



Council Information Package

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July 13, 2026

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Subject: Motion Regarding Intimate Partner Violence and Emergency Shelters

For your information and consideration, please be advised that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on June 25, 2026:

Resolution Number 2026-551

Whereas emergency shelters for women and children experiencing intimate partner violence provide essential housing and support services throughout the Region of Peel;

And whereas, on June 19, 2026, Peel Region convened a community event entitled, "Break the Cycle Summit: Centring Housing Solutions in Response to Gender-Based Violence" that brought together cross-sector partners including survivors, service providers, policymakers, developers, community organizations, and representatives from municipal, regional, provincial, and federal governments to begin building a coordinated, housing-centred response to gender-based violence;

And whereas, Summit participants identified safe, stable, and affordable housing as one of the most significant factors affecting the ability of women and children to leave violence and achieve long-term safety and stability;

And whereas, emergency shelters remain a critical component of the response to gender-based violence but are intended to function as part of a broader housing continuum that includes transitional, supportive, affordable, and permanent housing options;

And whereas, adequate shelter stays are often required to ensure client safety, access to supports, and successful transitions to longer-term housing solutions;

And whereas Peel Region has developed a strong foundation of collaborative and integrated community responses to gender-based violence and human trafficking, creating opportunities to build and test innovative housing solutions that could inform practice across Ontario and Canada;

And whereas Peel Region has experienced significant population growth, increasing demand for emergency shelter services, housing supports,

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and affordable housing options for women and children experiencing violence;

And whereas, the Province of Ontario provides primary funding and policy oversight for gender-based violence shelter and housing programs across multiple ministries, while Peel Region, as Service Manager, administers and delivers housing, homelessness, and related human services programs that support shelter operations and housing stability;

And whereas, in December 2025, the Provincial Standing Committee on Justice Policy released a Study on Intimate Partner Violence, underscoring the need for strengthened cross-ministerial coordination, sustained funding, and integrated service delivery;

And whereas, benchmarking of funding models, service standards, and shelter stay practices across comparable jurisdictions can assist in identifying best practices and ensuring effective service delivery;

And whereas, maintaining sufficient funding support is necessary to preserve shelter capacity, as well as preserving existing and creating new deeply affordable transitional and permanent housing and ensuring vulnerable residents receive the assistance they require;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. *That any future regional funding decisions be guided with no adverse impacts on emergency shelter capacity or service delivery, recognizing the Province's primary role in funding gender-based violence shelters and transitional housing, and the importance of ensuring women and children experiencing intimate partner violence can access and remain in shelter and/or transitional housing for an appropriate period of time; and*
2. *That staff report back to Regional Council with the findings and any recommendations arising from the Break the Cycle Event; and*
3. *That the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Health, and all Peel-area Members of Provincial Parliament requesting:*
 - a. *A provincial review of benchmarking, funding formulas, and the factors influencing length of stay, client outcomes, and successful transitions to stable housing for women and children experiencing intimate partner violence, to ensure funding frameworks and housing investments adequately reflect community needs and support safe, appropriate, and effective shelter stays*
 - b. *Enhanced funding for emergency shelters, supportive and transitional housing serving women and children experiencing gender-based violence to ensure funding levels appropriately reflect Peel's rapid population growth, increased service demand and complexities, and inflationary pressures*
 - c. *More cross-ministerial collaboration to support coordinated responses to gender-based violence and housing instability*

- d. *An invitation to learn from best practices regarding innovation, multiple system coordination, and collaborative service delivery initiatives in Peel Region*
4. *That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Health, Peel-area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.*

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Kindest personal regards,



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Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
Region of Peel

Council Meeting

Motion # 06/24/26 - 15
Title: Extend Deadline for Notice of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Moved by: Beth Blackwell
Seconded by: Jennifer Prenger

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 the Municipality of Kincardine currently has 155 properties listed on the Municipal Heritage Register; 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 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 Municipality of Kincardine Heritage Kincardine Committee, at its meeting of June 16, 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 Municipality of Kincardine endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Kincardine 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; 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.

'Carried'

Tracey Guy

Signed with ConSignO Cloud (2026/07/06)
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July 6th, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Re: Policy Without Appropriation: Physician Shortage in Northern Ontario and the Practice Ready Ontario Program

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Bruce Mines, we are writing to, once again, address the physician shortage in Northern Ontario. This critical issue has been front and centre for years, and while the *Practice Ready Ontario (PRO)* program—which evaluates internationally educated family physicians to confirm they are ready to practice in Ontario—is widely acknowledged and genuinely applauded, the province appears to have stopped short of closing the loop.

Therefore, council is compelled to express our concern in the gap between the government's opening the door to a solution but falling short of providing the financial framework needed to walk through it.

Northern Ontario's municipalities face a structural imbalance that is fundamentally different from communities in the south. We are small in population, geographically dispersed, and operate with limited tax bases that cannot support the escalating costs associated with physician recruitment, retention, and community health infrastructure. Despite these limitations, municipalities are increasingly expected to shoulder responsibilities that fall squarely within the provincial mandate for health care delivery.

Municipalities **have** stepped in where we can, but we cannot continue to fund physician recruitment packages, housing incentives, locum coverage, or clinic operations without dedicated provincial support. The current model places an unsustainable burden on small

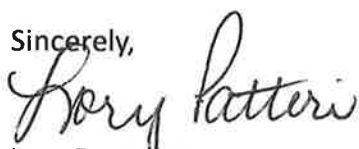
communities that simply do not have the tax revenue to fill the gaps left by the provincial health care system.

We respectfully request that the Province of Ontario:

1. **Establish a dedicated Northern Ontario Physician Recruitment and Retention Fund**, accessible to small and rural municipalities ensuring communities are not forced to subsidize provincial healthcare responsibilities.
2. **Work directly with Northern municipalities** to develop a coordinated strategy that reflects the unique demographic, geographic, and fiscal realities of the North.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and look forward to a written response from your office.

Sincerely,



Lory Patten, Mayor

Town of Bruce Mines

Cc:

Ms. Marit Stiles

Leader of the Official Opposition

Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario

Mr. John Fraser

Interim Leader, Ontario Liberal Party

The Honourable Sylvia Jones

Deputy Premier of Ontario

Minister of Health

The Honourable George Pirie

Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth

Bill Rosenberg

Member of Provincial Parliament

Algoma—Manitoulin

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

Distributed to all Ontario municipalities.

July 16, 2026

Via email only

Re: Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of Municipal Voters' Lists

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held July 14, 2026, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. R2026-273

Moved by Councillor Franzen
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Armstrong

That Council support the following resolution from the County of Peterborough regarding Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of the Municipal Voters' Lists:

Whereas the Province of Ontario shifted responsibility of the municipal election voters list from MPAC to Elections Ontario by amending the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, through the Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020, effective after the 2022 municipal election; and
Whereas many of the eight lower-tier Township elector lists presented by Elections Ontario have discrepancies in voter counts from the 2022 municipal election, specifically in the number of eligible non-resident property owners which are significantly lower than the 2022 numbers; and
Whereas Elections Ontario has acknowledged the discrepancies and is planning to address them;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the County of Peterborough urges the Province of Ontario to immediately encourage prioritization of the review of data specifically related to non-resident property owners to ensure voter lists are as accurate as possible prior to August 14, 2026; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPPs, AMO, ROMA, AMCTO, EOWC, FOCA, all Ontario municipalities and the eight lower-tier Township Clerks for support.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

cc: All Ontario municipalities
Peterborough County Lower Tier Municipalities



The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Justine Brotherston, Municipal Clerk, Township of Puslinch
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026
Time: 6:23 PM

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 5, 2026, correspondence from Justine Brotherston, Municipal Clerk, Township of Puslinch, regarding Support for Halton Hill's March 24, 2026 Resolution Regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens;

AND THAT Council directs staff to provide a staff report in response to the resolution regarding invasive species;

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate this resolution of support to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Deputy Mayor Bordignon	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope	Councillor Maxwell
Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter		

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs



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RE: 6.16 Halton Hills Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on March 24, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-202:

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Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.16 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the Towns of Halton Hills' resolution;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

June 5, 2026

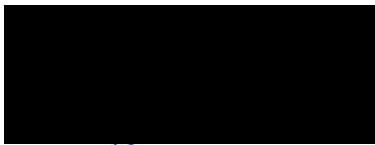
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday June 1, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0107 regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0107.

Respectfully,



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

cc. Ontario Minister of Natural Resources
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Halton area MPs and MPPs
Region of Halton
HRFA
OFA
Conservation Halton
Credit Valley Conservation
Grand River Conservation Authority
AMO
ROMA
FCM
Ontario Invasive Plant Council
Landscape Ontario
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association
All Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0107

Title: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect
Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage
and Local Gardens

Date: June 1, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 12.3

WHEREAS invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species, seeds and nursery stock can cause significant damage to municipal infrastructure, roadsides, stormwater systems, parks, trails, natural heritage areas, agricultural lands, woodlots, shorelines, private property and local biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities and conservation authorities are estimated to spend approximately \$50.8 million annually managing invasive species, and the average annual cost per Ontario municipality has been estimated at \$218,148, with approximately 80% of expenditures directed toward control and management rather than prevention; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS these costs are ultimately borne by local taxpayers, conservation authorities, property owners, farmers, volunteers and community groups who are often left to manage invasive species after they have already been introduced, sold, planted, escaped cultivation and spread;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Invasive Species Act, 2015, which allows species to be listed as prohibited or restricted, and which can make it illegal to import, possess, transport, propagate, buy, sell, lease or trade listed invasive species; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS the concern is not with plants that are already clearly prohibited or restricted, but with invasive species and seeds and nursery stock that may

continue to be sold or distributed before modernized provincial rules, public guidance and retail practices have fully caught up with current science and local experience;

AND WHEREAS garden centres, nurseries, landscape suppliers, seed distributors, online retailers, landscapers and residents all have an important role to play in preventing the spread of invasive plants before they become a costly municipal and environmental problem;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead program promotes native and non-invasive alternatives for healthy, diverse and wildlife-friendly gardens, and its updated Southern Ontario guide includes additional invasive plants and alternatives to help residents, gardeners and landscapers make better choices; (Ontario Invasive Plant Council)

AND WHEREAS recent local reporting in Halton Hills has highlighted the importance of choosing native alternatives to invasive garden plants, including through Grow Native Halton and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead resources;

AND WHEREAS the continued sale and distribution of invasive ornamental plants undermine the work of municipalities, conservation authorities, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, local volunteers and residents who are investing time and taxpayer dollars to remove and manage these same species;

AND WHEREAS prevention at the point of sale is more cost-effective, more practical and more respectful of taxpayers than asking municipalities and property owners to pay for removal after invasive species have spread across property lines and municipal boundaries;

AND WHEREAS invasive plants do not recognize municipal boundaries, and effective prevention requires coordinated action by the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, the nursery and landscape sector, retailers, landowners and residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills respectfully request that the Province of Ontario, in consultation with municipalities, AMO, ROMA, conservation authorities, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, the nursery and landscape sector, garden centres and other relevant stakeholders, undertake a review and modernization of Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework;

AND FURTHER THAT this review include consideration of expanding and regularly updating the list of prohibited and restricted invasive plant species, including invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species,

seeds and nursery stock that pose a risk to Ontario's natural heritage, agriculture, municipal infrastructure, parks, trails, roadsides, stormwater systems and private property;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to prohibit the sale, distribution, propagation and trade of listed invasive plant species through garden centres, nurseries, landscaping suppliers, online retailers, seed distributors and other commercial pathways;

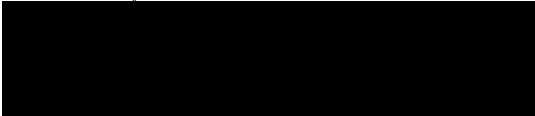
AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to develop clear labelling, public education and retailer guidance requirements so that residents, gardeners, landscapers and retailers can easily identify invasive species and choose native or non-invasive alternatives;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to work with the nursery, garden centre and landscape sectors on a practical transition plan that supports compliance, protects small businesses, promotes native and non-invasive alternatives, and prevents invasive plants from continuing to enter communities through ordinary consumer purchases;

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Canada be requested to review and strengthen, where appropriate, federal import, border, labelling and online sales rules related to invasive plants, seeds and nursery stock entering Canada, so that provincial prevention efforts are not undermined by interprovincial or international trade;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada be requested to support municipalities, conservation authorities and community partners with stronger prevention tools, updated science-based lists, public education materials and funding programs that prioritize prevention over costly long-term control and removal;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Halton-area MPs and MPPs, the Region of Halton, HRFA, OFA, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, Grand River Conservation Authority, AMO, ROMA, FCM, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Landscape Ontario, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Mayor Annette Groves, The Town of Caledon
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026
Time: 6:27 PM

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the July 2, 2026, correspondence from Mayor Annette Groves, The Town of Caledon, regarding the July 2, 2026 Motion for Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases;

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate this resolution of support to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Deputy Mayor Bordignon	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope	Councillor Maxwell
Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter		

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

July 2, 2026

Sent via E-Mail: sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier
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Dear Deputy Premier Jones,

RE: Motion for Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on June 23, 2026, Council adopted a motion regarding requesting support to combat tick borne diseases.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the prevalence of ticks, including those known to carry Lyme disease, and other Vector borne diseases have increased across Ontario;

Whereas Lyme disease diagnoses have increased by 27% in 2024 to 2369 (Public Health Agency of Canada, PHAC);

Whereas residents across Caledon have registered growing concerns about public health risks associated with tick exposure in parks, trails and residential areas;

Whereas municipalities have limited jurisdiction and resources to effectively manage tick populations on a broad ecological scale;

Whereas the Government of Ontario is responsible for public health policy, environmental management and vector-borne disease prevention and detection;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Caledon Town Council formally requests that the Government of Ontario investigate and implement measures to reduce burgeoning tick populations and to mitigate their associated public health risks; and

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That such measures may include safe and effective tick control methods, public education campaigns and coordinated regional strategies; and

That the Province consider increased funding and support for local public health units to address tick-borne disease prevention; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Kiernan Moore, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, Peel Public Health, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all 444 municipalities across Ontario.

For more information regarding this request, please contact the undersigned by email to mayor@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4155.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

CC:

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The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Kathryn Douglas, Supervisor, Legislative Services, Town of Whitby
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026
Time: 6:16 PM

Moved by: Councillor Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 25, 2026, correspondence from Kathryn Douglas, Supervisor, Legislative Services, Town of Whitby, and supports the June 22, 2026 Town of Whitby Council resolution regarding a Review of Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate this resolution of support to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Deputy Mayor Bordignon	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope	Councillor Maxwell
Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter		

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

June 25, 2026

Via Email

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

Re: Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 166-26:

Whereas local councils are elected by residents to make planning decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of their communities;

Whereas municipalities rely on extensive public consultation, professional planning advice, engineering studies, and technical reports when making land-use decisions;

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process;

Whereas lengthy and costly appeals can delay housing projects, consume municipal resources, and reduce the ability of municipalities to focus on delivering services to residents; and,

Whereas local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies, and sound planning principles.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies;

2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans;
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned;
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process; and,
5. That Staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4300.



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The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing -
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