



Council Information Package

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SUBJECT: 2025 Emergency and Continuity Management Program Compliance

TO: Council Information Package (CIP)

FROM: Public Works
Transportation

Report Number: PWS-30-26

Wards Affected: All

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

CIP date: July 24, 2026

Note: at the request of a member of council, this information report can be pulled from the CIP for consideration at a future committee/council meeting.

Executive Summary

Purpose of report:

- To share with Burlington City Council an overview of the Emergency and Continuity Management Program's activities in 2025, particularly compliance items under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. c.E.9 (EMCPA)*, as amended, and *Ontario Regulation 380/04 (O. Reg. 380/04)*.

Key findings:

- The City of Burlington was deemed compliant with the municipal requirements under the EMCPA, as amended, and O. Reg. 380/04 for 2025.

Implications:

- Human Resources: Emergency Control Group members must complete annual training and participate in an annual exercise. Staff assigned to an Incident Management System (IMS) position must complete IMS training, as outlined in the IMS organizational policy.

Information Report

Background

Under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9 (EMCPA)* and *Ontario Regulation 380/04 (O. Reg. 380/04)*, municipalities are required to meet the following requirements under their Emergency Management program each year:

Municipalities are required to establish emergency management programs and emergency response plans, adopted via by-law.

Below is a list of the required designations and program components.

- **Designations:** Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC), Emergency Management Program Committee, Emergency Control Group (ECG) and Emergency Information Officer
- **Program components:** Hazard identification and risk assessment (HIRA), critical infrastructure list, emergency response plan, annual training and exercise for ECG members, public education and Emergency Operations Centre locations with appropriate telecommunications.

An annual program review by the City's Emergency and Continuity Management Program Committee is also required.

The *Emergency Management Modernization Act, 2025* was passed on December 3, 2025, which amends the *EMCPA* to enable a more effective, coordinated and comprehensive approach to provincial and municipal emergency management.

Amendments will be implemented in phases, with some amendments in effect, including:

- Establishes the purposes of the Act, including supporting coordination with municipalities, Indigenous communities, public and private sector organizations and other governments.
- Introduces a clear definition of “emergency management”, encompassing prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.
- Clarifies the role of the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response as the provincial lead and single window for coordination, under the oversight of the Minister and direction of the Commissioner of Emergency Management.
- Strengthens executive oversight of provincial emergency management.
- Authorizes the Minister to oversee emergency management programs for municipalities, ministries and provincially regulated critical infrastructure, and to enter into agreements with public and private partners and individuals.

- Recognizes Ontario Corps as a key provincial resource that can be deployed, upon request, to support communities across the province.

Remaining amendments, some of which will affect municipalities, will come into force at a future date, subject to future regulations.

Status

The following summarizes the City of Burlington's 2025 Emergency and Continuity Management Program activities, which the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response deemed in compliance with the *EMCPA*, as amended, and *O. Reg. 380/04*.

Program By-law

By-law 97-2025, adopted on December 9, 2025, is the City of Burlington's Emergency and Continuity Management Program by-law. It formally appoints the required designations and includes the City's Emergency Response Plan.

Critical Infrastructure List

Critical infrastructure consists of the systems, services and networks essential to human health, safety, economic stability and government operations.

Municipalities are required to identify the critical infrastructure that exists within their municipality that is at risk of being affected by hazards. In 2025, staff reviewed and updated the City's Critical Infrastructure list, which includes municipal assets and assets owned by other levels of government and the private sector.

The Critical Infrastructure list aligns with the ten federal critical infrastructure sectors: Energy and Utilities, Finance, Food, Government, Health, Information and Communication Technology, Manufacturing, Safety, Transportation and Water.

Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA)

Municipalities are required to identify and assess the hazards that may pose risks to their municipality annually. The City uses the 2019 provincial HIRA methodology, and the 2025 HIRA review evaluated 55 hazards, including a locally relevant hazard (wildlife attacks). Each hazard was rated based on likelihood and potential community impact.

The top ten hazard risks in 2025 are:

1. Urban flood
2. Infectious disease
3. Cyber attack
4. Fire/Explosion

5. Winter weather
6. Chemical release
7. Erosion
8. Rail incident
9. High wind
10. Geopolitical pressures

Emergency Response Plan

Municipalities are required to adopt their Emergency Response Plan via bylaw, review it annually and update as needed. The City's Emergency Response Plan outlines how the City will respond to large-scale emergencies or disasters.

The City's Emergency Response Plan was last updated in December 2025 (By-law 97-2025), and includes updates related to the annual review, and the July 2024 Flood. The plan is publicly accessible on the City's website and is available in alternate formats upon request.

Training

Emergency Control Group members completed mandatory annual training covering provincially mandated topics including the Emergency and Continuity Management Program components, roles and responsibilities, plan activation and notification procedures and EOC technology.

Other staff assigned to Incident Management System (IMS) positions that can be activated to support Level 3 or 4 activations of the City's Emergency Response Plan complete a virtual Emergency Response Plan course, and provincial IMS and Emergency Management training.

Below is a list of the provincial training that Emergency and Continuity Management staff delivered in 2025:

Course	Course Description	# of Sessions	# of Participants
IMS 200 Basic Incident Management System	This course will provide opportunities to learn how to command a simple incident and will receive an introduction to incident action plan. Participants will familiarize themselves with incident facilities, resource management and the management of communication.	2	16
IMS 300 Intermediate Incident Management System	This course will prepare participants to perform leadership roles within an expanded IMS structure during a complex incident involving multiple organizations.	3	20

Course	Course Description	# of Sessions	# of Participants
EM 240 Note Taking	This course provides participants with knowledge on the best practices of note taking.	6	56

Exercise

The 2025 Emergency Control Group compliance exercise was held on October 8, 2025, and was a discussion-based, tabletop exercise based on a cyber security incident.

Exercise objectives included:

- Assessing the City of Burlington's preparedness to mitigate and respond to cybersecurity incidents.
- Providing feedback on the City of Burlington's Cyber Incident Response Plan.
- Discussing the City of Burlington's internal and external communication processes during cyber incidents.

Public Education

Municipalities are required to provide public education each year on general emergency preparedness and hazard-specific risks.

Below is a list of the public education campaigns that were conducted in 2025:

- Emergency Preparedness Week (May)
- Flood campaign (April – Sept)
- Summer travel tips (August)
- Severe weather Watch vs. Warning (Nov)

In addition, Emergency and Continuity Management staff attended the Community Rural Forum and Food for Feedback events in September 2025.

Emergency Operations Centre

Municipalities are required to establish and maintain an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), which is a location from which Emergency Control Group members coordinate and direct the City's response to large-scale emergencies.

The City has three designated EOC locations, and since 2023 has conducted annual EOC activation drills at each site. The 2025 EOC activation drills were completed as scheduled.

Key Dates & Milestones

- December 5, 2025 – Emergency and Continuity Management Program Committee completed its mandated annual review of the City’s Emergency and Continuity Management Program activities.
- December 24, 2025 – Submission of the City’s 2025 annual compliance report.
- May 7, 2026 – Notification from the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response that the City of Burlington met all compliance requirements under the *EMCPA*, as amended, and *O.Reg. 380/04* for 2025.

Implications

Human Resources

- Emergency Control Group members are required to complete annual training and participate in an annual exercise. In addition, staff assigned to Incident Management System (IMS) positions must complete IMS training as outlined in the IMS organizational policy.

References

[PWS-32-25 Emergency and Continuity Management Program Bylaw Update](#)

Strategic Alignment

(Select all that apply)

- ☐ Designing and delivering complete communities
- ☒ Providing the best services and experiences
- ☐ Protecting and improving the natural environment and taking action on climate change
- ☒ Driving organizational performance

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Report Approval:

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

SUBJECT: Report back on Community Centres for Everyone – Promoting Use of Underutilized Assets

TO: Council Information Package

FROM: Community Services
Recreation, Community and Culture

Report Number: CSS-15-26

Wards Affected: all

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

CIP Date: 7/24/2026

The purpose of this memo is to update Council on the outcome of Council's approval of the recommendations in Report RCC-07-24 Community Centres for Everyone, and its accompanying policy to promote the use of underutilized space in recreation facilities. The approved policy expanded the tactics available to staff to encourage use of underutilized space, including impromptu access, pay-what-you-can bookings, registered group bookings and enhanced free-flowing use of space. These tactics were designed to increase equitable access to City facilities while maintaining fairness for paying user groups and supporting responsible stewardship of public assets.

Memo Details

Engagement conducted through [RCC-01-24 Robert Bateman Community Centre Community Engagement Sessions and Outline Next Steps](#) created an opportunity for staff to further examine how flexible, multi-use spaces in recreation facilities could be more effectively utilized and promoted.

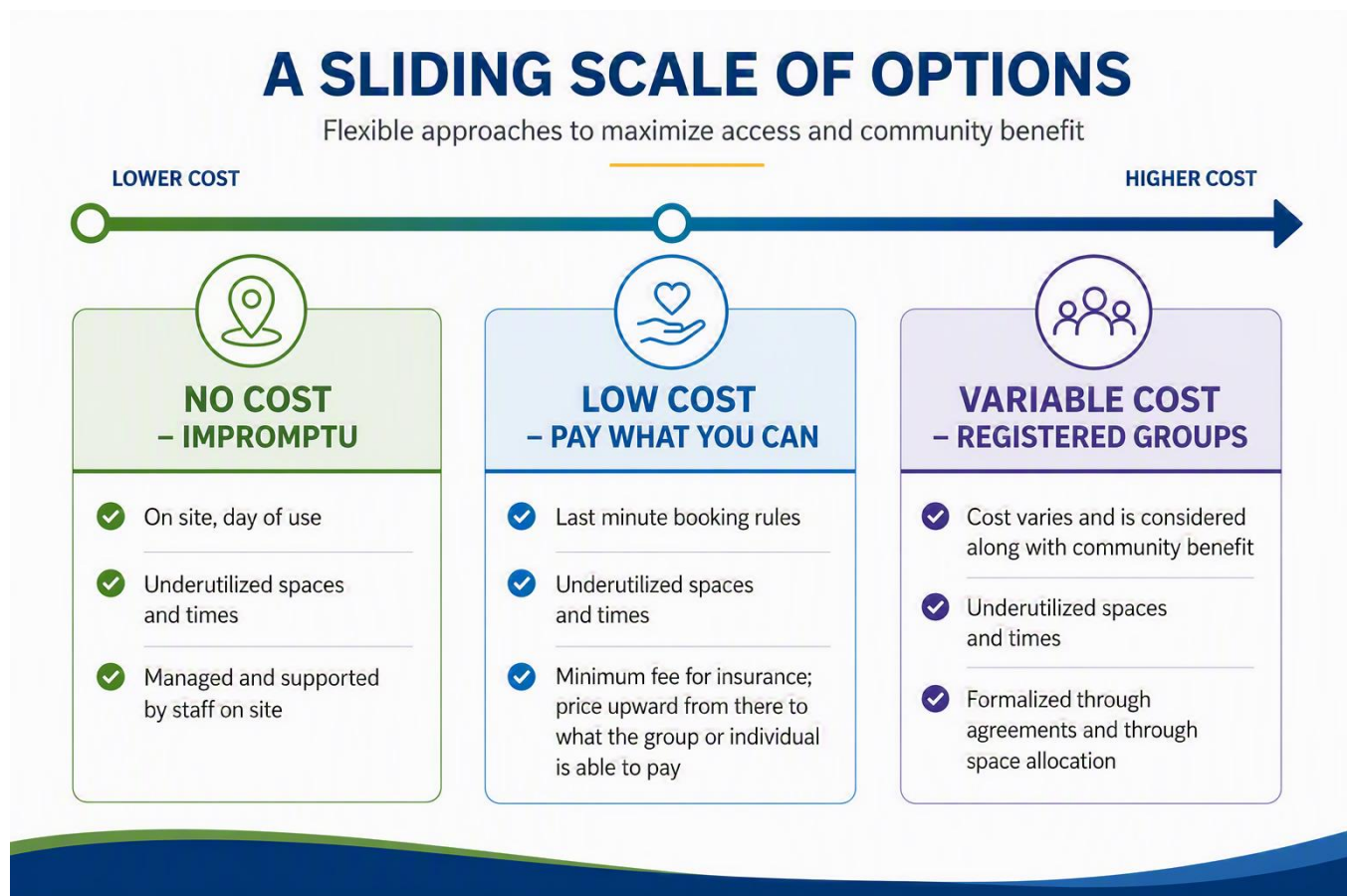
While the community expressed a strong desire for more flexible multi-use spaces, utilization data consistently showed usage rates between 13-16%. This gap prompted staff to explore ways to better align community interest with actual usage by:

- Removing barriers to access,
- Improving public awareness of space availability, and

- Incentivizing use during non-prime times.

Advancing this work supports the [Framework for Recreation](#) values of equity, belonging, and individual wellbeing by creating opportunities for broader participation in City facilities, and reinforcing the principle that everyone has the right to play.

The policy introduced a framework identifying three tiers of users of underutilized space:



Implementation:

The three tiers were implemented through a phased rollout to allow staff to test and refine the approach.

- Fall 2024: Community rooms at Tansley Woods Community Centre were launched as the pilot location for impromptu and pay-what-you-can bookings.
- 2025: The program expanded to Brant Hills Community Centre and Alton Community Centre.
- Early 2025: Registered group opportunities were introduced, with the first groups accessing space under this model.

Registered group access was managed using a fair and transparent evaluation process aligned with the policy's decision-making matrix, ensuring access was limited to non-prime times and balanced across a variety of community groups without disadvantaging paying users. Operational impacts anticipated during the pilot phase were managed within existing resources, and no material service level or staffing pressures were identified.

Key Performance Indicators

The original report identified key performance indicators (KPIs), including:

- Increased participation and overall room utilization,
- Increased use of underutilized (non-prime) space,
- Maintenance of community room rental revenue, and
- No increase in staffing costs.

The primary performance target for this initiative was an 11% increase in non-prime time use of community rooms. Staff are pleased to report that this target has been exceeded. Between 2023 and 2025, non-prime room usage increased by 12.5%, equivalent to approximately 3,200 additional hours. To ensure year-over-year comparability, usage figures exclude Bateman and Skyway Community Centres, which opened during this period. During the same timeframe, overall community room usage increased by 28%, or approximately 10,000 hours, demonstrating that expanded free and flexible access has not displaced paid rentals.

Positive feedback has also been received from users, ranging from those who value the convenience and flexibility of the program to registered groups who have indicated that their programming would not have been possible without access to these options. Community feedback gathered throughout implementation helped inform refinements to the model and confirmed customer support for the approach.

Conclusion

Council's approval of the corporate policy "Promoting Use of Underutilized Spaces in Recreation Facilities" removed barriers to accessing spaces that were previously vacant during regular operating hours.

This balanced approach of increasing public access while continuing to support paid rentals has resulted in increased participation, sustained revenue, and positive community reception. Application of the policy, including discretionary fee provisions, has been exercised consistently and within the parameters approved by Council.

Recreation, Community and Culture has now concluded the pilot phase and will proceed with this model as part of business-as-usual operations, with continued monitoring of utilization, customer experience, and financial performance.

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Attachments:

A. [Corporate Policy – Promoting Use of Underutilized Spaces in Recreation Facilities](#)

Memo Approval:

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

SUBJECT: Everybody Gets to Play: Burlington Launches Community Sports Locker Pilot

TO: Council Information Package

FROM: Community Services
Recreation, Community and Culture

Report Number: CSS-10-26

Wards Affected: all

Date to Committee: N/A

Date to Council: N/A

CIP Date: 7/24/2026

Background

The City of Burlington is introducing a new and innovative way for residents to access sport and recreation opportunities in their neighbourhood parks.

Beginning this summer, Burlington will launch a pilot program featuring 20 self-service sports equipment lockers located throughout the city. The lockers will provide residents with free access to recreational equipment, allowing individuals and families to borrow equipment using a mobile app and enjoy unstructured play and physical activity in local parks.

This initiative represents a meaningful enhancement to Burlington's recreation system. By removing the need for residents to purchase, store, and transport equipment, the program reduces barriers to participation and creates new opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to be active, connect with others, and enjoy recreation close to home.

The program aligns directly with the City's [Framework for Recreation](#), particularly the principle that *Everybody Gets to Play*, by increasing access to recreation opportunities and supporting inclusion, equity, accessibility, and lifelong participation in active living. It also advances community well-being by making recreation more readily available in neighbourhoods across Burlington.

In early 2026, City of Burlington staff were approached by Equip Sport regarding a potential partnership to bring its innovative sports locker program to Burlington.

Founded in 2021, Equip Sport is committed to reducing barriers to physical activity by making sports equipment easily accessible to residents without the need for individual ownership. The program uses secure, self-service lockers stocked with sports and recreation equipment that can be borrowed free of charge through a mobile app. After use, participants simply return the equipment to the locker, making it available for others in the community.

Equip Sport currently operates in partnership with municipalities across British Columbia and Ontario.

The City has partnered with Equip Sport to bring this program to Burlington through an externally funded model. Funding support is provided through Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. Equipment is supplied through Sport Chek, while installation, maintenance, and operational services are provided through Equip Sport and its local service partners.

As a result, the pilot program can be delivered at no capital, operating, or maintenance cost to the City of Burlington.

Through this partnership, Burlington has an opportunity to expand equitable and inclusive access to sport and recreation, encourage active lifestyles, and support the physical, social, and mental well-being of residents of all ages.

Key Dates and Locations

Pilot Launch

The City of Burlington will launch a 12-month pilot program in partnership with Equip Sport beginning in Summer 2026.

Installation of the sports lockers is anticipated to occur during Summer 2026, with public access commencing upon completion of installation and system activation.

Throughout the pilot period, staff will monitor usage, community demand, operational performance, and maintenance requirements to assess opportunities for future expansion.

Sports Locker Locations

Twenty sports lockers will be installed in parks across Burlington to provide broad geographic coverage and accessible recreation opportunities throughout the community.

1. Norton Community Park – 3035 Tim Dobbie Dr.
2. Bolus Gardens – 970 Francis Rd.

3. Brant Hills Park – 2300 Duncaster Dr.
4. Central Park – 2299 New St.
5. Des Jardines Park – 1811 Imperial Way.
6. Doug Wright Park – 4725 Doug Wright Dr.
7. Fothergill Woods Park – 480 Fothergill Blvd.
8. Ireland Park – 2315 Headon Forest Dr.
9. Iroquois Park – 4203 Longmoor Dr.
10. Kiwanis Park – 494 Townsend Ave.
11. Lansdown Park – 3448 Hannibal Rd.
12. Leighland Park – 1200 Leighland Rd.
13. Longmoor Park – 4501 Longmoor Dr.
14. Maple Park – 750 Maple Ave.
15. Millcroft Park – 4250 Millcroft Park Dr.
16. Nelson Park – 4183 New St.
17. Orchard Community Park – 2255 Sutton Dr.
18. Queensway Park – 2440 Glenwood School Dr.
19. Sycamore Park – 3157 Centennial Dr.
20. Tansley Woods Park – 4100 Kilmer Dr.

Evaluation Timeline

- **Summer 2026** – Installation and public launch of sports lockers.
- **Fall 2026 through Summer 2027** – Program operation, monitoring, and evaluation.
- **Summer/Fall 2027** – Assessment of program outcomes and consideration of future expansion, relocation of lockers, or continuation of the partnership.

Conclusion

The introduction of sports equipment lockers represents a meaningful expansion of Burlington's recreation offering and a new way to make recreation more accessible, inclusive, and convenient for residents.

By placing free recreational equipment directly into neighbourhood parks, Burlington is making it easier for residents to be active, try new activities, and connect with others in their community. The program removes common barriers to participation, including the cost of purchasing equipment, limited storage space, and transportation challenges, helping ensure that more residents have access to recreation opportunities regardless of age, ability, or socioeconomic circumstance.

The initiative supports spontaneous play, encourages healthy and active lifestyles, activates neighbourhood parks, and creates opportunities for social connection and community belonging. Importantly, it advances the goals of Burlington's Framework for Recreation by supporting equitable access to recreation and reinforcing the principle that *everybody gets to play*.

As a fully funded pilot program with no capital, operating, or maintenance costs to the City, this initiative represents a low-risk, high-impact opportunity to enhance Burlington's recreation system while leveraging external investment and partnerships.

Ultimately, the sports locker program is about removing barriers and creating opportunities. It enables residents to access recreation where they live, when they want it, and at no cost, helping more people experience the physical, social, and mental health benefits of active living. This innovative partnership is another step forward in creating a healthy, active, inclusive, and connected Burlington community.

Memo Details

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Dear Nazia White:

Re: Seniors Community Grant Program 2026-27
Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) Case #: 2025-12-1-3482802610

Congratulations, I am pleased to inform you that your application to the 2026-27 Seniors Community Grant Program has been approved for up to \$21,000 in funding, pending finalization of an agreement between your organization and the Province of Ontario. The funding will be subject to the terms and conditions in that agreement.

Ministry staff will be in touch with you soon to provide you with details about your approved funding.

At this time, please do not publicly disclose any information regarding your funding until you have received confirmation from ministry staff that you are able to do so. If you wish to make a public media announcement related to this funding, please advise ministry staff and await confirmation that you are able to do so.

I am truly inspired by your organization's values, dedication and support of seniors and accessibility in Ontario, and I wish you much success with your project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Raymond Cho'.

Hon. Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility

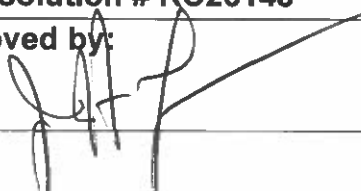
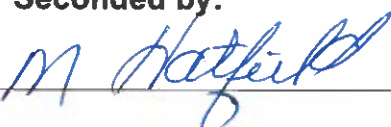


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Resolution # RC26148	Meeting Order:10
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015*;

AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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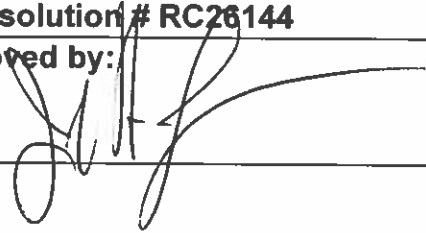
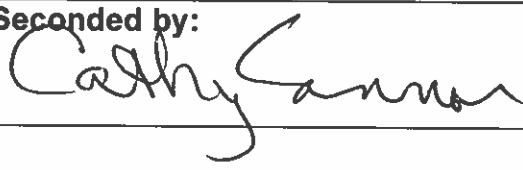


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Resolution # RC26144	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Wawa recognizes that excessive speeding and unsafe driving behaviours continue to pose significant risks to public safety in municipalities across Ontario, including rural and northern communities;

AND WHEREAS protecting pedestrians, cyclists, school-aged children, seniors, and all road users is a priority for municipalities and requires effective traffic calming and speed mitigation measures;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has demonstrated its commitment to improving road safety by providing funding opportunities to municipalities utilizing Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) and other photo radar initiatives;

AND WHEREAS many small, rural, northern and remote municipalities do not have the population base, financial capacity, or legislative authority to implement Automated Speed Enforcement programs, yet continue to experience speeding and road safety concerns requiring effective mitigation;

AND WHEREAS equitable provincial funding should be made available to all municipalities to support alternative traffic calming and speed mitigation measures appropriate to local circumstances, including but not limited to roadway design improvements, traffic calming infrastructure, enhanced signage, speed feedback devices, pedestrian safety improvements, and other proven traffic safety initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board has requested municipalities across Ontario support advocacy to the Province of Ontario for expanded funding opportunities applicable to all municipalities.

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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 endorses and supports the resolution of the North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board requesting that the Province of Ontario expand its financial commitment for traffic calming and speeding mitigation initiatives to include all municipalities across Ontario, regardless of whether they utilize Automated Speed Enforcement or photo radar programs;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province establish a dedicated, province-wide funding program to assist municipalities in implementing locally appropriate traffic calming and road safety measures that improve public safety;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation;
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
- Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma–Manitoulin;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA);
- The North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board;
- All Ontario OPP Detachment Boards and Police Service Boards; and
- All Ontario municipalities.

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Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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July 8, 2026

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RE: Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on July 8th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

Resolution No: 2026-07-08-16
Moved by: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's resolution regarding Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of the Solicitor General, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP, and MP, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Association of Municipalities in Ontario, Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, Ontario Association of Fire Chief, Renfrew County Fire Chiefs Association and all Municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



Date: 13 May 2026

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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services In Ontario

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 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 Town of Plympton-Wyoming respectfully calls 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 FURTHER 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 FURTHER 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 FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- The County of Lambton
- Lambton County Fire Chiefs Association
- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:

- Steve Pinnsoneault MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
- Bob Bailey MPP Sarnia-Lambton
- 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
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

✓

Carried

Defeated

Deferred



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July 8, 2026

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

RE: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on July 8th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Resolution No: 2026-07-08-14
Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus's resolution regarding A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, the Ontario Big City Mayors, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

**Resolution 2026-03: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in
Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle**

Date: May 8, 2026

Moved by: Warden Jennifer Murphy, County of Renfrew

Seconded by: Warden Robert Mullin, County of Hastings

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) serves over 1.1 million residents across 13 upper-tier and single-tier municipalities, encompassing a total of 103 municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario are currently required to calculate property taxes based on property valuations from 2016, over a decade ago;

AND WHEREAS all other provinces in Canada have continued regular reassessment cycles, resulting in properties being reassessed multiple times since 2016, making Ontario the most outdated in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the prolonged pause in the reassessment cycle has created significant distortions in assessed values, resulting in inequities among property classes; and

AND WHEREAS outdated assessments negatively impact investment decisions, economic competitiveness, municipal planning, and disproportionately affect independent small businesses; and

AND WHEREAS the continued pause on property tax reassessment in Ontario creates uncertainty for municipalities, property owners, and investors regarding future tax liabilities;

AND WHEREAS a current and predictable assessment system is essential to supporting strong communities, maintaining fairness in taxation, and encouraging economic investment consistent with the Ontario government's objective of being "Open for Business";

AND WHEREAS the lack of clarity regarding the timing of the next reassessment is contributing to delayed or deferred investment decisions, thereby impacting economic competitiveness across the province;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments, particularly in rural and small-urban communities, rely on a stable and updated assessment system to address financial pressures including inflation, rising labour costs, and increasing service demands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the EOWC formally requests that the Government of Ontario commit to a clear and prompt return to the property tax reassessment cycle;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province provide a defined timeline and transparent plan for implementing future reassessments on a regular and predictable basis;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario work in coordination with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to ensure properties are reassessed in an accurate and timely manner;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; the Ontario Big City Mayors; the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus; the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and all EOWC municipalities."

Carried
Signed by:



EOWC Chair Bonnie Clark
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Village of Sundridge Council Resolution
July 15, 2026
Item (9.5)

Township of Machar Resolution 86-26 – Opposing Changes to FIPPA

Resolution #2026-177

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT Council receives the Township of Machar Resolution 86-26 – Opposing Changes to FIPPA,

AND THAT The Village of Sundridge supports the Township of Machar in their opposition to Changes to FIPPA,

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke(absent)			
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			

July 14, 2026

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

VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Sir:

Re: Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of July 13, 2026:

Whereas intimate partner violence (IPV) is a serious and pervasive public health and safety issue affecting individuals, pregnant women, families, and communities across Ontario and Canada;

And Whereas Statistics Canada reports that approximately 44% of Canadian women have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, while 33% of Canadian women have experienced sexual assault;

And Whereas Indigenous women, pregnant women and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals experience disproportionately high rates of violence, with 61% of Indigenous women and 67% of 2SLGBTQIA+ women having experienced intimate partner violence;

And Whereas according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), 66% of female homicide victims in Canada were killed by an intimate partner;

And Whereas rural communities face an even greater impact, with victims experiencing a 75% higher risk of intimate partner violence;

And Whereas on September 22, 2015, the murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County brought national attention to the devastating consequences of intimate partner violence;

And Whereas the 2022 Renfrew County Joint Inquest into these femicides resulted in 86 recommendations, with Recommendation #1 calling upon the Province of Ontario to formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas despite the findings and recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest, the Province of Ontario has not formally declared intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas police-reported intimate partner violence cases in Ontario increased from 4,450 incidents in 2022 to 5,988 incidents in 2024, representing an 18% increase according to the Ontario Provincial Police Data, Statistics & Analysis Unit;

And Whereas North Simcoe Victim Services reported a 64% increase in intimate partner violence calls between 2023 and 2025, rising from 255 calls to 417 calls;

And Whereas 2025 combined statistics from Violence Against Women agencies serving Orillia, Barrie, Alliston, Collingwood, and Midland recorded:

- 12,870 crisis calls;
- 335 women requiring in-shelter stays;
- 167 children requiring in-shelter stays;
- 1,039 referrals due to agencies reaching capacity limits;

And Whereas the Government of Canada formally recognized intimate partner violence as an epidemic in 2023, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario also declared intimate partner violence an epidemic in 2023;

And Whereas more than 115 municipalities across Ontario, representing over 70% of Ontario's population, have passed motions declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic:

- demonstrates leadership and commitment to addressing the crisis;
- raises public awareness;
- reduces stigma experienced by victims and survivors;
- helps individuals know support services are available;
- strengthens eligibility for provincial funding opportunities for community agencies;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of New Tecumseth formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Further That Council call upon the Province of Ontario to formally recognize intimate partner violence as an epidemic across Ontario;

And Further That the Province be urged to implement the recommendations of the Renfrew County Joint Inquest, including Recommendation #1;

And Further That copies of this resolution be circulated to:

- The Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Solicitor General of Ontario;
- The Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity;
- The Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The County of Simcoe;
- All municipalities within Simcoe County and Ontario;
- Local violence against women and victim support agencies within Simcoe County

Yours truly,

Pam Slowleigh

Pamela Slowleigh
Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk

Cc: Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca
Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, The Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, charmaine.williams@pc.ola.org
MPP Brian Saunderson (Simcoe–Grey), brian.saunderson@pc.ola.org
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), resolutions@amo.on.ca
The County of Simcoe, clerks@simcoe.ca
Local violence against women & victim support agencies within Simcoe County:
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My Sister's Place, pitmsp@mysistersplace.ca
Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie, info@barrieshelter.com
Regional Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centre for Simcoe County and Muskoka, sadvtc@osmh.on.ca
Elizabeth Fry Society Simcoe Muskoka, meaghanc@elizabethfrysociety.com
North Simcoe Victim Services, exdir@ns-vs.com
Huron Transition Homes, admin@rosewood.on.ca
Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle (BRAWC),
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All municipalities within Simcoe County and Ontario



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July 17, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plant Regulatory Framework

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of the Township of Ramara, passed the following resolution regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plant Regulatory Framework.

WHEREAS invasive plant species pose environmental, infrastructure, and financial challenges for municipalities and property owners; and

WHEREAS preventing the spread of invasive species is more effective and cost-efficient than managing them after they become established;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the Township of Ramara and Town of Halton Hills' resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario modernize Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework, strengthen measures to limit the sale and distribution of invasive plant species, promote native and non-invasive alternatives, and provide municipalities with the tools and resources needed to support prevention.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the appropriate provincial ministries, the local MPP and MP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, and all Ontario municipalities. Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach



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cc: Hon. Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources (minister.mnrf@ontario.ca)
Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
(minister.mecp@ontario.ca)
Hon. Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (minister.omafa@ontario.ca)
Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey (Brian.Saunderson@pc.ola.org)
Terry Dowdall, MP for Simcoe-Grey (terry.dowdall@parl.gc.ca)
The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (amo@amo.on.ca)
The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) (roma@roma.on.ca)
The Ontario Invasive Plant Council (info@oninvasives.ca)
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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the City of Mississauga requesting a Provincial Review of Benchmarking, Funding Formulas, and Length-of-Stay Standards for Emergency Shelters Serving Women and Children Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence

Please be advised that, at its meeting of July 14, 2026 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the City of Mississauga regarding a Provincial Review of Benchmarking, Funding Formulas, and Length-of-Stay Standards for Emergency Shelters Serving Women and Children Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region
Local MPPs – Jeff Burch, Wayne Gates, Sam Oosterhoff, Jennifer Stevens
All Ontario Municipalities



MISSISSAUGA

RESOLUTION 0147-2026
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on June 24, 2026

0147-2026 Moved by: Councillor N. Hart

Seconded by: Councillor C. Fonseca

WHEREAS women and children experiencing intimate partner violence rely on emergency shelters as a critical component of their safety, recovery, and transition to stable housing;

WHEREAS adequate lengths of stay in emergency shelters are often necessary to support safety planning, access to social services, legal supports, mental health resources, and housing stabilization;

WHEREAS funding formulas and service benchmarks directly influence shelter capacity, operations, and the ability of service providers to meet community needs;

Whereas The City of Mississauga declared Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic on September 13th 2023;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario utilize varying approaches to shelter funding and length-of-stay expectations, providing opportunities for benchmarking and best-practice review;

WHEREAS any reductions to funding based on the formulas may have unintended consequences on service levels and the availability of supports for individuals fleeing intimate partner violence;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the local Members of Provincial Parliament requesting a provincial review of benchmarking, funding formulas, and length-of-stay standards for emergency shelters serving women and children experiencing intimate partner violence, with a view to ensuring adequate shelter stays and preventing reductions in funding that could negatively impact service delivery and client outcomes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor C. Parrish				
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor A. Tedjo	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor N. Hart	X			
Councillor J. Horneck	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor M. Reid	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor B. Butt	X			

Carried (11, 0)



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July 17, 2026

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The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Caledon requesting Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases

Please be advised that, at its meeting of July 14, 2026 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Caledon regarding Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Peel Public Health
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)
Credit Valley Conservation
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

July 2, 2026

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

Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier
Constituency Office
Suite A, 3rd Floor
180 Broadway Ave.
Orangeville, ON L9W 1K3

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

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:

Chief Medical Officer of Health Kieran.Moore@ontario.ca

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks minister.mecp@ontario.ca

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Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) info@trca.ca

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July 20, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Bill Rosenberg MPP Algoma-Manitoulin
All Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE ONTARIO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Please be advised that at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council meeting of June 25, 2026, the following motion was approved:

194-2026 That the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the following motion from the Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands:

WHEREAS the Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has conducted research which unequivocally identifies that Ontario Hospitals are underfunded by the Government of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the CCPA study, Failure by Design, clearly identifies that smaller and rural hospitals are disproportionately disadvantaged by the underfunding;

AND WHEREAS as a direct result of the underfunding Emergency Department wait times for an initial physician assessment have increased to 4.5 hours in 2024 – 2025 from 2.7 hours in 2020 – 2021;

AND WHEREAS 90 percent of patients spend on average 44 hours in the emergency department waiting to be admitted when further care is required;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government increased total health care spending from 7.4 percent of GDP in 2014 to only 7.6 percent of GDP by 2023, which did not keep pace with raising health care costs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Central Manitoulin request that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity, which as per the recommendations in the CCPA study, would require an immediate injection of \$3.2 billion supported by annual increases of 6% per year thereafter.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- *All municipalities*
- *Association of Municipalities of Ontario*
- *Rural Ontario Municipal Association*
- *Bill Rosenberg, MPP Algoma-Manitoulin*
- *The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario...carried.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Deforge", is written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Denise Deforge – CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

cc. File



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July 17, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of Township of Ramara, passed the following resolution regarding Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform.

WHEREAS Ontario hospitals continue to experience emergency room overcrowding, staffing shortages, and prolonged wait times that impact timely access to emergency care and place additional strain on patients, healthcare providers, and municipal paramedic services; and

WHEREAS the tragic death of sixteen-year-old Finlay van der Werken, who died in February 2024 after waiting in the emergency department at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, has highlighted the need for stronger provincial standards to improve pediatric emergency care across Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the resolutions of the Township of Ramara, Municipality of Wawa and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus calling on the Province of Ontario to reduce emergency room wait times through increased hospital capacity, enhanced triage protocols, additional healthcare staffing, and improved emergency care resources.

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the introduction of Finlay's Law to strengthen pediatric emergency care through provincial standards for timely access to care, safe staffing levels, independent oversight, and enhanced funding for pediatric emergency services.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council supports requests for the Government of Canada to work with the Province of Ontario to strengthen accountability under the Canada Health Act and support the implementation of consistent national emergency care standards.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Federal Minister of Health, the local MPP and MP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration. Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.



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Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach
/mps

cc: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (sylvia.jones@ontario.ca)
Hon. Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health (hcminister.ministresc@hc-sc.gc.ca)
Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey (Brian.Saunderson@pc.ola.org)
Terry Dowdall, MP for Simcoe-Grey (terry.dowdall@parl.gc.ca)
The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (amo@amo.on.ca)
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The Ontario Medical Association (OMA) (info@oma.org)
The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) (kate@wowc.ca)
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Innovative Housing and Support Models for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of the Township of Ramara, passed the following resolution regarding Innovative Housing and Support Models for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

WHEREAS adults with developmental disabilities often experience reduced supports and programming after reaching adulthood, creating challenges for individuals, families, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS there is a growing need for innovative, inclusive, and sustainable housing and support models that promote independence, dignity, community participation, and quality of life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the Township of Ramara and City of Richmond Hill's resolution encouraging the Province of Ontario and municipalities to explore innovative integrated housing and support models for adults with developmental disabilities, including partnerships that enhance access to housing, community services, and meaningful daily participation.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to engage municipalities, developmental service agencies, families, caregivers, and advocacy organizations in evaluating and implementing these models.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Long-Term Care, the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, the local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,



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July 17, 2026

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

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of Village of Merrickville-Wolford, passed the following resolution regarding Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation.

WHEREAS speeding continues to pose a significant public safety concern in communities across Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipalities require effective traffic calming measures and sustainable funding to improve road safety and protect all road users, including children and seniors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the resolution of the North Grenville–Merrickville-Wolford OPP Detachment Board requesting that the Province of Ontario expand funding for traffic calming and speeding mitigation initiatives to all municipalities, rather than limiting support to municipalities utilizing automated speed enforcement.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, the local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Provincial Police, all Ontario Police Service Boards, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: Jul 21, 2026

Resolution No.: 265-26

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Resolution from the Town of Whitby regarding a Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, TBDML, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Leader of the Official Opposition, and all Ontario municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 1X8

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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July 17, 2026

BY EMAIL ONLY

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Intimate Partner Violence

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of Canadian Federation of University Women Orillia, passed the following resolution regarding Intimate Partner Violence.

WHEREAS intimate partner violence continues to have a significant impact on individuals, families, and communities across Ontario, including the Town of Wasaga Beach;

AND WHEREAS local service providers, community organizations, and law enforcement agencies have reported increasing rates of intimate partner violence and growing demand for victim support services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach hereby declares intimate partner violence to be an epidemic within the Town of Wasaga Beach;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach encourages other municipalities that have not already done so to declare intimate partner violence an epidemic within their communities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach calls upon the Province of Ontario to pass Bill 55 and formally recognize and declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to all 444 municipalities, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of the Solicitor General, and the Premier of Ontario for consideration and support.

Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,

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