Interest (*)	NAME OF COUNCIL MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS		
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	HAGER, Janet				
	KRISTOFF, Jamie				
	MOTA, Fred				
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Friday, May 29, 2026

SENT VIA E-MAIL

RE: Municipal Heritage Register Extension

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on Monday May 25, 2026, approved the following motion:

Whereas amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

Whereas the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027, in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

Whereas many municipalities have been actively engaging in research, documentation, and consultation to ensure that listed cultural heritage resources are adequately evaluated to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

Whereas the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of irreversible alteration or demolition before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and



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Whereas since 2023, the Town of Grimsby has consulted over 200 property owners regarding designation, started the designation process on 63 properties, and completed designation on 49 properties, 47 of which did not go to the Ontario Land Tribunal; and

Whereas the Town of Grimsby values its heritage resources and has also been working with property owners and developers on plans to restore, adapt, and meaningfully incorporate heritage buildings into their upcoming new, large scale rental housing developments. This collaborative work is evidence that protected heritage properties are not obstacles that inherently restrict development, but valuable assets that have the potential to contribute to the betterment of both the site and future of the community; and

Whereas since 2023, the Town of Grimsby has implemented the new heritage property grant program and tax relief incentive program to support the long-term preservation of the Town's invaluable heritage resources. Thus far, 13 heritage property grants and 26 tax relief rebates have been awarded; and

Whereas the Grimsby Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of May 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Grimsby endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to maintain the municipal heritage registers indefinitely, or if more appropriate extend the deadline to January 1, 2030, for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022.

Be it further resolved that the extension of the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe, will provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and



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Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

If you require any other additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC:

Hon. Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association

All Ontario Municipalities



OAKVILLE



Recommendation Meeting for a Proposed Town-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment

Site location: All lands subject to Zoning By-law 2014-014.

Applicant: Town-initiated

File No.: 42.25.23

Ward No.: 1 to 7

Planner: Catherine Buckerfield, Senior Planner

Email: catherine.buckerfield@oakville.ca

Phone: 905-845-6601 ext. 2084

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

Meeting information

You are invited to attend a public meeting under the *Planning Act* to share your comments on the Town-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a recommendation to approve the Town-initiated Zoning Bylaw Amendment. You can attend the meeting online or in person.

Meeting date: Monday, June 15, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber, Town Hall
1225 Trafalgar Road

What is proposed?

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed updates which include changes to regulations such as:

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

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

How to participate/How you can share your views

Read the staff report:

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

To review the submission materials search “South Oakville Residential Zoning By-law Review” on oakville.ca for more information on the project webpage or scan this QR code:



Review the supporting material:

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

Provide written comments:

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

Speak at the public meeting:

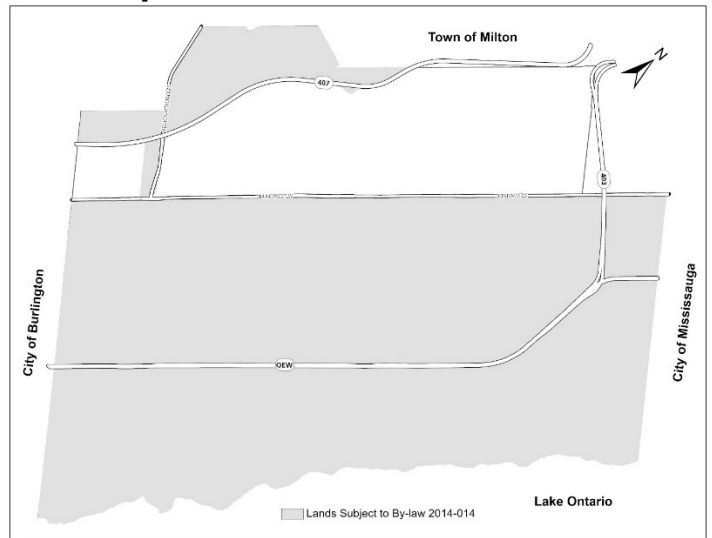
To speak at the public meeting, you must register and share any presentation materials in advance:

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

Find more information

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

Site map:



Related applications:

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

Legal notice

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

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Town of Oakville Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal, but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town Clerk before the proposed zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. Persons who may otherwise have the ability to appeal an adoption of an official plan amendment or passing of a zoning by-law amendment are limited to

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persons listed in subsections 17(24) and 34(19) of the Planning Act, respectively.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submission to Town of Oakville Council before the proposed zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a part to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

For accessibility support, please contact the planner on file one week before the meeting.

This notice was issued on June 1, 2026.



Recommendation Meeting for a Proposed Official Plan Amendment

Meeting information

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

Meeting date: Monday, June 15, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber, Town Hall
1225 Trafalgar Road

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

Site location: Town wide.

Applicant: Town-initiated

File No.: 42.15.70

Ward No.: 1 to 7

Planner on file: Sita Ganesan, Policy Planner

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What is proposed?

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

To review the background materials search "Employment Areas Review" 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 changes. It is made available for review on the town's website at oakville.ca by searching the file number or visiting "[Agendas & Meetings](#)" the Friday before the meeting.

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Related applications:

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

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Provide written comments:

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—The TOWNSHIP of—
NORTH DUMFRIES

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June 1, 2026

Sent via Email: Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities

RE: Resolution – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on May 25, 2026 the Township of North Dumfries Council considered the enclosed resolution received from the Township of Woolwich regarding a Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties and adopted the following resolution:

“THAT the Resolution received from the Township of Woolwich regarding a Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties be received;

WHEREAS amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

WHEREAS municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS many municipalities, including the Township of North Dumfries do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Council of the Township of North Dumfries endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and*
- 2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and*
- 3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.”*

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

Sincerely,



Ashley Good, Clerk
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April 28, 2026

Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
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RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on April 28, 2026:

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering a resolution passed by the Town of Lincoln regarding extending the deadlines for notices of intention to designate listed heritage properties, endorse the resolution:

WHEREAS amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

WHEREAS municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS many municipalities, including the Town of Lincoln, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Town of Lincoln endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and
2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and
3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Should you have any questions, please contact Julia Wushke, by email at jwushke@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

C.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mike Harris, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association
all Ontario municipalities



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June 2, 2026

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

Sent by Email: rob.flack@pc.ola.org

RE: Clearview Council Support Resolution – Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 1, 2026, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Whereas Council of the Township of Clearview understands the vitality of main streets across Ontario are essential to the economic, social and cultural health of the community; and,

Whereas numerous long-term vacant commercial storefronts, which detracts from the character of the community, reduces pedestrian traffic, discourages business investment, and negatively impacts the viability of surrounding small businesses; and,

Whereas the current Municipal Act, 2001 does not provide municipalities with the explicit legal authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax," although other jurisdictions are actively advocating for such tools to address similar challenges;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding the request to allow municipalities to institute a vacant commercial storefront tax; and,

That Council requests that the Government of Ontario amend the Municipal Act, 2001, to grant Ontario municipalities the permissive authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax" or similar levy to encourage the productive use of long-term vacant retail properties; and,

That this support resolution be forwarded to the Minister Rob Flack of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Premier Doug Ford, Simcoe Grey MPP Brian Saunderson, and the 444 municipalities of Ontario for their consideration. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sasha Helmkey-Playter', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Premier Doug Ford
Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament – Simcoe-Grey
All Ontario Municipalities



June 4, 2026

Request for Support – Ontario Firefighter Certification Requirements

Dear Municipal Clerks,

The Town of Iroquois Falls is seeking support from neighboring municipalities regarding the implementation of Ontario Regulation 343/22 (Firefighter Certification), which requires firefighters performing certain suppression and extrication activities to obtain prescribed certifications by July 1, 2026.

While we support the importance of firefighter training and safety, The Town of Iroquois Falls has concerns about the impact these requirements may have on volunteer and composite fire departments, particularly in rural and northern communities.

Council recently passed a resolution requesting that the Office of the Fire Marshal revisit the mandatory certification program and consider greater flexibility while maintaining high standards of public and firefighter safety.

We respectfully ask that you share the attached resolution with your Fire Chief for review and consideration. If your municipality shares similar concerns, we welcome your support and advocacy on this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Maureen Reeder, Clerk
The Town of Iroquois Falls

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF IROQUOIS FALLS

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: May 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO.:2026-129

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9. B) 3)

MOVED BY: R. Charlebois

SECONDED BY: C. Tremblay

THAT Council authorizes the Town of Iroquois Falls to engage and advocate with the Fire Marshall's Office to revisit the mandatory certification program in hopes of keeping training requirements consistent with how our local department currently delivers training and certification to ensure we can continue to meet and exceed our expectations towards emergency response and extrication.

AND THAT a copy of this motion be sent to municipalities and fire chiefs along the highway 11 corridor, CDSB and the provincial government.

DECLARED THE MOTION:

Dated at Iroquois Falls, this 25th day of May 2026.

- CARRIED
 DEFEATED
 AMENDED
 DEFERRED

Tory Delaurier
MAYOR (CHAIR)

RECORDED VOTE

Table with 3 columns: NAME, FOR, AGAINST. Rows include Councillor (Jamy) Bernier, Councillor (Keval) Brahmhatt, Councillor (Richard) Charlebois, Councillor (Gilles) Giguere, Councillor (Ben) Lefebvre, Councillor (Claude) Tremblay, Mayor (Tory) Delaurier.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Choose an item.

DISCLOSED HIS/HER INTEREST(S)

VACATED HIS/HER SEAT

Abstained from discussion and did not vote on this item.

June 1, 2026

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

Re: Changes to Ontario’s Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on May 25, 2026 supported the attached resolution from the Town of Bruce Mines (Appendix A) and the County of Prince Edward (Appendix B) regarding the above noted matter.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by
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Judy Shantz, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Attorney General
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
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Ontario Municipalities



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May 14, 2026

Sent by email: Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026 – Schedule 7

At its Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2026, the Council of the Town of Bruce Mines reviewed the changes introduced through Schedule 7 of Bill 97, which amends the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

At that meeting, Council adopted a resolution expressing concern regarding these amendments and their impact on transparency and public access to information.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution supported by Bruce Mines Council.

Sincerely,

Tarra Lapensee
Deputy Clerk
info@brucemines.ca
705-785-3493

cc:

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
The Honourable Bill Rosenberg, Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Patricia Kosseim
All Ontario Municipalities

WHEREAS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (FIPPA) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT IN 1987, COMING INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1988; AND

WHEREAS THE MUNICIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (MFIPPA) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT IN 1990, COMING INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1991; AND

WHEREAS BOTH ACTS PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH A LEGAL RIGHT OF ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT-HELD INFORMATION, REFLECTING THE PRINCIPLE THAT SUCH INFORMATION BELONGS TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THERE IS A VALID REASON TO WITHHOLD IT; AND

WHEREAS THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO HAS REINFORCED THAT ACCESS TO INFORMATION IS “ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTHY FUNCTIONING OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY” AND TO TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE; AND

WHEREAS BILL 97 (2026): PLAN TO PROTECT ONTARIO ACT (BUDGET MEASURES) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT ON APRIL 24, 2026, INTRODUCING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RULES, INCLUDING NEW EXEMPTIONS FOR MINISTERS’ OFFICES; AND

WHEREAS RECORDS HELD BY THE PREMIER, CABINET MINISTERS, PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS, AND THEIR OFFICES ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS AND ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED FOI-ELIGIBLE RECORDS; AND

WHEREAS COUNCIL IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE PASSAGE OF BILL 97 REPRESENTS A STEP BACKWARD FROM LONG-STANDING PROVINCIAL COMMITMENTS TO OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES FORMALLY EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN WITH THE PASSAGE OF BILL 97 (2026) AND FINDS THAT IT CONSTITUTES A REGRESSION FROM ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES OF TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO REPEAL THIS PROVISION OF THE LEGISLATION; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO, DOUG FORD; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ONTARIO, DOUG DOWNEY; THE MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, BILL ROSENBERG; THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO); THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES (FONOM); AND THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO, PATRICIA KOSSEIM, AND THAT IT BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN ONTARIO.



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May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding reinstating the requirements for compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. **2026-208**

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Branderhorst**

WHEREAS all residents of Ontario have the right to fair, open and democratic government; and,

WHEREAS all elected representatives, municipal and provincial alike, in Ontario have a duty to faithfully execute the powers and trust placed in them and willingly swear an oath to this effect and are subject to fair public scrutiny; and,

WHEREAS the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) are essential tools to protect Ontarians against privacy breaches, and abuses of power; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 97, the Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026, which received Royal Assent on April 24, 2026, and introduced significant amendments to both FIPPA and MFIPPA to alter statutory timelines and privacy governance frameworks;

WHEREAS the amendments introduced via Bill 97 have created a jurisdictional imbalance by excluding records held by provincial Ministers, their offices, and staff from the application of FIPPA, while maintaining the statutory responsibilities and administrative burdens for municipal elected officials and staff under MFIPPA, thereby establishing higher standards for transparency and personal record accountability for municipal governments;

WHEREAS excluding members of the highest offices and their staff from reasonable public access requests and records retention creates security concerns, reinforces the appearance of self-dealing and is contrary to the public interest,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Prince Edward County Council call on the Province to reinstate requirements for compliance with FIPPA to ensure that the Premier, Ministers, and their staff are subject to proper and fair public scrutiny like all other elected representatives in Ontario; and

THAT the Government of Ontario implement recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to increase and ensure proper security, record keeping and democratic accountability; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Bethlenfalvy, Bay of Quinte MPP Tyler Allsopp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the 444 municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

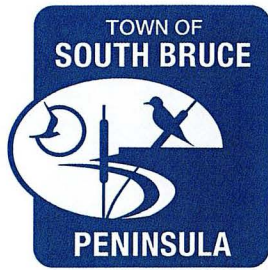
Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton, Councillor Branderhorst





Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2026

19. Notice of Motion – Deputy Mayor Hull – Affirming Outdoor Education as an Essential Part of Public Education in Ontario

Deputy Mayor Hull explained the importance of outdoor education and how this motion is in response to the closure of the Toronto District School Board outdoor education centre. He explained that he is asking for the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department to be mindful of outdoor nature-related opportunities for citizens; he is not asking for a formal report.

Discussion included staff evaluation and making a change to the motion to recognize the work staff currently undertake regarding outdoor opportunities.

R-151-2026

It was **Moved** by C. Hull, **Seconded** by J. Kirkland and **Carried**

Whereas outdoor and experiential education provides students with critical opportunities to improve mental health, physical well-being, environmental literacy, teamwork, leadership, resilience, and academic engagement;

And whereas access to nature and outdoor learning opportunities should not depend on a family's income, geography, or ability to afford private camps, cottages, or outdoor recreation;

And whereas many students, especially those living in urban communities, rely on publicly funded school programs as their primary opportunity to experience forests, trails, waterways, dark skies, overnight camping, and land-based learning;

And whereas closures of Outdoor Education Centres risk creating long-term negative consequences for student wellness, environmental stewardship, and equitable access to experiential learning opportunities;

And whereas knowledgeable and experienced outdoor education staff are essential to delivering safe, inclusive, and curriculum-based learning experiences;

And whereas municipalities that benefit from tourism connected to parks, trails, and natural spaces depend on environmentally responsible stewardship by visitors.

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requests the Province of Ontario to:

1. Recognize outdoor education as an essential educational service and commit to equitable access for all Ontario students, and
2. Halt the closure of outdoor education centres and restore stable funding for programming across Ontario;

And that the Town's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department continues to evaluate how it can increase nature-related educational opportunities for citizens of all ages and abilities;

And further that this motion be forwarded to the Bluewater District School Board Trustees, MPP Paul Vickers, the Ontario Minister of Education MPP Paul Calandra, AMO, ROMA, The Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario, and all other municipalities across Ontario.

Good day,

Please find below Resolution No. 115/2026, as passed by Council of the Township of South Stormont on May 27, 2026.

Resolution No.: 115/2026

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Andrew Guindon

Seconded by: Councillor Jennifer MacIsaac

Whereas food insecurity is defined as the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints, a marker of pervasive material deprivation (poverty), and posing a serious public health problem because of its association with higher rates of numerous diseases and chronic health conditions and a higher risk of early death;

And whereas chronic stressors like disability, precarious work, and/or the cost-of-living crisis, and acute shocks like COVID-19, illness or eviction, make it more difficult to afford life's basic needs and live free from poverty;

And whereas current social assistance rates are woefully inadequate, making it impossible to afford a healthy diet; and

And whereas the Eastern Ontario Health Unit estimates that 1 in 4 households are food insecure;

And whereas over 36% of food bank visitors were children;

And whereas food banks are not funded by the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario;

And whereas Ontario non-profits, including food banks, are collectively experiencing stagnant and declining resources amidst climbing demand, and increased reserve use.

Now therefore be it resolved;

- 1. That Council declare food insecurity an emergency (crisis) in South Stormont; and**
- 2. That Council request the Provincial Government immediately raise social assistance rates to meet life's basic needs; and**

3. That Council request the Provincial and Federal Governments act to address the causes of food insecurity by establishing a Guaranteed Liveable Basic Income; and
4. That Council request that the Provincial and Federal Governments include the reduction of food insecurity as a component of all appropriate government policies; and
5. That Council develop a working relationship with Food Banks United and other local food programs to:
 - Communicate local needs and resources.
 - Advocate on behalf of people experiencing food insecurity at the local government level.
 - Strategize solutions to immediate food insecurity needs.

Result: CARRIED

Kind regards,



Ashley Sloan, AMP

Manager of Information and Customer Services

Deputy Clerk

Marriage Officiant



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 - 072

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: June 2, 2026

- Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
- Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
- Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
- Councillor **B. KEITH**
- Councillor **D. McCANN**
- Councillor **C. McDONALD**
- Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: DEFEATED: Postponed to:

That the Council of the Corporation of Town of Parry Sound supports the request by the Durham District School Board regarding school board governance with the following requests:

1. That the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees;
2. That the Province of Ontario ensures that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, The Near North District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, the Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey

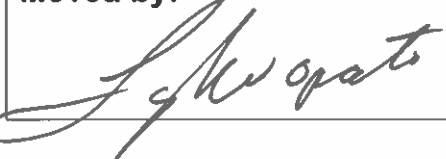
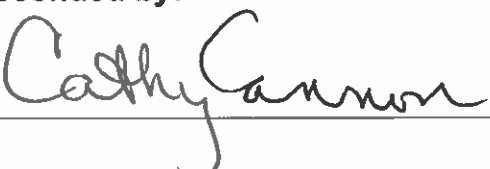


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Resolution # RC26104	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board has requested that a province-wide consultation process be undertaken prior to any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees; and

WHEREAS the potential elimination of elected school board trustees represents a significant and fundamental shift in Ontario’s education governance structure; and

WHEREAS school board trustees serve as a longstanding and essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system, ensuring that community voices are reflected in decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS changes of this magnitude should not proceed without evidence-based research, transparency, and meaningful public engagement to fully understand potential impacts; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa recognizes the importance of local representation in addressing the diverse and unique needs of communities, including rural, remote, and Northern municipalities; and

WHEREAS the removal of school board trustees may result in unintended consequences that could negatively impact community representation, accountability, and responsiveness within the education system; and

WHEREAS transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of any proposed governance changes is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue;



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the request of the Durham District School Board for the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa supports the call for an independent review by the Ombudsman's Office regarding the potential impacts of removing school board trustees, particularly with respect to fairness, openness, transparency, and accountability;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa urges the Province of Ontario to ensure that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato	

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: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR - MITCH HATFIELD	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>Mecheline Hatfield</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

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May 20, 2026

Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
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Sent via email: graham.mcgregor@ontario.ca

Dear: Hon. Graham McGregor

Re: Grey Highlands Resolution 2026-341

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the May 20, 2026 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

That Council receive the Heritage Grey Highlands Committee receive HGHC2026-13 Resolution and the Town of Lincoln Resolution PED-2026-22 requesting the Province of Ontario to extend the deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties; and Whereas amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and Whereas the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and Whereas municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and Whereas the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and Whereas many municipalities, including the Municipality of Grey Highlands, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake

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property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

Whereas Ontario municipalities are now in a municipal election year which may further impact progress related to reviewing and processing property designations; now

Therefore be it resolved that:

That Council respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and

The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and

This resolution be circulated to Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Graham McGregor, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Paul Vickers, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fines-Vanalstine

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine
Manager of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Paul Vickers,
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
The Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Resolution # RC26118	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>[Signature]</i>

WHEREAS municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the Province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements; and

WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation; and;

WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably; and

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately 70–75% of firefighters in Ontario, protecting the majority of communities across the Province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services; and

WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements; and

WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness, and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the resolution passed by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming calling upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite, and full-time fire departments across Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to:

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, Bill Rosenburg MPP Algoma Manitoulin, The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General, The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
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<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

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: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Resolution # RC26117	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cameron</i>	Seconded by: <i>[Signature]</i>

WHEREAS the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors has raised serious concerns regarding the increasing incidents of harassment, threats, intimidation, and physical interference directed toward municipal public works employees and winter maintenance operators across Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipal public works staff and contractors perform essential services that are critical to maintaining safe roads, sidewalks, bridges, and municipal infrastructure, particularly during significant weather events and emergency situations; and

WHEREAS incidents involving threats of violence, obstruction of snowplows and equipment, and dangerous confrontations with municipal workers create unacceptable risks to employee safety, public safety, and municipal service delivery; and

WHEREAS the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors has requested that the Province of Ontario strengthen legislative protections for municipal workers by amending the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, establishing enhanced public safety interference provisions, and considering safe following distance requirements for snowplows similar to Manitoba's Bill 38;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa hereby supports the requests and recommendations submitted by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to the Province of Ontario regarding enhanced protections for municipal public works employees, winter maintenance operators, and contractors; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

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RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to review and implement legislative and regulatory changes that improve worker safety, deter interference with municipal operations, and recognize municipal public works employees as essential service providers during significant weather events and emergencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, and Ontario municipalities for information and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

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: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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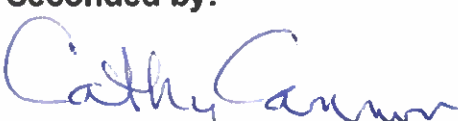


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Resolution # RC26116	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS while these changes have improved opportunities for inclusion and independence, the current system of supports is often delivered across multiple programs and providers and may not fully address the long-term need for integrated living environments that combine housing, supports, and meaningful daily participation; and

WHEREAS there is an increasing need for innovative, sustainable, and inclusive models of care that support independence, dignity, and community integration for adults with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS opportunities may exist to explore models that provide safe and supportive living environments for adults with developmental disabilities while also offering structured, voluntary, and supported participation in day-to-day activities that foster a sense of purpose, skill development, and social connection; and

WHEREAS such models, if thoughtfully designed, could complement existing care environments and contribute positively to the overall well-being of both participants and residents; and

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York is responsible for a range of human services including housing, community services, and the operation of long-term care homes, and is therefore well-positioned to explore integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to care;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the resolution passed by the City of Richmond Hill requesting that the Regional Municipality of York consider exploring innovative models of housing and support for adults with developmental disabilities, including the potential for an "Integrated Living and Participation Model"; and

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RESOLUTION

THAT Council supports consideration of opportunities for co-location or partnership with existing regional services, including long-term care and community housing, where appropriate; and

THAT Council supports a model that emphasizes voluntary, supported, and meaningful participation in activities that enhance quality of life, social inclusion, and community engagement, without displacing existing workforce roles; and

THAT Council supports engagement with relevant stakeholders, including developmental service organizations, families, and advocacy groups, in considering such approaches; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Richmond Hill, the Regional Municipality of York, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, local MPPs, and Ontario municipalities for information.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES NO
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MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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June 4, 2026

Re: Support for the Municipality of Wawa – Opposing Proposed Changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Please be advised that at the June 3, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate approved the following:

No. 2026-226

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen
Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that the Township of Southgate receive correspondence from the Municipality of Wawa and the Township of Stone Mills re: Proposed Changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA); and

That Southgate Council oppose the proposed changes to FIPPA; and

1. call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public; and
2. urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding; and

Further, that this resolution and supporting documentation be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the appropriate Minister, all MPPs and Ontario municipalities.

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

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

Encl: Municipality of Wawa – Opposing Proposed Changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

CC:

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
All MPP's
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Resolution # RC26106	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills passed Resolution No. 30-706-2026 opposing proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and their staff from public access requests;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills has expressed concerns that the proposed amendments may reduce transparency and accountability in government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby supports Resolution No. 30-706-2026 passed by the Township of Stone Mills regarding the proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA);

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Stone Mills, Premier Doug Ford, the appropriate Provincial Ministers, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
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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: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR – MITCH HATFIELD	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>Michelle Hatfield</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

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May 14, 2026

Sent Via Email Only

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

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Township of Stone Mills opposition to the changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of April 13, 2026, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 30-706-2026

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet ministers and their staff from public access requests;

AND Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records related to matters of public interest;

AND Whereas the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario has warned that these changes would reduce transparency and accountability, Freedom of Information laws are an essential to the public trust and democratic accountability;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Stone Mills Township oppose the proposed changes to FIPPA;

1. Call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public;
2. Urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding;
3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Moved By Councillor Woodcock
Seconded By Councillor Milligan
Carried

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Brandi Teeple
Township Clerk
Township of Stone Mills
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Centreville, ON, K0K 1N0
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cc. All Ontario Municipalities
All MPP's

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June 4, 2026

Re: Support for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Canada Post Rate Reduction for Libraries

Please be advised that at the June 3, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate approved the following:

No. 2026-225

Moved By Councillor John

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Southgate Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan and the Township of Perry for information; and

That Council call on the Federal Government to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution rates for library materials; and

That a copy of this and associated correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Services and Procurement, MP Alex Ruff, MPP Paul Vickers and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

Encl: Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Canada Post Rate Reduction for Libraries

CC:

Honourable Joël Lightbound, Minister of Transformation, Public Services and Procurement

Alex Ruff, MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

Paul Vickers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

Ontario Municipalities



**TOWNSHIP OF
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May 6, 2026

RE: Canada Post Rate Reduction for Libraries

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-09

Moved by: Councillor Quade

Seconded by: Councillor Keller

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Township of Perry to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials, and;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Perry, Minister of Government Transportation, Public Services and Procurement, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026-078

Moved By: Joe Lumley Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

Whereas public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

And whereas interlibrary loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

And whereas reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

And whereas recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

And that Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;



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June 3, 2026

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

RE: Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on June 3rd, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the correspondence from the Municipality of Bluewater.

Resolution No: 2026-06-03-08
Moved by: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Municipality of Bluewater Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Rural Affairs, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

cc: Premier of Ontario, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Rural Affairs, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and, all municipalities in Ontario

March 17, 2026

RE: Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box

The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution at their March 16, 2026 regular meeting:

MOVED: Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Hessel

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of; for 'eligible' sources only; and

WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include industrial, commercial, and institutional locations (IC & I) such as businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks; and

WHEREAS failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources; and

WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling; and

WHEREAS changes may result in many small businesses and not-for-profit organizations losing access to comparable recycling services and force them to seek providers at a much higher cost than the previous services rendered through the Blue Box collection system; and

WHEREAS the rising costs of collection of recycling for industrial, commercial and institutional recycling may lead to the abandonment of recycling entirely, increasing environmental damage; and

WHEREAS landfilling needs throughout the Province of Ontario are already at capacity in many communities; and

WHEREAS The Municipality of Bluewater has approximately 150 or more "non-eligible" sources that will not be provided service from the Producer Responsibility Organization;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipality of Bluewater Council hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from small businesses and not-for-profit organizations within the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors; and

FURTHER THAT Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs and the local MPP for Huron-Bruce.
CARRIED.

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander
Acting CAO
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk