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**Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: February 24th, 2025
Correspondence Package No. I-25-FEB-04**

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-25-FEB-04 be received as information and filed accordingly.

General Information Items:

- 1. Correspondence from the County of Renfrew**
 - a) [County Council approves 2025 County of Renfrew budget](#)
- 2. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
 - a) [Watch File – February 6th, 2025](#)
 - b) [Watch File – February 13th, 2025](#)
 - c) [Policy Update – Provincial Election Tracking and Guidance for Municipal Energy Decisions](#)
 - d) [Policy Update – Action on Tariffs and Trade](#)
 - e) [Policy Update – Weekly Provincial Election Tracking Update](#)
- 3. Resolutions from Other Municipalities**
 - a) [Northumberland County – Correspondence, Municipality of St. Charles ‘Deposit Return Program’](#)
 - b) [Town of Hawkesbury – Municipal Accountability Act, 2004 – Municipal Code of Conduct](#)
- 4. Correspondence from Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus**
 - a) [Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus Ontario Election Priorities](#)

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RELEASE**

RELEASE DATE:

February 11, 2025

County Council approves 2025 County of Renfrew budget

The County of Renfrew approved the 2025 budget, with a total of \$236 million in expenditures, during the annual budget workshop.

Councillors Jennifer Murphy and David Mayville, Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the County's Corporate Services Committee of the Whole, led County Council through the budget workshop on February 6, 2025. Through the new Committee of the Whole structure, all members of County Council had already reviewed and discussed department budgets and Chair Murphy thanked her colleagues for their engagement in the process.

The County of Renfrew remains focused on today and the future. With the budget for 2025 approved, the County of Renfrew will continue to deliver existing programs and services and will also fund several key service enhancements:

- The establishment of the Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub
- Launch of a Regional Incentive Program – Hype for affordable housing
- \$66.5 million in capital asset renewal
- Construction of new housing units
- Two new paramedic bases
- Continued expansion of the Algonquin Trail

The approved County levy for 2025 will rise by 5.5%. This corresponds to a \$22.87 rise in residential property taxes for every \$100,000 in assessed value. Given that Renfrew County's median residential property value is currently \$216,000, the average homeowner would spend \$940 in 2025 for the County portion of their taxes.

With these tax dollars, the County of Renfrew will be able to maintain its provision of high-quality services, including:

- Long-term Care: Operation of two facilities (346 beds total between Bonnechere Manor in Renfrew and Miramichi Lodge in Pembroke)

- Paramedic Service: Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centres; 911 response and patient transfers; Community Paramedic Program; Mesa paramedics – Mobile response teams
- Community Services: Children’s Services; Ontario Works; Community Housing, which includes responsibility for 1,029 Renfrew County Housing Corporation (RCHC) rent-g geared-to-income units at RCHC-owned properties and approximately 65 municipally funded rent supplement units with private landlords; Homelessness Prevention Programs
- Public Works and Engineering: Approximately 816 kilometres of road, 75 bridges and 179 culverts; Trails (nearly 300 kilometres of the Algonquin Trail and 21 kilometres of the K&P Trail)
- Development and Property: Management of the Renfrew County Forest (53 separate forested areas of land covering 6,500 hectares), Real Property, Economic Development, Planning Services and GIS

“This process has shown us our budget is becoming increasingly complex. This budget represents an investment in our community, investment in our resources, investment in people and investments with our partners,” said Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon. “Our community depends on us to project stability and strategic awareness as we guide community development and invest in our local economy. This budget will allow us to remain both responsive and responsible as we balance fiscal prudence with the needs of our most vulnerable residents – because in tough times, some services become even more essential.”

Chair Murphy acknowledged the challenges presented during this budget cycle and striking the delicate balance between needs and wants, between immediate pressures and long-term sustainability. the importance of striking a delicate balance in terms of providing services to ratepayers while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

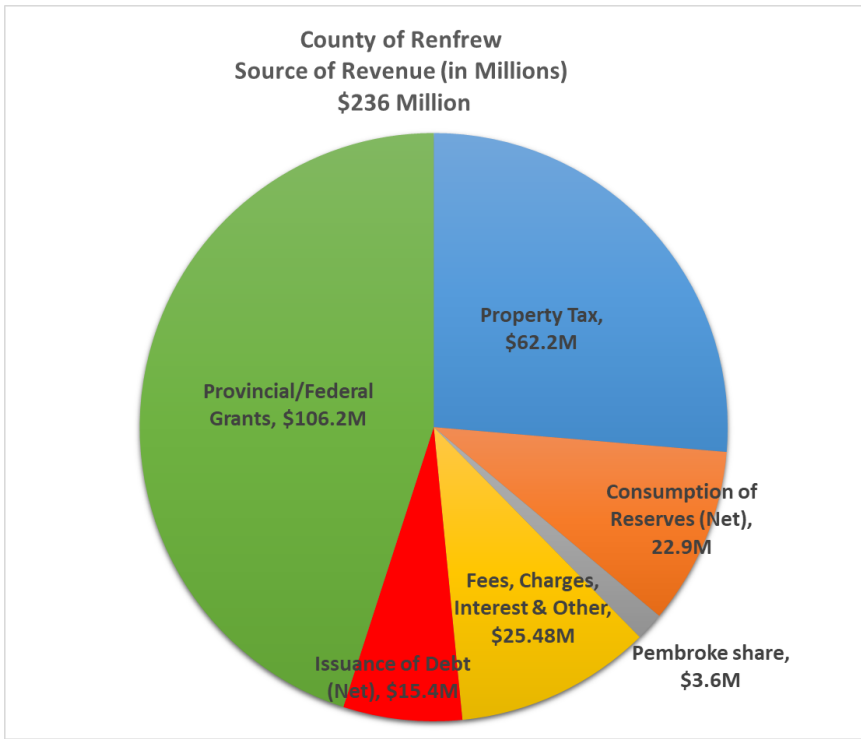
“I believe this budget that reflects both our vision and our responsibility to the residents we serve,” she added.

The 2025 budget was adopted as a by-law immediately following the budget presentation and discussion on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

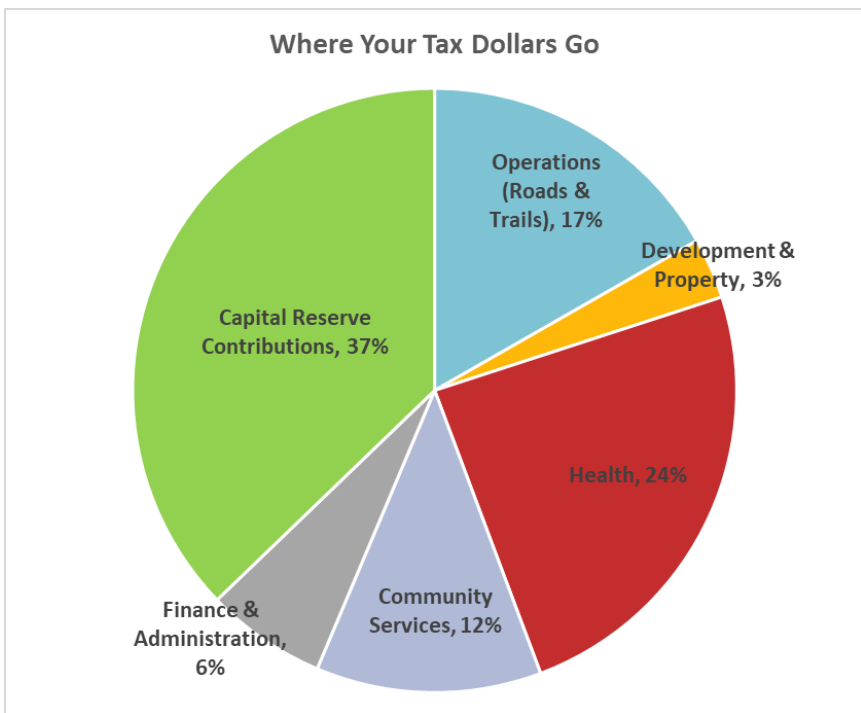
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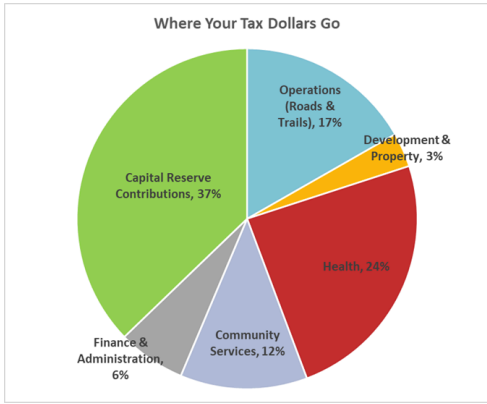
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Daniel Burke	Treasurer	613-735-7288

Property taxes account for approximately one-quarter of the County revenues, with other sources of revenue shown in the chart below:



This graphic shows how tax dollars are distributed by department:





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Kaitlyn Wendland

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Subject: AMO Watchfile - February 6, 2025



February 06, 2025

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- ROMA Conference evaluation - Share your experience.
- Register today for the OSUM 2025 Conference hosted by the Town of Collingwood.
- AMO Regional and Single-Tier caucus virtual meet-up - February 28.
- Blog: 2025 is the Perfect Time to Review Your Employee Group Benefits Plan.
- Equity market outlook - Do Politics Matter? ONE Investment's education webinar.
- Survey on displacement and protecting affordable housing.
- Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation War Memorial grant.
- New report highlights importance of funding for new recreation facilities.
- CCPPP new virtual P3 learning series for municipalities.
- Save the date: Scotiabank 2025 Affordable Housing Summit.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

AMO is delivering a 4-part webinar series to help municipalities meet O. Reg. 588/17 asset management plan requirements. Register for part one on [Proposed Levels of Service](#) on March 6.

Education Opportunities

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understanding anti-semitism and islamophobia and so much more. AMO is also offering registration discounts. [Check it all out here](#).

Take a few minutes to share your experience at the 2025 ROMA Annual Conference. [Click here for the conference evaluation](#). Deadline to submit feedback is February 7.

Join the 2025 OSUM Conference host the Town of Collingwood April 30-May 2 for compelling programming and opportunities to engage, network and address the issues top of mind for small urban leaders. [Registration is open](#) and you can [book your accommodations here](#).

The Regional and Single-Tier Caucus of the AMO Board is hosting a virtual meet-up on February 28 from 9:30am-11:00am. The meet up is an opportunity for members to connect and be brought up to date on AMO activities. [Register today](#).

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Your employees have been through a lot lately, fluctuating interest rates and inflation, hybrid work arrangements, and balancing a work-family life. Employee group benefits plans are an important part of any employee's compensation package. [Read more about the LAS offering](#) with Mosey & Mosey in our latest blog by our Group Benefits program partner.

Guardian Capital LP, portfolio manager for ONE Investment's Canadian Equity Portfolio, discusses the current market outlook and positioning of ONE's Canadian Equity Portfolio amidst fluctuating market and political dynamics. [Watch the webinar](#).

Municipal Wire*

CP Planning, as part of collaborations with the City of Toronto and ULI Toronto, [launched a survey shaping](#) strategies to prevent housing displacement in Ontario communities. Survey closes February 28.

To commemorate World War II's 80th anniversary, the Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation (CFHF) is offering to help municipalities wishing to honour their fallen soldiers. [Please consider joining this initiative](#).

The Aquatic Sports Council of Ontario released [a report making the case for provincial recreational facility funding](#). AMO has consistently sought long-term, sustainable infrastructure funding, including for high-quality recreational facilities.

Eager to learn about the latest advances in infrastructure procurement to help drive growth in your community? Join [P3s for Municipalities](#), a FREE six-part webinar series. Explore hot topics with our experts.

Join industry experts in meaningful discussions on February 19th to tackle housing-related challenges at regional and national levels. Please reach out to [Scotiabank's events team](#) for additional information.

Careers

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[Supervisor, Roads Operations - City of Vaughan](#). Closing Date: March 3, 2025.

[Manager of Infrastructure Services - Town of Cochrane](#). Closing Date: March 3, 2025.

[Council and Committee Coordinator - City of Guelph](#). Closing Date: February 17, 2025.

[Director of Finance and Administration - Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board](#). Closing Date: February 21, 2025.

[Supervisor of Financial Accounting and Audit - City of Orillia](#). Closing Date: February 17, 2025.

[Analyst, Jr. Financial Planning - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: February 17, 2025.

[Chief Information Officer - King Township](#). Closing Date: February 28, 2025

[Senior Economic Development Officer - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: February 25, 2025.

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Education Opportunities

AMO and OMAA are hosting a conversation that is a key ingredient to a successful, effective and high-performing municipality - the relationship between a Mayor and CAO. This virtual event includes a moderated discussion with an expert panel on the elements of a productive Mayor-CAO relationship. [For more information click here](#). Save the date: March 19, 11:00 am-12:00pm. Registration information coming soon.

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[Analyst, Budget & Operations - City of Peterborough](#). Closing Date: February 24, 2025.

[Manager, Human Services - City of Kawartha Lakes](#). Closing Date: February 23, 2025.

[Manager, IT Service Delivery - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: February 17, 2025.

[Waste Reduction and Diversion Specialist, Bilingual - City of Greater Sudbury](#). Closing Date: February 19, 2025.

[Procurement Category Specialist \(Construction-Related Procurements\) - City of Vaughan](#). Closing Date: February 17 2025.

[Manager, Risk Management & Insurance - Municipality of Durham](#). Closing Date: March 5, 2025.

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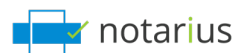
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AMO Policy Update – Provincial Election Tracking and Guidance for Municipal Energy Decisions

AMO Election Tracking Update

AMO is currently tracking provincial election commitments made public in 2025 that relate to [AMO's election advocacy](#) on their [website](#). Recent announcements on our election priorities from this week on the campaign are listed below. Please consult each party's website and local candidate communications for the full party commitments.

Tackle root causes of homelessness

- The NDP announced their strategy to end encampments in Ontario.
- The Liberal Party committed to permanently double Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefits and index them to inflation.
- The Green Party supported AMO's calls for long-term housing solutions that would end homelessness and committed to doubling Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) rates and tie all future increases to inflation.

Curb reliance on municipal property taxes to fund provincial responsibilities

- The NDP committed to uploading shelter funding to the province.

Invest in local infrastructure needed to grow

- The PC Party committed to investing an additional \$22 billion in infrastructure projects.

AMO will be providing updates to our tracking of commitments every Friday until election day on February 27.

AMO Releases Guidance for Municipal Energy Decisions

Municipalities have an increasingly important role in hosting electricity projects to meet a projected 75% increase in electricity demand and to support the use of Ontario's energy exports as a key lever in tariff and trade negotiations.

To empower municipalities in this role, AMO has released new guidance resources:

- [The Municipal Electricity Procurement Toolkit](#) provides guidance to help municipal decision makers protect residents, sensitive lands, and municipal finances while securing local benefits and supporting growth.
- [Guidance for energy developers](#) outlines how they can effectively partner with municipalities to support smooth project review and implementation.

Developed with input from municipalities experienced in energy projects, the provincial government, Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), and other energy sector partners, this guidance is timely because energy developers have begun to engage with municipalities about the upcoming [Long-Term 2 Energy Procurement](#) ("LT2"). Developers pursuing energy stream projects (e.g. renewable energy generation, natural gas, etc.) must have municipal support by October 2025, and for the capacity stream (e.g. battery energy storage systems) by December 2025.

This policy update is also available on [AMO's Website](#).

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Subject: AMO Policy Update - Action on Tariffs and Trade



AMO Policy Update – Action on Tariffs and Trade

Tariffs and trade disruptions have the potential to seriously harm Ontario’s economy with significant impacts on communities. Ontario’s municipalities want to do their part. To support broader federal and provincial efforts, AMO has:

- Highlighted Ontario municipalities commitment to playing our part in protecting our shared prosperity in Ontario and Canada by [writing](#) to the Prime Minister, the Premier of Ontario and federal and provincial opposition leaders in early December 2024;
- Reaffirming and strengthening this commitment through [a statement issued by AMO’s Board of Directors in January](#), noting that changes in US immigration and social policy could trigger migration with massive implications for municipal resources; and
- Calling on the Ontario government to work with AMO to effectively harness [municipal procurement](#) as a tool in federal and provincial tariff responses.

AMO is focused on making the case for Ontario municipalities as a critical part of stimulus efforts, including the need for federal and provincial investments to:

- Mitigate cost escalation on municipal capital projects to continue to ensure continuity for the construction sector and related industries;

- Increase and repair social housing stock in the face of excess residential construction capacity and growing housing need; and
- Offset broader fiscal impacts on the municipal sector of potential economic slowdown.

Thanks to the many municipalities who have submitted data to support this work. Final analysis and information will be provided to members as it becomes available.

AMO continues to support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in its efforts as part of a coordinated federal strategy. FCM's Canada-wide virtual listening tour is gathering municipal trade-related concerns, questions and local initiatives at canada-usa@fcm.ca.

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Updates from this week include:

- The [Northern Ontario Leaders' Debate](#) was broadcast live and included questions related to each of AMO's election priorities.
- The Green Party released their platform and costing which included key commitments in each of AMO's priority areas.

Our [election tracking webpage](#) has been updated with new commitments.

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Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

January 31, 2025

Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks)
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance)
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, Municipality of St. Charles 'Deposit Return Program'

At a meeting held on January 22, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-01-22-035, adopting the below recommendation from the January 6, 2025 Public Works Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Deposit Return Program' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2025-01-22-035

Carried

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

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By M. Mabin
Seconded By J. Fogel

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number
2025-01-22- 035

Council Date: January 22, 2025

“That Council adopt all recommendations from the three Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held January 6 and 8, 2025).”

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
Councillor’s Name

Deferred _____
Warden’s Signature

Carried  _____
Warden’s Signature

Defeated _____
Warden’s Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: January 6, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.b

Resolution Number: 2025-01-06-004

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: J. Logel

Council Meeting Date: January 22, 2025

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Carried _____
Committee Chair's Signature

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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.2.
Resolution Number 2024-403
Title: Resolution Stemming from October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #4
Date: November 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

September 20, 2024

BY E-MAIL

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

Ontario Deposit Return Program

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

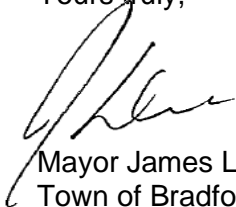
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,



Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities

E-mail

January 20th, 2025

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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SUBJECT: Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 - Municipal Code of Conduct

Hon. Paul Calandra:

Members of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Hawkesbury received your correspondence at its Regular meeting held on January 13, 2025.

After discussion, we concluded that we do not agree with a unanimous vote by members of Council but rather a majority vote in a situation to remove and disqualify members of council and certain local boards for a period of four years for the most serious code of conduct violations, following a recommendation from the local integrity and a concurring report from the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario.

Sincerely,



Robert Lefebvre
Mayor

c.c. All municipalities of Ontario

Ready to Work, Ready to Grow: Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Ontario Election Priorities

February 18, 2025, Eastern Ontario – As the united voice for Eastern Ontario's small-urban and rural municipalities, the [Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus \(EOWC\)](#) has set clear priorities for the upcoming Ontario election. On behalf of nearly one quarter of Ontario's 444 municipalities, the EOWC has outlined four priorities and 13 top recommendations in the **2025 Ontario Election Priorities package: [Ready to Work, Ready to Grow](#)**.

"Eastern Ontario's future must be a priority in the Ontario election. The EOWC's municipalities are already driving progress, and we are ready to do even more for the region. We need provincial leaders who are ready to work with us to tackle issues around infrastructure, housing, health care, and the economy. The EOWC remains '*Ready to Work and Ready to Grow*.'" – **EOWC Chair, Bonnie Clark (Warden of Peterborough County)**

"Our municipalities are the backbone of Ontario's future, and this election is a pivotal moment to ensure Eastern Ontario priorities are heard. Together with our provincial partners, we can unlock the full potential of our communities and drive meaningful progress for residents." – **EOWC Vice-Chair, Steve Ferguson (Mayor of Prince Edward County)**

The EOWC's priorities for Ontario's next government include:

1. **Regional Economy and U.S. Tariff Threats:** Ensure municipalities are part of Ontario's approach to U.S. government tariff threats and eliminate barriers to enable municipalities to buy local and give preference to Canadian companies.
2. **Municipal Infrastructure:** Increase investments in municipal infrastructure to grow the region's economy, create jobs, and close our municipal infrastructure deficit, which is now over \$6 billion across the region.
3. **Housing:** Support municipalities to build all types of housing through capital investments and modernizing provincial programs to prevent homelessness.
4. **Health Care:** Continue provincial funding for community paramedicine programs that are proven to succeed.

Eastern Ontario is poised for growth. The region has the land and is building its workforce. The EOWC is committed to working with all provincial leaders to ensure Eastern Ontario remains a vibrant, competitive and sustainable region.

About the EOWC

The EOWC is a non-profit organization advocating for 103 small-urban and rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario. The EOWC covers an area of 50,000 square kilometres, serving 800,000 residents. For more than 20 years, the EOWC has gained support and momentum by speaking with a united voice to champion regional municipal priorities and work with the government, businesses, non-profit organizations, Indigenous leaders, the media, and the public.

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