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**Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: March 10th, 2025
Correspondence Package No. I-25-MAR-05**

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-25-MAR-05 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 Enterprise Renfrew County**
 - a) [Business Basics for Newcomers 2025](#)
 - b) [Clover Merchant Services Webinar 2025](#)
 - c) [Francophone Webinar 2025](#)
 - d) [Starter Company Plus Spring Info Session 2025](#)
 - e) [Youth Entrepreneurship Summer Company 2025](#)
 - f) [Unlock the Secrets to Hiring Success Series 2025](#)
- 3. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
 - a) [Watch File – February 20th, 2025](#)
 - b) [Watch File – February 27th, 2025](#)
- 4. Resolutions from Other Municipalities**
 - a) [Township of Champlain – Canada Metal Processing Group Announcement on steps to respond to U.S. tariff threats on the steel sector](#)
 - b) [Township of Coleman – Urgent Need for Improvements to Highways 11 and 17](#)

- c) Durham Region – Protecting Canadian Values Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada
- d) Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake – Amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act
- e) Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Paid-Plasma-Free Zone
- f) Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Road Rationalization Assessment
- g) Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Robbie Dean Family Counselling Centre
- h) Town of Goderich – Support for an Ontario-wide licencing framework for rideshare companies
- i) Township of The Archipelago – Response to Tarrif Threats

5. Correspondence from the Renfrew County Community Poverty Action Network

- a) Thank you from the Renfrew County Community Poverty Action Network

Council and Committee Monthly Summary

February 2025

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew County Council and Committee meetings held February 12 and February 26, 2025 under the new Committee of the Whole Structure.

Please note that this summary does not constitute the official record of the meetings and approved minutes should be consulted for that purpose.

The full [Council and Committee packages](#) can be found online.

The [February 12, 2025](#) and [February 26, 2025](#) meetings are on YouTube.

Warden's Address

Key highlights

- On February 12, Warden Peter Emon recognized February as Black History Month – a time to honour and celebrate the rich history, achievements, and contributions of Black individuals and communities. He noted the month served as an opportunity for reflection, education, and action, acknowledging the resilience, excellence, and ongoing struggles for equity and justice. He also affirmed Council's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the ongoing work of addressing systemic barriers.
- The Warden was honoured to attend the King Charles III Coronation Medal Presentation, along with Councillor Debbi Grills, for William Croshaw, former Reeve of Head, Clara and Maria Township. He first served on Township Council in 1996 and was elected Reeve in 1999. Over the years, Mr. Croshaw served as Chair of Health Committee that oversaw Bonnechere Manor, Miramichi Lodge and the Emergency Services Department. Mr. Croshaw was also an active volunteer for Miramichi Lodge's Bingo fundraiser and dedicated to his community.
- He attended and celebrated the twinning of the Great Canadian Kilt Skate in Petawawa to commemorate the special partnership between the County of Renfrew and Renfrewshire, Scotland. He thanked the Town of Petawawa for being an excellent host.
- The Warden and CAO Craig Kelley attended a virtual Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) call. Discussions included actions of Caucus with regards to the United States and tariffs against Canada. The Warden noted the EOWC Chair has met by telephone with the New York Association of Counties. They have established contact and exchanged information with the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. This association counts Mayors, Chairs, Governors and the Premier as part of their membership. He noted the Caucus has started to engage with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and will provide information to the local Chambers. The thrust of the initiative will be to buy local and buy Canadian.

Delegations

At the February 26 meeting, Council heard from the following interested parties:

- Kristen Niemi, Director of Education, Renfrew County District School Board, and Board Chair Leo Boland provided an update on RCDSB activities. They touched on good news stories through aspects of the board priorities of Inspire – Community Engagement and Partnerships, Achieve – Excellence in Teaching and Learning and Empower – Equity and Well-Being; highlighted partnerships between the RCDSB and County of Renfrew and encouraged elected officials to attend upcoming community consultations for the 2026-30 Strategic Plan. The full presentation can be found online at: <https://bit.ly/RCDSBPresentation>.
- Melissa Marquardt, the County’s Manager of Economic Development, brought County Council up to date on the Think Local Campaign, which has been initiated in response to the threat of U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods. More information can be found online at: <https://investrenfrewcounty.ca/THINKLocal>.

2025 Budget

- During the annual budget workshop on February 6, County Council approved the [2025 County of Renfrew](#) budget with a total of \$236 million in expenditures. The approved County levy for 2025 is increasing by 5.5%.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- County Council adopted a by-law implementing a Municipal Consultation Strategy for County of Renfrew Official Plan Amendments. This strategy is intended to provide clarity on the public engagement process for Official Plan amendments.
- County Council accepted the updated Terms of Reference for the Renfrew County Agriculture Economic Development Committee. Following the retirement of three longstanding committee members, the Committee recognized the need to update the Terms of Reference to include an Executive Committee, comprised of a Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. Priority areas of focus for the Committee in 2025 include the development of a strategic action plan, installing educational signage along the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail, as well as overhauling the Renfrew County Farm News.
- County Council passed a resolution authorizing the Warden sign the joint letter of support advocating for sustainable funding for the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC), of which the County of Renfrew and Town of Deep River are members; and directed the letter be sent to MP Cheryl Gallant, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke. The Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) is a not-for-profit association that represents a broad cross-section of communities with a common interest as a host (or potential host) of nuclear technology in Canada. CANHC supports local governments by acting as a resource for all current, future, and interested nuclear host communities while maintaining the best interests of their communities in an ongoing proactive relationship with the Canadian nuclear industry and regulators.

Corporate Services Committee

Presented by: Jennifer Murphy, Chair

- County Council adopted the revised By-law for the Remuneration of Members of the Council of the County of Renfrew effective January 1, 2025. The Remuneration By-law for members of Council states that “All future council remuneration increases will be consistent with percentage increases as per Employment By-law #1, except where noted”.
- County Council approved several changes to the Non-Union Staff Salary Grid within Employment By-law #1, including the reclassification of one position and the creation of seven new positions.

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

- County Council adopted a By-law to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Encampment Response Initiative. On January 27, the County learned the Ministry approved its business case for one-time funding of \$216,000 to support operational expenses related to the Mesa Warming Centre up to March 31, 2025, to help with ending encampments and improving housing outcomes for vulnerable residents.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

- County Council directed staff to proceed with an application under the Community Sports and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF), Stream 2, New Builds and Signature New Builds, for the reconstruction of the trail crossing AT032 (Bisset Creek and Highway 17) located on the Algonquin Trail, in the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria.
- County Council directed staff to pursue and submit applications for funding under any eligible Provincial and/or Federal programs that are, or may become, available for which development or maintenance of County Recreational Trails and associated bridges, may be eligible.
- County Council recommended that the Public Works and Engineering Department continue with in-house design for projects that fit within the scope of current capacity and knowledge.
- County Council recommended that sharing of winter road maintenance remain as status quo and that staff continue to work with the local municipalities to review current routes for duplication and efficiencies.
- County Council adopted a by-law designating a portion of County Road 63 (Stewartville Road) in front of McNab Public School in the Township of McNab/Braeside, as a Community Safety Zone.
- County Council adopted a by-law designating County Road 51 (Petawawa Boulevard) between civic address 2175 Petawawa Boulevard and 2427 Petawawa Boulevard, a distance of approximately 1.7km, as a Community Safety Zone. This is in the area of Pine View Public School.

Additional Information

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- AMO Regional and Single-Tier caucus virtual meet-up - February 28.
- Blog: Your Top 5 Personal Insurance Questions Answered.
- Special Bulletin: Stability in Uncertain Times.
- Boost Resilience with the All-Risk Municipal Grant.
- Survey on displacement and protecting affordable housing.
- Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation War Memorial grant.
- CCPPP new virtual P3 learning series for municipalities.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

AMO [has issued an RFP](#) to develop a comprehensive strategy that will enable AMO to support municipally elected officials and staff with the tools, resources, and education to foster civility and combat harassment in local communities. Deadline to submit proposals is March 20 at 4:00pm.

The Canadian Municipal Barometer (CMB) conducts an annual survey of mayors and councillors from over 1,000 municipalities across Canada. AMO is a partner of the CMB. You can contribute to their research on public opinion, representation, and multi-level governance by participating in this groundbreaking research initiative. You should have received emails inviting you to take the survey. If you have any questions, please email cmb@ucalgary.ca.

Education Opportunities

On March 19 from 11:00am- 12:00pm, 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 and to register click here.](#)

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[Administrative Assistant II, Growth Management - City of Hamilton](#). Closing Date: February 26, 2025

[Fire Chief / Chief Building Official - Township of Dubreuilville](#). Closing Date: March 14, 2025.

[Director, Business Growth & Entrepreneurship - City of Kitchener](#). Closing Date: March 6, 2025.

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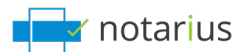
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[Capital Works Technologist - Clearview Township](#). Closing Date: March 10, 2025.

[Commissioner of Corporate Services - Niagara Region](#). Closing Date: March 21, 2025.

[Finance Coordinator - City of Kawartha Lakes](#). Closing Date: March 9, 2025.

[Intermediate Planner, Heritage Services - City of Kingston](#). Closing Date: March 26, 2025

[Financial Analyst, Financial Planning - City of Kingston](#). Closing Date: March 19, 2025

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Township of Champlain

Resolution
Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.3.
Resolution Number 2025-071
Title: Canada Metal Processing Group - Announcement on steps to respond to U.S. tariff threats on the steel sector
Date: February 27, 2025

Moved By: Paul Emile Duval
Seconded By: Michel Lalonde

Whereas maintaining a healthy domestic steel manufacturing industry and its customer base, who transform steel into steel products, is critical to the economic stability of an independent and autonomous sovereign nation; and

Whereas Steel is a foundational industry to produce core products and infrastructure for essential industries e.g., defence, energy supply both fossil fuels and green energy, majority of industrial manufacturing e.g., automotive, transport, heavy equipment and essential for housing and infrastructure construction; and

Whereas the Heico Companies' Canada Metal Processing Group ("MPG Canada") operates three businesses (Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco, and Infasco) over 6 manufacturing sites in Quebec and Ontario and employs approximately 1600 individuals. The organization operates a state-of-the-art electric arc furnace (EAF) steel plant and billet caster, a two-strand rod mill, a rod processing facility, two wire mills, a bolt manufacturing facility, a nut manufacturing facility and a steel fastener coating facility. MPG Canada strives to offer the best customer experience by delivering high-value and sustainably engineered steel products across North America; and

Whereas, in the face of U.S. tariff threats, and as the Canadian Steel Producer Association (CSPA) members have been advocating, MPG Canada calls on the Canadian government to be prepared to react quickly to safeguard the long-term viability of Canadian steel product manufacturers, and the collective job security of its employees.

Be it resolved that the Township of Champlain supports The Canada Metal Processing Group ("MPG Canada") in its request to the Canadian Government to immediately:

- Prepare to implement matching retaliatory tariff measures without any consultation delay;
- Provide support for workers and businesses during this economic crisis;
- Prevent the ever-increasing unfairly traded imports from other countries into Canada and protect the domestic industry by instituting broad Section 53 surtaxes, without any possible exemptions;
- Promote buying Canadian steel, with its much lower carbon intensity than imports; and
- Work in collaboration with the U.S. to create an aligned North American steel trade market for melted and poured North American steel.

Be it further resolved that this Resolution be circulated to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada),
- The Hon. Melanie Joly (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada),
 - The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith (Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Canada),
 - Premier of Ontario,
 - Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade,
 - Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
 - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),

- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA),
- Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus,
- The Hon. Francis Drouin, MP - Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- Member of Provincial Parliament, MPP – Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- The Canadian Steel Producer Association,• MPG Canada,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and
- All of Ontario's municipalities.

Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution

Alison Collard, Clerk

Date:

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 15.3.
No. du point 2025-071
Titre: Canada Metal Processing Group - Annonce des mesures à prendre pour répondre aux menaces tarifaires américaines sur le secteur de l'acier
Date: le 27 février 2025

Proposée par: Paul Emile Duval

Appuyée par: Michel Lalonde

Attendu que le maintien d'une industrie sidérurgique nationale saine et de sa clientèle, qui transforme l'acier en produits sidérurgiques, est essentiel à la stabilité économique d'une nation souveraine indépendante et autonome ; et

Attendu que l'acier est une industrie fondamentale pour la production de produits de base et d'infrastructures pour des industries essentielles telles que la défense, l'approvisionnement en énergie, qu'il s'agisse de combustibles fossiles ou d'énergie verte, la majorité des industries manufacturières telles que l'automobile, le transport, l'équipement lourd, ainsi que la construction de logements et d'infrastructures ; et

Attendu que le Groupe de transformation des métaux Canada (« MPG Canada ») de Heico Companies exploite trois entreprises (Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco et Infasco) sur six sites de fabrication au Québec et en Ontario et qu'il emploie environ 1 600 personnes. L'organisation exploite une aciérie à four électrique à arc (FEA) ultramoderne et une coulée de billettes, un laminoir à barres à deux brins, une installation de traitement des barres, deux laminoirs à fil, une installation de fabrication de boulons, une installation de fabrication d'écrous et une installation de revêtement d'attaches en acier. MPG Canada s'efforce d'offrir la meilleure expérience à ses clients en livrant des produits sidérurgiques de grande valeur et de conception durable dans toute l'Amérique du Nord ; et

Attendu que, face aux menaces de tarifs américains, et comme les membres de l'Association canadienne des producteurs d'acier (ACPA) l'ont préconisé, MPG Canada demande au gouvernement canadien d'être prêt à réagir rapidement pour protéger la viabilité à long terme des fabricants canadiens de produits d'acier et la sécurité d'emploi collective de ses employés.

Qu'il soit résolu que le Canton de Champlain appuie le Canada Metal Processing Group (« MPG Canada ») dans sa demande au gouvernement canadien de réagir immédiatement :

- Se préparer à mettre en œuvre des mesures tarifaires de rétorsion correspondantes sans délai de consultation ;
- Soutenir les travailleurs et les entreprises pendant cette crise économique ;
- Empêcher l'augmentation constante des importations déloyales d'autres pays vers le Canada et protéger l'industrie nationale en instituant de larges surtaxes au titre de l'article 53, sans aucune exemption possible ;
- Promouvoir l'achat d'acier canadien, dont l'intensité en carbone est bien inférieure à celle des importations ; et
- Travailler en collaboration avec les États-Unis pour créer un marché nord-américain aligné pour l'acier nord-américain fondu et coulé.

De plus, qu'il soit résolu que la présente résolution soit diffusée auprès de :

- Le très honorable Justin Trudeau (Premier ministre du Canada),
- L'honorable Mélanie Joly (ministre des Affaires étrangères Canada),
- L'honorable Nate Erskine-Smith (ministre du Logement, de l'Infrastructure et des Collectivités Canada),
- le premier ministre de l'Ontario,
- Le ministre du Développement économique, de la Création d'emplois et du Commerce de l'Ontario,
- le ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement de l'Ontario,

- Fédération canadienne des municipalités (FCM),
- Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (AMO),
- l'Association des municipalités rurales de l'Ontario (ROMA),
- le Caucus des gardiens de l'Est de l'Ontario,
- L'honorable Francis Drouin, député de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- Membre du Parlement provincial, MPP - Glengarry-Prescott-Russell,
- L'Association canadienne des producteurs d'acier,
- MPG Canada,
- L'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario, et
- Toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario

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Alison Collard, greffière Date :

Source: *Canada Metal Processing Group*

February 24, 2025 10:32 ET

Canada Metal Processing Group announces steps to respond to U.S. tariff threats on steel sector

BROSSARD, Quebec, Feb. 24, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Canada Metal Processing Group (MPG Canada) and its subsidiaries, Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco, and Infasco, are announcing the difficult but necessary steps to respond to the current challenging market environment and the threat of incoming tariffs from the United States on steel and steel derivatives. These measures will help maintain the majority of MPG Canada's footprint and workforce while reacting to the impact that these threats are already having on the company's demand for its products destined directly and indirectly, via our Canadian customers, to U.S. customers.

In light of lower anticipated demand and production volume, due to U.S. tariff threats and trade challenges in Canada with increasing imports, the measures include a workforce reduction of 140 production and office employees in Ontario and Quebec, implementation of cost savings actions, and the cancellation or pause of some projects. These steps will enable MPG Canada to remain competitive to service our customers and protect the business in the short-term.

"This was an extremely difficult decision for our company, and not one that was made lightly, but necessary for the business in the current environment," said MPG Canada President Matt Walker. "Our employees are the backbone of our operations. They work hard, day in and day out, to create steel products which are recognized for their quality and good customer service while being an integral part of the Canada-U.S. supply chain."

Soft market in 2024, weak North American macroeconomic demand linked to a U.S. election year, the increased challenge of unfair trade imports into Canada, and now the imminent threat of 25% U.S. tariffs on steel sector and 25% on all Canadian products into the U.S., are having serious impacts on the demand for MPG Canada products.

"While it is impossible at this juncture to predict how long these actions by the United States will last, the Canadian government must be prepared to react quickly to safeguard the long-term viability of Canadian steel product manufacturers, and the collective job security of our employees," said Walker. "Maintaining a healthy domestic steel manufacturing industry and their customer base, who transform steel to steel products, is critical to the economic stability of an independent and autonomous sovereign nation. Steel is a foundational industry to produce core products and infrastructure for essential industries e.g., defence, energy supply both fossil fuels and green energy, majority of industrial manufacturing e.g., automotive, transport, heavy equipment and essential for housing and infrastructure construction."

In the face of U.S. tariff threats, and as the Canadian Steel Producer Association (CSPA) members have been advocating, MPG Canada calls on the Canadian government to immediately:

- Prepare to implement matching retaliatory tariff measures without any consultation delay.
- Provide support for workers and businesses during this economic crisis.
- Prevent the ever-increasing unfairly traded imports from other countries into Canada and protect the domestic industry by instituting broad Section 53 surtaxes, without any possible exemptions.

- Promote buying Canadian steel, with its much lower carbon intensity than imports.
- Work in collaboration with the U.S. to create an aligned North American steel trade market for melted and poured North American steel

About Canada Metal Processing Group

The Heico Companies' Canada Metal Processing Group operates three businesses (Ivaco Rolling Mills, Sivaco, and Infasco) over 6 manufacturing sites in Quebec and Ontario and employs approximately 1600 individuals. The organization operates a state-of-the-art electric arc furnace (EAF) steel plant and billet caster, a two-strand rod mill, a rod processing facility, two wire mills, a bolt manufacturing facility, a nut manufacturing facility and a steel fastener coating facility. Canada Metal Processing Group strives to offer the best customer experience by delivering high-value and sustainably engineered steel products across North America.

For media inquiries, please contact:

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**Resolution
Regular Council Meeting**



Agenda Number: 15.2.
Resolution Number 25-054
Title: 25-R-22 Northern Highway Safety Plan
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025

Moved by: M. Lubbock
Seconded by: S. Cote

WHEREAS THE TransCanada Highway is the road system meant to move goods and people across the country, but it is no longer equipped to do that safety in Northern Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Coleman hereby support the Northern Highway Safety Plan proposed by MPP Guy Bourgouin, MPP Lise Vaugeois and MPP John Vanthof which includes the following;

Immediate Actions:

- Require all new drivers to be tested by MTO-certified inspectors instead of third-party companies.
- Return highway maintenance operations to the MTO while working with northern contractors.
- Increase staff at inspection sites, weigh scales, and OPP traffic enforcement.
- Expedite the 2+1 highway pilot project and use excavated material to build additional rest stops and parking areas.

Short-Term Improvements:

- Mandate snow tires for all passenger vehicles in Northern Ontario.
- Ensure driving schools comply with the MELT training system and improve MELT to include winter driving training.
- Address the abuse of “self-insurance provisions” and ensure fair payment for tow truck operators and service providers.
- Require all commercial vehicles to have dash cams.
- Increase the use of traffic cameras and photo radar to reduce speeding.
- Promote rail transport to reduce commercial truck traffic on northern highways.
- Upload connecting links back to the provincial highway system for consistent maintenance.
- Upgrade and expand rest stops with heated washrooms to meet traveler needs.
- Provide compensation to municipalities for damage to local roads caused by highway detours.

Long-Term Solutions:

- Widen and pave all shoulders on Highways 11 and 17.
- Convert Highways 11 and 17 into divided four-lane highways where possible or implement a continuous three-lane system if the 2+1 project proves successful.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation; the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing; all Provincial Leaders; the Temiskaming Municipal Association; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); and all municipalities in Ontario.

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Christopher W. Oslund
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer



January 24, 2025

MPP Guy Bourgouin *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*
MPP Lise Vaugeois *Thunder Bay-Superior North*
MPP John Vanthof *Timiskaming Cochrane*

NORTHERN HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

Introduction

Safety on the TransCanada Highways 11 and 17 continues to be the number one concern for most residents of Northern Ontario because they are our main streets. We use these highways to get to work, school, hockey, and medical appointments, but we share them with thousands of cross-country commercial trucks. As a result, Northern MPPs have had a lot to say over the years about the state of highways in the North and for good reason.

Years ago, the problem was proper and consistent winter maintenance. The Liberal government in power at the time claimed everything was fine, so MPP Vanthof's office created the Northern Road Report to show that it wasn't. The Minister of Transportation (MTO) demanded that the report be taken down, but in the end the Northern Road Report helped prove that even when contract requirements were being met, people were still being put at risk. As a result, the government of the day was forced to make changes to the system.

MPP Bourgouin introduced legislation to make maintenance standards the same across the TransCanada system, so that 11 north of North Bay would be maintained to the same standard as south. The legislation was defeated, but the government did create a separate standard for the northern portion of the TransCanada highway. MPP Bourgouin has also introduced other pieces of legislation regarding driver training and not being able to pass on double solid lines. This was defeated, but he remains committed to finding ways to solve safety issues the same as his fellow Northern MPPs. Similarly, MPP Vaugeois introduced a motion that driver testing be taken back by the MTO which would have been an effective way for the government to control the standard of drivers on the roads. All three members have been vocal in the legislature regarding highway safety throughout their careers.

We are once again facing a highway safety crisis, one that we believe requires a plan designed by Northerners for Northerners. It contains clear goals that we can push government of whatever stripe to implement for all our families.

Current Situation

Currently some poorly trained commercial vehicle drivers and the companies they work for are putting all other drivers at undue risk. Incidents have been easy to track on social media. Investigative reports on the problems in commercial truck training and licensing, and from the Auditor General of Ontario identified this problem as far back as 2018. We, Northern MPPs have mentioned this issue many times in the legislature. The response from the government has been that these are the safest roads in North America, and that they are looking into the matter.



January 25, 2025

MPP Guy Bourgouin *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*
MPP Lise Vaugeois *Thunder Bay-Superior North*
MPP John Vanthof *Timiskaming Cochrane*

Regardless of political stance, we hope that we can all agree that one of the basic jobs of any government is to ensure that people who are issued a driver's license are capable of safely driving the vehicle for which they are licensed. There are over a hundred companies in Ontario who recruit, train, and license their own drivers and they can issue Ontario licenses to them. These are among the worst offenders. Of course there are still good driving schools, and companies that provide excellent training programs to their new drivers, but not all of them. Change needs to happen in the immediate and long term, and we are proposing a plan to address these needs. First, there needs to be immediate action by the Ministry to ensure that only properly-trained drivers are graduating by appointing employees of the MTO to conduct driving tests for all new commercial vehicle drivers before they can receive a license.

Immediate Ask

- Have all new drivers tested by MTO certified inspectors, not third-party private companies. If their student drivers can't pass a legitimate road test, then these driving schools will be forced to change how they conduct business.

Short-Term

- Return the management of highway maintenance operations to the MTO, while working with contractors and providers throughout the North.
- Increase staffing at scales and inspection sites, as well as OPP Traffic enforcement to ensure the laws currently in place are being followed.
- Expedite the 2+1 pilot project and the construction of rest stops. Use the fill that is dug out to rebuild sections of the highway to create parking pull offs.

Medium-Term

- Make snow tires mandatory for all passenger vehicles registered in Northern Ontario.
- Ensure that driving schools comply with the current MELT training system.
- Reform issues within MELT itself and expand requirements to include winter driving training.
- Address the current abuse of "self insurance provisions" and ensure tow truck operators and other service providers can get paid for services from these schemes.
- Require that all commercial motor vehicles have dash cams.
- Increase the number of cameras and photo radar to slow down traffic.
- Emphasize rail to move goods so not as many loads must travel on the highway.
- Return connecting links to the provincial highway system so that maintenance is uniform.
- Better equip and increase the availability of rest stops with heated, maintained washrooms.
- Direct the cost of repairing damage to municipal roads caused by detour traffic from highway closures to the MTO.

Long-Term

- Widen and pave all shoulders on Highways 11 and 17.
- Make Highway 11 and 17 a divided four-lane highway wherever possible.
 - If the 2+1 pilot proves successful, a continuous three lane would be a good intermediate step. The TransCanada Highway is the road system meant to move goods and people



January 25, 2025

MPP Guy Bourgouin *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*
MPP Lise Vaugeois *Thunder Bay-Superior North*
MPP John Vanthof *Timiskaming Cochrane*

This plan is designed to be a living document. The goals here have been suggested by industry stakeholders, drivers, municipalities and others. We are open to suggestions, ideas, and constructive criticism. Please send us your comments. By working together, we are hoping to make the highway safer for all our families.

MPP Guy Bourgouin
MPP Lise Vaugeois
MPP John Vanthof



SEND A LETTER TO THE MINISTER

<https://win.newmode.net/mppguybourgouin/sendalettertotheministeroftransportation>



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February 28, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

**RE: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the
Nazi Swastika in Canada, Our File: C00**

**The Regional
Municipality of
Durham**

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**Alexander Harras
M.P.A.
Director of
Legislative Services
& Regional Clerk**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on February 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole, as amended:

“Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi swastika, also known as the hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and

Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B’Nai Brith’s call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze). Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze)

2. Ban all Nazi symbols and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities.”

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/tf

c: B'nai Brith Canada
All Canadian Municipalities

February 26, 2025

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

EMAIL: Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Requests the Province of Ontario Reconsider the Amendment of
Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act**

Please be advised that at its meeting of February 25, 2025, Council of the Town of Niagara on-the-Lake adopted the following resolution:

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council endorses the resolution from the Municipality of South Huron requesting the Province reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Minister Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and MPP Thompson.
3. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grant Bivol', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Grant Bivol
Town Clerk

c.c. Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Hon. Michael Ford - Michael.Ford@ontario.ca
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Paul Calandra - minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario - resolutions@amo.on.ca
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
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All 444 Municipalities of Ontario



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February 5, 2025

The Honourable Sylvia Jones,
Minister of Health
5th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

RE: Paid-Plasma-Free Zone

Dear Hon. Sylvia Jones,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 5th, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Toronto.

Resolution No: 2025-02-05-08
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the City of Toronto's resolution Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to Canadian Blood Services, Minister of Health, MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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In reply please quote:
Ref.: 24-MM23.1

(Sent by Email)

December 20, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: Member Motion Item 23.1
Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise,
seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted [Item MM23.1](#) and in doing so, has forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and requested that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Yours sincerely,

Niko Markakis, for

for City Clerk

S. Przewdziecki/mp

Attachment

Sent to: All Ontario Municipalities
Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Blood Services
Chief Executive Officer, Grifols Canada

c. City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 23

MM23.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City.
2. City Council forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Summary

In the City of Toronto, we uphold the principle of voluntary blood and plasma donation, acknowledging its vital importance as a public good. Our commitment derives from the lessons of Canada's tainted blood crisis, which tragically claimed approximately 8,000 lives. The subsequent Royal Krever Commission urged a fully voluntary, non-payment oriented blood and plasma donation system.

Within our Ontario healthcare system, we perceive blood donations as a priceless public resource, underscoring the need to safeguard the integrity of the public, voluntary donor system.

The Voluntary Blood Donations Act of Ontario strengthens this stance, legislating against the payment of donors and prohibiting donors from receiving financial compensation for their blood or plasma.

Canada Blood Services plans to open five paid plasma clinics, including one in Toronto, by 2025. This issue needs immediate attention and action. The public health community has raised concerns about Grifols Pharmaceuticals' plans to open a Toronto clinic. It's vital we protect vulnerable residents from exploitation by for-profit plasma collection companies offering cash for blood-plasma, a predatory practice.

In bringing this motion forward, we strive to reinforce the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation, protecting both the integrity of Canada's public blood system and the dignity of blood donors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM23.1

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-249600.pdf>

Attachment 1 - Resolution to Declare the City of Hamilton a "No Paid Plasma Zone"

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-250144.pdf>



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February 5, 2025

County of Renfrew
5 International Dr.
Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5

RE: Road Rationalization Assessment

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 5th, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Killaloe Hagarty & Richards.

Resolution No: 2025-02-05-14
Moved by: Councillor Keller
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Township of Killaloe Hagarty & Richards resolution requesting the County to reconsider the proposal and collaborate with affected municipalities to find alternative solutions that do not shift financial responsibility to those unable to absorb these costs;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the County of Renfrew and all 17 Lower-Tier Municipalities for consideration."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

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Tammy Gorge, at, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer
Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards



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TOWNSHIP OF KILLALOE, HAGARTY AND RICHARDS

TOWNSHIP OF KILLALOE, HAGARTY AND RICHARDS

Date: January 7, 2025

Resolution No.: 02

Moved by

[Signature]

Seconded by

[Signature]

WHEREAS the County of Renfrew's Road Rationalization Assessment, received on November 13, 2024, proposes the transfer of Simpson Pit Road and an additional section of road from Ruby Road to Rochefort Road to the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards; and

WHEREAS Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards has carefully reviewed the proposed road transfers and the potential impact on the municipality, and has identified that as a small, lower-tier municipality with limited financial resources, the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards would face significant challenges in absorbing the additional responsibility of maintaining and upgrading these roadways; and

WHEREAS the costs related to road maintenance, upgrades, winter operations, and required repairs would place a significant financial strain on the Township's resources, resulting in an unsustainable burden and potentially leading to infrastructure deterioration, safety risks, and inconsistencies in service levels and the added responsibility would require more equipment, staff, and operational adjustments, leading to increased costs for plowing, salting, sanding, and other maintenance activities, thereby resulting in a higher tax burden for Township's residents;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards direct staff to send the attached letter and formally expresses its opposition to the proposed transfers of Simpson Pit Road and the additional section of road from Ruby Road to Rochefort Road, as outlined in the County of Renfrew's proposed Road Rationalization Assessment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards respectfully requests the County of Renfrew reconsider the proposal and collaborate with affected municipalities to find alternative solutions that do not shift financial responsibility to those unable to absorb these costs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the County of Renfrew and all 17 lower-tier municipalities for consideration.

Carried:

Not Carried:



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February 5, 2025

The Honourable Sylvia Jones,
Minister of Health
5th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

RE: Robble Dean Family Counselling Centre

Dear Hon. Sylvia Jones,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 5th, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the County of Renfrew.

Resolution No: 2025-02-05-09
Moved by: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the County of Renfrew's resolution regarding the Robbie Dean Family Counselling Centre seeking funding from the Minister of Health to expand their vital mental health services in Renfrew County.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Renfrew County."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

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December 16, 2024

Hon. Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON
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Via email: Sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Dear Hon. Sylvia Jones:

I am writing to express my support for the Robbie Dean Family Counselling Centre as they seek funding from the Ministry of Health to expand their vital mental health services in Renfrew County. During the past 11 years, the Centre has established itself as an indispensable resource for individuals and families in our community, providing free, accessible, and culturally adaptive mental health counselling to those who need it most. Research has shown the quality of a student's mental health has a bearing on their academic performance, their social relationships, and their future wellness, employment, and health. It is thought between 50 and 70 per cent of mental illnesses emerge before the age of 18 years.

In 2022, Statistics Canada reported suicide is the second leading cause of death in youth and young adults aged 15 to 24 years. They further report slightly over 20% of all adolescent deaths are attributed to suicide. This causes a significant and serious ripple effect in the remainder of the community. Our community is no different, and I am certain the Robbie Dean Family Counselling Centre can offer specific details. As you are no doubt aware CAMH reports "the economic burden of mental illness in Canada is an estimated \$51 billion per year including health care costs, lost productivity and reductions in health-related quality of life". The Robbie Dean Family Counselling Centre is uniquely positioned to address the pressing mental health needs of our region.

Their programs serve over 1,200 individuals annually and target vulnerable populations, including Indigenous peoples, low-income individuals, seniors, farmers, and newcomers. In light of the increasing cost of living, rising poverty rates, and limited access to affordable mental health services, the Centre's work is more critical than ever.

Programs offered support people from various walks-of-life as they develop skills: identifying and managing conflicting or overpowering emotions, examine or guide in building healthy relationships, planning, organizing and completing daily activities we take for granted. All of the aforementioned in combination with problem-solving can assist our community members with their present and future mental health. It can also assist present day students stabilize and improve their academic performance.

Informed family members or friends in the community noticing warning signs or being aware of risk factors of the need for mental health support is crucial. Community members in need may not feel comfortable in confiding in staff at and accessing services at the crowded frenzied environment of the local emergency room.

As a key stakeholder in the province of Ontario, the County of Renfrew plays an important role in advocating for and supporting services that enhance the quality of life for its residents. Our government provides child care, Ontario Work, Paramedic Services, Renfrew County VTAC, Renfrew County Housing and a variety of outreach assessment and treatment services. We feel it is vital to the health of our community to strengthen the Robbie Dean Family Counselling Centre's ability to maintain programming, reduce barriers to care, and build a healthier, more inclusive community for all by granting them sustainable and predictable funding

Thank you for considering this important request. We want to ensure that the Robbie Dean Family Counselling Centre continues to be a lasting beacon of hope and healing in our community.

I can be reached at warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca or 613-401-7186 at any time, or through gdombroski@countyofrenfrew.on.ca.

Sincerely,



Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew

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c: MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
Mayor Ron Gervais, City of Pembroke
All Municipalities in County of Renfrew

Monday, January 20, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
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SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
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RE: Support for an Ontario-wide licencing framework for rideshare companies

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the January 13, 2025, Goderich Town Council meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Whereas Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel;

And Whereas, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

And Whereas, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Town of Goderich Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

Be It Further Resolved that the Town of Goderich Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County of Huron; and all six neighbouring Huron County lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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Enclosed:

1. Policy Note – Expanding Transportation Options in Ontario
2. Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus Letter of Support

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The County of Huron and all neighbouring Huron County lower-tier municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

October 24, 2024

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**Re: Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus support for an Ontario-wide
licensing framework for rideshare companies**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the [Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus \(EOWC\)](#), representing 103 rural and small urban municipalities across Eastern Ontario, I am writing to request that the Ontario Government strongly consider adopting a province-wide licensing framework for rideshare companies.

Municipalities across Eastern Ontario, including the County of Northumberland and Township of Russell, have been advocating for a provincial licensing framework for rideshare companies that would align Ontario with Quebec and British Columbia. Ridesharing provides a vital transportation option in communities across Ontario, but much of the province is still underserved by ridesharing services.

In many parts of the province, ridesharing is unregulated or regulated in a 'patchwork' manner. Since 2016, dozens of municipalities across Ontario have developed unique bylaws to regulate ridesharing. These bylaws cover topics such as licensing scheme, insurance requirements, driver screening standards, vehicle requirements, and fee / payment schedules.

The benefits of an Ontario-wide licensing framework of rideshare companies include:

- **Supports economic development** - As Ontario continues to attract investments in areas such as electronic vehicle (EV) manufacturing, communities across the province will need additional transportation options. Ridesharing helps people get around growing communities while also providing part-time flexible job opportunities.
- **Connects communities** - The current patchwork regulatory structure does not reflect the reality of regional transportation, which does not stop at municipal borders. Similar to the One Fare approach of the government, a provincial regulatory framework would allow people to use ridesharing to move seamlessly between communities in the province.
- **Helps reduce impaired driving** - Research shows that the presence of ridesharing in a community can help reduce impaired driving. In many rural communities, transportation options are often sparse or unavailable late at night, which can lead some individuals to choose to drive impaired. A provincial regulatory framework would allow ridesharing to expand more easily into these communities and provide people with a safe ride option.
- **Enables innovative approaches to transit** – As one example of innovative partnerships, the Town of Innisfil and Uber Canada co-designed a custom transit solution, named Innisfil Transit. With a touch of a button, residents are offered flat fare rides to popular destinations, such as the train station, the recreation complex, or the Innisfil Employment Area. Since the launch of Innisfil Transit, thousands of residents have taken trips to connect with the commuter rail station, get to work, go out with friends, or visit their doctor.

Premier Ford and Minister Sakaria, we thank you for your consideration of this important issue. As always, the EOWC remains a trusted partner and welcomes continued collaboration and opportunities for open dialogue on behalf of our member municipalities.

Sincerely,



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Policy Note - Expanding Transportation Options in Ontario

The purpose of this note is to outline the current challenges with respect to the regulation of ridesharing in Ontario and the benefits to the province that could be unlocked through a provincial regulatory framework.

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Context

- Since 2016, dozens of municipalities across Ontario have developed unique bylaws to regulate ridesharing.
- These bylaws cover topics such as licensing scheme, insurance requirements, driver screening standards, vehicle requirements, and fee / payment schedules.
- Currently, there are several ridesharing companies operational in Ontario, including Lyft, U-Ride, Uber and others.
- Ridesharing provides a vital transportation option in communities across the province, but much of the province is still underserved by ridesharing services.

Current Challenges

The current regulatory structure has significant policy challenges that impacts the province's transportation system and economic growth. Challenges include:

- **Patchwork regulatory framework** - As the province recently demonstrated through its [One Fare](#) announcement, transportation does not stop at municipal boundaries and is increasingly regional. The regulation of ridesharing has become a patchwork regulatory system where a driver can pick up in one municipality but may not be able to pick up in the neighbouring municipality, leading to deadheading.
- **Increasing red tape** - For ridesharing companies that wish to expand in Ontario at the moment, they have to go to individual municipalities and develop bespoke compliance systems. This increases red tape and the cost of doing business in Ontario. It severely limits the ability of ridesharing companies to scale across rural Ontario.
- **Lack of rural transportation options** - Many rural municipalities in Ontario are significantly growing as a result of the Government's investment in housing and infrastructure, yet they lack sufficient transportation options for their residents. Even when options exist, they are often only available at limited times of the day.

Municipal Interest in Ontario

Due to the lack of rural transportation options and the benefits of ridesharing services, over the past months, several municipalities that do not currently have ridesharing services have expressed interest in bringing ridesharing to their communities. These include:

- **Municipality of Brighton** - Northumberland-Peterborough South
- **Township of Russell** - Glengarry-Prescott-Russell
- **City of Pembroke** - Renfrew-Nippising-Pembroke
- **Township of Southgate** - Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
- **Town of St. Mary's** - Perth-Wellington

Some of these communities, including Brighton, ON have already passed resolutions (see [Appendix A](#) for full resolution) declaring “support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level”.

Benefits of Provincial Approach

A provincial approach to the regulation of ridesharing would have considerable benefits to the Ontario economy and the people of Ontario. These benefits include:

- **Supports economic development** - As Ontario continues to attract investments in areas such as EV manufacturing, communities across the province will need additional transportation options. Ridesharing helps people get around growing communities while also providing part-time flexible work opportunities.
- **Connects communities** - The current patchwork regulatory structure does not reflect the reality of regional transportation, which does not stop at municipal borders. Similar to the One Fare approach of the government, a provincial regulatory framework would allow people to use ridesharing to move seamlessly between communities in the province.
- **Helps reduce impaired driving** - Research shows that the presence of ridesharing in a community can help reduce impaired driving, which is why Uber is a proud partner of MADD Canada. In many rural communities, transportation options are often sparse or unavailable late at night, which can lead some to drive impaired. A provincial regulatory framework would allow ridesharing to expand more easily into these communities and provide citizens with a good reason not to drink and drive.
- **Enables innovative approaches to transit** - Uber and the Town of Innisfil co-designed a custom transit solution, named Innisfil Transit. With a touch of a button, residents are offered flat fare rides to popular destinations, such as the train station, the recreation complex, or the Innisfil Employment Area. Since the launch of Innisfil Transit, thousands of residents have taken trips to connect with the commuter rail station, get to work, go out with friends, or visit their doctor.
- **Connectivity to higher order transit** - As Metrolinx builds out the GO RER expansion and the Ontario Northlander resumes services, more Ontarians and visitors to our

province will use these services to connect with communities. Ridesharing would help boost the success of these services by serving as a “first-mile / last-mile” solution in communities across the RER and Northlander corridors.

Jurisdictional Scan

The majority of other provinces in Canada have adapted a provincial model to the regulation of ridesharing. Some examples of provincial models include:

Province	Legislation	Website / More Information
Newfoundland and Labrador	Transportation Network Company Regulations	Transportation Network Companies (Ride-sharing Service) - Digital Government and Service NL
Quebec	Bill 17, An Act respecting remunerated passenger transportation by automobile - National Assembly of Québec	Authorized drivers or drivers of a vehicle comparable to a taxi - SAAQ
Alberta	Transportation Network Companies Regulation	Ride-for-hire services Alberta.ca
Saskatchewan	Vehicles for Hire Act Vehicles for Hire Regulations	Ridesharing services - SGI

Appendix A: Municipality of Brighton Resolution

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Brighton faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community;

WHEREAS rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel;

WHEREAS, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

WHEREAS, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Brighton Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Brighton Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament for Northumberland-Peterborough South; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County of Northumberland; and all six neighbouring Northumberland lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 16.5.
Resolution Number 25-029
Title: Response to Tariff Threats - Support Canadian Business and Consumers
Date: Friday, February 21, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Manners
Seconded by: Councillor Barton

WHEREAS the Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago (The Archipelago) is a Canadian government entity; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago is committed to fiscal responsibility and prudent management of financial and organizational resources, information databases, and the protection of taxpayer information; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago developed 'guiding principles' for its broadband connectivity project that included 'Canadian solutions first, North American second' in the acquisition of technology and services; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago's projected capital program for 2025 is \$1.5 million; and

WHEREAS all Canadian municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

WHEREAS United States President, Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective March 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS predatory tariffs by the US government affect all our residents, businesses, and institutions within The Archipelago, the Province of Ontario, and Canada; and

WHEREAS federal, provincial, and municipal leaders are encouraging Canadians to 'buy Canadian'; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago supports Team Canada efforts to stop US tariffs on Canadian goods and services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Archipelago adopts the following actions:

1. That staff ensure that all municipal data resides within Canada for security and sovereignty interests; and
2. That The Archipelago supports the federal and provincial call to action “Canadian business first” policy in its procurement of capital and infrastructure programs; and
3. That The Archipelago promotes the policy of “Buy Canadian” to encourage the purchase of Canadian goods and services and to support local business in The Archipelago and Parry Sound District; and
4. That all travel to the US for municipal advocacy requires the adoption of a formal position on US tariffs by The Archipelago; and
5. That Staff prepare a Council tariff position and policy for Council approval.
6. That The Archipelago participate in the Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce survey of businesses on the impact of tariffs and support, where possible, actions that follow.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, MP Scott Aitchison – Parry Sound Muskoka, MPP Graydon Smith – Parry Sound Muskoka, Mayors of Parry Sound District Municipalities, Chief Adam Pawis - Shawanaga First Nation, Chief Warren Tabobondung - Wasauksing First Nation, Chief M. Wayne McQuabbie - Henvey Inlet First Nation, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Ontario municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and community associations in The Archipelago.

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February 1, 2025

Dear CPAN Event Sponsor,

Special greetings for 2025 from the staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors at Renfrew County Community Poverty Action Network!

As a previous CPAN event sponsor for our historical event "Festival of Trees" typically taking place in November each year, we wanted to provide you with an update concerning our fundraising strategies and what CPAN has been working on.

Festival of Trees

This historic event which brought community donors together to buy professionally pre-decorated trees and wreaths through an auction and live event has delighted many over the years. As a sponsor and buyer myself, I have attended year-over-year to help bring the fundraising CPAN needed to do the good work. Having seen a decline in participation in this event during and post-pandemic, we chose to measure the cost-benefit of the event in comparison to our vision for helping the community.

In the end, our staff, volunteers and Board chose to reinvent the way we raise funds with the following commitments:

1. Clients can access everything we do, making all events income-g geared and inclusive.
2. Ensuring that volunteer time is valued and the impact those hours bring is meaningful.
3. Ensuring that the time required to plan, coordinate and host the event, and any waste produced by the event, is minor compared to the benefits to CPAN, and thereby the client.
4. Create local economic boosts by always partnering with local businesses and suppliers, being sure to honour our sponsorships with real value offered in reciprocal ways.
5. Move to a social enterprise (business activities that fund charitable programs) model where goods and services of value are sold on a CPAN online shopping platform in collaboration with local makers, services, and businesses, creating the ultimate shop local experience with a giving component.
6. Offer smaller sponsorship opportunities for local engagement events of interest to businesses, in support of client engagement, connections, creating, sharing, and learning. Think "Teacher's Gift Making Workshop for Kids" with accompanying "Planter or Wreath Craft Workshop" for parents where a local artisan teaches, a local business sponsors and CPAN hosts.

These commitments mean that the way Festival of Trees was carried out before no longer fits in the CPAN values system. We thank all of those that supported the event in the past, who made a real difference and brought joy to those involved. CPAN is so grateful for all the work done and funds exchanged in the past at Festival of Trees. Our goal now is to reposition this event as a springtime focus of blooming trees and expanding the notion of family tree, as a community.

With high hopes for our recent grant application, we aim to create an “end of school” summer kick off event to help raise funds for the summer parents face without school to send their children to. Our clients tell us about the need for daycare, recreation programs, camps, and other daytime activities for children to access while the parents continue to work. With the new school food program and so many supports being offered at school, what happens in July and August? CPAN is hoping to help cover those gaps and target fundraising to cover those costs for families at the new spring event. Imagine a family event with clients and donors intermingling, children socializing, families having fun and learning as they give. That’s our new concept for Festival of Trees - become part of the CPAN Family Tree.

Along with this measurement process and reimagining CPAN’s way of working, we were able to do some great work with the generosity of our donor community.

Our 2024 programs saw growing demand and through resourcefulness, we managed to create the following outcomes:

CPAN delivered 700 snowsuits across the county from October to December 2024.

CPAN funded \$35,000 in back to school supplies for local children and youth in August and September 2024, serving nearly 750 students.

CPAN created The Village for clients to request help in small ways, supplying them with gas cards, grocery cards, goods, referrals, and friendship in response to more than 45 individuals in our first few months of launching the new program.

We have also innovated and created some in-demand fundraising channels for the community to take part, being sure to only offer events and spending opportunities that are as accessible to clients as they are to the donor community. The CPAN Pay What You Can model is the key ingredient, where those with less offer what they can, and those with more, offer more, creating balance in the end as we include everyone.

Our new initiatives for raising money in 2024 created the following outcomes:

CPAN held a Pop up Christmas Decor Shop in a pay what you can model that generated \$7000 in profit and kept a sea container worth of inventory from the landfill. This event also created partnerships with 8 small businesses whom we wish to thank for their contributions, discounts, and donations; Crazy Beautiful Dresses, Cassidy’s Storage and Moving, Dumphy’s, Sip Stirs Smoothies and Bubble Tea, Wilkies Bakery, Speedpro Printing, Metro Pembroke, and Lark and Aster Photography by Katie Norwich. We also thank the previous Festival of Trees committee members who purchased the Christmas Decor and decorated the trees in the past for the Festival Of Trees event, making this option possible for all to enjoy!

CPAN also partnered with a local children's author Julie Tennant and her business partners and daughters, Lilah and Belle, to provide a gift offer this season in collaboration with local small businesses. With 12 book packs sold at one market event, we have proven in our pilot initiative that local partnerships work! The book pack contained a story book called Lilah and Belle's Animal Parade and the accompanying colouring book, sold together for \$30. Gift buying, literacy, shopping local and giving back? Doesn't get much better than that, folks!

CPAN aims to create more products and services of value to our market so that our "shop local" efforts are amplified by also giving with the purchase to families in need! Our recent grant from Ontario Power Generation is enabling CPAN to offer an e-commerce shop for all our supporters to buy CPAN exclusive merchandise in partnership with local makers and businesses. Spend with CPAN for the ultimate shop local experience! We expect our website shop to launch in April 2025. We would love to explore the creation of a CPAN product or service with you that enables us to share the profits of this unique offer only available at CPAN.

Whew! I am overjoyed and impassioned by the work inspired by your generous past sponsorships, as we bring the heart and love you put into those dollars into our work. CPAN's reach is only limited by our resources and now is the time to act, more than ever before.

As a previous sponsor, there are two ways to contribute at this time;

1. partner with us on an engagement event as sponsor, host or teacher and/or
2. create an exclusive product or service on the CPAN E-Shop.

Ready to partner as a small business? Head over to our website and join the Village (instructions described below), making the selection to help with fundraising. Or, drop me a line at the coordinates provided at the footer.

You can also convert to a donor and make a recurring or one-time contribution to fund our work generally.

Ready to donate? Working together, we have created three ways for you to take part as a donor in addition to the usual mailed cheque option for a one-time donation with charitable receipt, sent out in March 2025 (new charitable donation deadline of February 28th, 2025 for 2024 tax filings):

1. Student Sponsorship Program - Subscribe using a credit card for a 12-month commitment of \$30 per month to sponsor one local learner to participate in school and access both of our core programs (Tools for School and Operation Snowsuit) Find this option on our website under Ways to Donate tab. Prefer a cheque? No problem. Please note the funding program name "Student Sponsor" on the memo.
2. Online one-time Donation - Navigate to our website, renfrewcountycpan.ca and find the donate tab. Follow the instructions to the PayPal page and complete the form using your credit card information. Type in the amount you wish to donate and then consider adding the amount prompted to help cover the credit card processing fees. Click donate and receive a confirmation email. Charitable donations received before February 28th, 2025 at midnight will be mailed or emailed a charitable receipt for filing with your 2024 taxes.

3. The Village: Get Help, Give Help - Our newest initiative, The Village, is a formalization of our network that drives CPAN at the core. Clients sign up to Get Help and CPAN brokers the connection with those signed up to Give Help. Folks who sign up to Give Help can choose one or more small moments of helping either with their time or by making a small donation to cover a need. For example, a family needed help for their children to access field trips in June and the Village Give Help group donated the funds for us to share with this family for this exact purpose. Visit our website at www.renfrewcountycpan.ca and click Give Help to join in!

As always, you, our CPAN Family, is the lifeblood of our impact. I am so grateful to you for your generosity and continued support of our grassroots organization. Please contact me should you desire a presentation or meeting about our programs, our impact, and how our funds are spent. We would love to partner with you to help make a difference in our local economy and households. We will continue to be resourceful, partnership driven, and client-centred in all that we do.

On behalf of the volunteers, staff, and Board of Directors, thank you! Wishing you and yours a wondrous year ahead in 2025 as we tackle community poverty together.

My warmest and best wishes,



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