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- c) Policy Update – Criteria for Special Economic Zones, Natural Gas Expansion Program Advocacy, Updated Energy Project Guidance for Municipalities, Opposing Bill 30 at Standing Committee
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- e) Health Democracy Leaders Series: Strong Leaders, Stronger Communities
- f) Policy Update - Bill 56 Introduced, Building Code Amendments Submission and Advocacy on Removing Building Code Enforcement from Provincial Courts

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- c) Regional Municipality of Waterloo – Amending Ontario Regulation 391/21
- d) Township of Horton – Twinning of Highway 17
- e) Town of Smiths Falls – Elect Respect
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- g) City of North Bay – Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Pilot Program
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- i) Municipality of Bluewater – Urge the Federal Government to Keep Climate Change as a Foremost National Priority
- j) Town of Whitby – Blue Box Collection and Impact to Small Businesses

Ontario Increasing Student Nutrition Investment to \$37.5 Million

Province helping more students access healthy meals so they can succeed at school

October 10, 2025

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PETERBOROUGH — The Ontario government is protecting students by increasing its investment in the Student Nutrition Program (SNP) and the First Nations Student Nutrition Program (FNSNP) by \$5 million, for a total investment of \$37.5 million this year. The two programs will serve more than 800,000 students, projected to deliver over 140 million healthy meals and snacks under the Student Nutrition Program and more than 1.4 million meals and snacks to students in Indigenous communities this school year.

"To protect Ontario, we need to support the health and well-being of Ontario's students, so they can stay focused on the things that matter most," said Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. "Today's investment will strengthen Ontario's student nutrition programs to ensure more children and young people have access to healthy and nutritious food. This is only possible thanks to the many community partners and volunteers who are generously contributing to such an important cause."

To further support these programs, Ontario is also relaunching [the Healthy Students Brighter Ontario](#) community fundraising campaign in recognition of the key role grassroots partnerships have in building stronger communities. As the campaign kicks off, partner organizations will work with local businesses and community leaders towards an additional fundraising goal of \$5 million.

"Students deserve every chance to succeed, and that starts with proper nutrition," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Education. "By increasing our investment in Ontario's student nutrition programs, our government is taking action to ensure more students have access to healthy meals that help them learn, grow and give them the support they need to succeed now and in the future."

The SNP and FNSNP are delivered in partnership with local agencies, school boards and community partner organizations. Countless volunteers support the programs by preparing and serving food in school settings. Both programs provide breakfast, snacks or lunch programs to school-aged children and are part of the government's plan to protect Ontario by supporting students' nutritional needs and promoting positive academic outcomes.

Quick Facts

- More information on how individuals, businesses and organizations can support the campaign is available on [Ontario.ca/studentnutrition](https://ontario.ca/studentnutrition).
 - With Ontario's additional \$5 million investment, the province's funding for the SNP and FNSNP is \$37.5 million in 2025-26.
 - Healthy Students Brighter Ontario community partners raised close to \$5 million as part of the fundraising campaign in 2023-24. To date, members include: [Student Nutrition Ontario](#), [Breakfast Club of Canada](#), [The Grocery Foundation](#), [The Schad Foundation](#), [Farm to Cafeteria Canada](#), and [the Ontario Chapter of Coalition for Healthy School Food](#).
 - The Student Nutrition Program operates in more than 80 per cent of provincially funded schools. The First Nations Student Nutrition Program is offered in 161 educational settings in 66 First Nations communities and 27 urban Indigenous communities across the province.
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Quotes

"This investment in Ontario's First Nations Student Nutrition Program sites throughout the province supports student academic success and well-being. Our government is continuing to work alongside Indigenous partners to strengthen food security and improve access to meals for First Nations students, to help students and communities thrive now and, in the future."

- Greg Rickford

**Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation
and Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire Economic and Community
Partnerships**

"When youth are fed, so are their minds and spirits. Across Ontario's Friendship Centres, a shared meal does more than nourish; it inspires learning, connection, and confidence. Today's investment in the Student Nutrition Program and First Nations Student Nutrition Program strengthens not only food access but the futures of the young people we serve."

- Sean Longboat
Executive Director, Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres

"Student Nutrition Ontario welcomes the Province of Ontario's \$5 million investment in student nutrition programs. As food prices continue to rise and more children and youth rely on these programs, this funding arrives at a critical time. It will help ensure that students across the province, especially those facing food security challenges, have access to the nourishment they need to thrive in school and beyond. We are grateful for the government's continued commitment to student well-being and look forward to working with our partners to build a healthier, brighter future for Ontario's children."

- Student Nutrition Ontario

"No child should have to start their day hungry. Feeding children is everyone's business, and together, the public, private and community sectors can ensure Ontario students have the nourishment they need to learn and reach their full potential. Rising food costs and added pressures are forcing families into hard choices. By working together, we can protect the well-being of Ontario children and invest in our collective future."

- Judith Barry
Co-Founder and Government Relations Director, Breakfast Club of Canada

"Breakfast is more than a meal — it's the first step toward every child's success. We commend all the support from the Ministry and Ontarians who rally to nourish children through their school's student nutrition program. Happy tummies mean brighter classrooms, stronger communities, and a better Ontario."

- Shaun McKenna
Executive Director, The Grocery Foundation

"When communities come together to feed kids, amazing things happen. Students learn better, families feel supported, and local donors and volunteers see their efforts make a real difference. Let's keep building on this momentum for every student in Ontario."

- Peter Kendall
Executive Director, The Schad Foundation

"We know how critical it is to support today's learners – tomorrow's leaders – to thrive and reach their full potential. Farm to Cafeteria Canada's comprehensive grants help support students to access healthy food at school, hands-on food literacy to serve them for a lifetime of healthy eating, and community connections so that they can feel nourished in body as well as mind and spirit. Farm to Cafeteria Canada is pleased to contribute to this collaborative effort to make sure children and youth across Ontario can access nourishing food each and every school day."

- Jesse Veenstra
Executive Director, Farm to Cafeteria Canada

"The Ontario Chapter of Coalition for Healthy School Food welcomes this new investment by the Ontario government in our province's student nutrition programs. With the increases in the price of food, we know the Ontario investment is so needed to help provide students with nutritious food at school. This is why we are also working to increase municipal and federal investments in this important cost-shared program."

- Sarah Keyes

Provincial Lead, Ontario Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy School Food

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Ontario On Track to Hit Key Primary Care Milestone

Province's record investments connecting more people to primary care

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TORONTO — This week, the Ontario government is marking important progress in its plan to connect everyone in the province to primary care or a family doctor. As a first step in its \$2.1 billion Primary Care Action Plan, the province committed to connect the 235,000 people that were on the [Health Care Connect](#) waitlist as of January 1, 2025 to a family doctor or primary care team by spring 2026. As of this week, that initial waitlist has been reduced by half, with the province on track to hit its initial commitment next spring.

“By reducing the Health Care Connect waitlist, our government is keeping our commitment to connect everyone in Ontario to primary care,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “We’re going to continue delivering record investments and improvements to Ontario’s health-care system so we can connect everyone in the province to primary care by 2029.”

HCC helps connect Ontarians who do not have a family doctor, nurse practitioner or primary care team to a primary care clinician. Partners like Ontario Health Teams, their Primary Care Networks and Ontario Health atHome Care Connectors are working together to match people on the list with available primary care in their community.

“Reducing the Health Care Connect waitlist from January 1 by over 50 per cent is a major milestone and demonstrates tangible progress in connecting more people to ongoing care,” said Dr. Jane Philpott, Chair of the province’s Primary Care Action Team. “This reflects the dedication of clinicians and teams across the province who are working tirelessly to attach patients and expand access to comprehensive, connected and convenient care.”

Unprecedented investments and rapid action taken by the Ontario government to strengthen the health-care system have been crucial in this reduction in the HCC waitlist over the past 10 months.

In June, the government announced a [\\$235 million investment](#), which funded over 130 new and expanded primary care teams to connect more than 300,000 people to primary care, some of which have already begun accepting new patients. The government also recently announced [\\$250 million in funding](#) that will add approximately 75 new and expanded teams to help 500,000 Ontarians connect to primary care. The new and expanded teams are prioritizing people on the HCC waitlist as they attach new patients to care and are helping fulfill the province's initial commitment as well as reducing the overall waitlist.

Starting this year, the province is also investing more than \$22 million over two years to support Ontario Health Teams and their Primary Care Networks in attaching patients to care, such as getting patients up-to-date with medication reviews, cancer screening and gathering up-to-date medical history, ensuring high-quality care can be delivered from day one.

Through [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the Ontario government continues to take bold and decisive action to grow the province's highly skilled health-care workforce and ensure people and their families have access to high-quality care, closer to home, for generations to come.

Quick Facts

- Ontario's [Primary Care Action Team](#) is drawing on best-in-class models of care to implement its action plan, supported by the government's investment of more than \$2.1 billion to connect approximately two million more people to primary care by 2029, which will achieve the government's goal of connecting everyone in the province to primary care.
 - In 2024, Ontario invested [\\$110 million in primary care teams](#) across the province, helping to connect almost 400,000 more people to primary care close to home.
 - Ontario recently passed the [Primary Care Act](#), which establishes primary care as the foundation of Ontario's health-care system and sets out six clear objectives for Ontario's publicly funded primary care system to ensure people know what they can expect when connecting to primary care.
 - Since 2018, Ontario has added nearly 20,000 additional physicians to its health-care workforce, including an over 14 per cent increase in family doctors.
 - Ontario is taking significant steps to strengthen its health-care workforce by making it easier for [U.S.-licensed nurses and board-certified physicians](#) to move to and practise in Ontario. So far this year, nearly 1,400 nurses and more than 260 doctors have already chosen Ontario.
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- [Ontario Connecting 500,000 More People to a Family Doctor and Primary Care Team](#)
 - [Ontario Connecting Over 300,000 People to Primary Care Teams](#)
 - [Ontario Taking Next Steps to Protect Primary Care](#)
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Ontario Investing More Than \$60 Million in Skilled Trades Apprentices

In-Class Enhancement Fund will protect Ontario workers by training up to 12,000 apprentices for in-demand jobs

October 15, 2025

[Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development](#)

WINDSOR — Today, the Ontario government announced an investment of \$64.2 million over the next three years to expand in-class apprenticeship training, helping more apprentices across the province gain the skills they need to land rewarding careers in the skilled trades.

“We need to keep building, no matter what global challenges come our way, to deliver on our \$200 billion plan to build more infrastructure like highways, hospitals and schools,” said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “By expanding access to in-class training and removing barriers, we’re helping more apprentices gain the skills they need for good-paying jobs, while protecting them in the face of U.S. tariffs.”

This investment, through the In-Class Enhancement Fund (IEF), will create up to 4,000 new training seats each year, helping apprentices access in-class training faster while covering their \$10-per-day Level 1 classroom fees.

“Whether it is schools, highways, or hospitals, our province’s skilled trades workers are building the critical infrastructure that strengthens our communities and protects Ontario,” said Nolan Quinn, Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security. “Through this investment, our government is ensuring that apprentices get the education, training and skills they need to get rewarding, good-paying jobs that will build the Ontario of tomorrow.”

As part of a broader strategy to address the need for skilled trades, the Ontario government is also examining ways to increase apprenticeship hiring on publicly funded infrastructure projects and construction sites. In addition, the government is working with Skilled Trades Ontario to expand testing, allowing apprentices to book Certificate of Qualification exams at certified testing centres closer to home,

choosing the date, time and location that works best for them. This means less travel, less time away from work and more opportunities for apprentices to get certified and advance their careers.

“This investment is exactly what Ontario’s skilled trades workforce needs right now,” said Marc Arsenault, Business Manager and Secretary Treasurer, Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario. “Expanding in-class training capacity means more apprentices can start and finish their programs on time, with fewer financial and logistical barriers. It’s a smart, practical step that ensures major infrastructure projects are built by a well-trained, local workforce. Our members are ready to build Ontario’s future, and this kind of support helps get them on the tools faster and safer.”

The IEF is part of the \$159.3 million commitment announced in the [2025 Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario](#) to strengthen skilled trades programs. It builds on the government’s broader strategy to train and attract workers for in-demand jobs.

Since 2020, Ontario has invested over \$2.1 billion in the skilled trades. This includes investments in skilled trades related projects under the Skills Development Fund Training Stream.

Quick Facts

- The IEF complements other provincial investments, including the [\\$18 million Apprentice Development Benefit](#), which helps apprentices cover living expenses during full-time in-class training at a minister approved training provider.
- New apprenticeship registrations in Ontario increased by over 7.3 per cent to 28,875 in 2024–2025 – the highest in a decade. This includes an increase of over 13.5 per cent to 16,412 among youth aged 15 to 24 in 2024-2025.
- About one in eight job openings in Ontario are forecast to be in skilled trades-related occupations by 2029.
- One in three workers in Ontario with an apprenticeship certificate as their highest credential are nearing retirement.
- Ontario is hosting [Level Up! career fairs](#) in communities across the province over 29 days, connecting an expected 50,000+ students, parents, and jobseekers with rewarding, in-demand careers in the skilled trades through hands-on exhibits and live demonstrations.
- In August, 2025, the government announced an investment of \$75 million to create up to 7,800 additional construction and urban planning seats at colleges, universities and Indigenous Institutes in Ontario, further strengthening the province’s pipeline of homegrown and highly skilled construction workers.

- The IEF investment adds about \$21.4 million per year to the program budget over the next three years, bringing the total IEF budget for 2025-2026 to \$146.7 million.
- The IEF is supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

Quotes

"This investment will make a real difference for apprentices across Ontario. Expanding access to in-class training means more people can complete their programs and start their careers faster. Skilled Trades Ontario welcomes the government's continued commitment to strengthening apprenticeship training and supporting a highly skilled, job-ready workforce."

- Candice White
Chief Executive Officer, Skilled Trades Ontario

"With the majority of in-class apprenticeship training delivered at Ontario's colleges, colleges are essential to expanding the skilled workforce the province needs for its future. Investments that enhance in-class apprenticeship training will ensure Ontario has the talent to meet growing labour market demands."

- Maureen Adamson
President and CEO, Colleges Ontario

Additional Resources

- [Apprenticeship in Ontario](#)
- [Level Up! Skilled Trades Career Fairs](#)
- [Trades information - Skilled Trades Ontario](#)
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Ontario Supporting Worker Mobility Across Canada

Province cutting red tape to get health-care workers from other provinces and territories on the job faster

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TORONTO — As part of the government’s plan to protect Ontario by building a more competitive and resilient economy, Ontario will soon introduce legislation to support greater worker mobility across Canada. The proposed legislation, which will be introduced next week, will advance the government’s ongoing work to build a more united and resilient Canadian economy by expanding “as of right” provisions for Canadian workers licensed and credentialed in other provinces and territories, particularly health-care workers, and move forward with automatic recognition of credentials for doctors and nurses from the rest of Canada.

“Our government is continuing to break down barriers and remove red tape so that physicians, nurses and other regulated health professionals from other provinces can begin practicing in Ontario and caring for patients sooner,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “By taking a first-in-Canada approach to streamline the labour mobility process, we are making it faster and easier for both our health system partners and clinicians to provide the world-class care Ontarians need, when and where they need it.”

Currently, “as of right” rules allow nurses, physicians, respiratory therapists and medical laboratory technologists from other provinces and territories to work in Ontario for up to six months while they seek registration with their profession’s Ontario regulator. The government’s proposed changes would expand that list to 16 additional professions, improving access to care for Ontario patients and meeting urgent labour market demands across the province.

“By making it easier for workers from the rest of the country to get on the job faster, our government is driving economic growth and protecting our workers and communities,” said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and

Skills Development. “We’re breaking down barriers to build a more resilient, unified Canada that can deliver the nation-building projects we need to stand up against global economic uncertainty.”

The government is also taking the next step toward automatic recognition of physicians and nurses who are registered and in good standing in other provinces and territories, making it faster and easier for them to continue their practice in Ontario. The province would do so by working with the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and the College of Nurses of Ontario to reduce application fees and documentation requirements, and to issue certificates within two business days, allowing eligible health-care workers to practice immediately. Ontario continues to work with these regulators to cut unnecessary red tape and fees for professionals already licensed elsewhere in Canada.

“The status-quo isn’t working. That’s why, under the leadership of Premier Ford, we are protecting Ontario by cutting red tape to make it faster and easier for skilled workers to join our economy,” said Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Red Tape Reduction. “This bold, first-in-Canada approach will reduce bureaucracy and strengthen our workforce.”

The 16 additional health professions proposed for inclusion under the “as of right” rules are:

1. Audiologists/Speech-Language Pathologists
 2. Chiropodists
 3. Dental Hygienists
 4. Dental Technologists
 5. Dentists
 6. Denturists
 7. Dietitians
 8. Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists
 9. Midwives
 10. Occupational Therapists
 11. Opticians
 12. Optometrists
 13. Pharmacists/Pharmacy Technicians
 14. Physician Assistants
 15. Physiotherapists
 16. Psychologists
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Quick Facts

- As part of its plan to protect Ontario and strengthen the province's economy, the government passed the [Protect Ontario through Free Trade within Canada Act](#).
- The *Protect Ontario through Free Trade within Canada Act, 2025* includes the "as of right" provisions, designed to enhance [labour mobility](#) and strengthen Ontario's workforce.
- Since 2018, Ontario has supported a record-breaking number of new health-care professionals, including adding over 100,000 new nurses and nearly 20,000 additional physicians to its health-care workforce, including an over 14 per cent increase in family doctors.
- Ontario is taking significant steps to strengthen its health-care workforce by making it easier for [U.S.-licensed nurses and board-certified physicians](#) to move to and practise in Ontario. So far this year, nearly 1,400 nurses and more than 260 doctors have already chosen Ontario.

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Ontario Investing Nearly \$2 Billion to Protect and Expand Long-Term Care

Historic increase in funding comes as the government reaches its goal of four hours of direct care for residents

October 16, 2025

[Long-Term Care](#)

SCARBOROUGH — The Ontario government is protecting Ontario's long-term care system by increasing annual funding to a record \$1.92 billion to support the significant increase in staffing in the province's long-term care homes over the past four years. The historic increase to support staff comes as the government surpassed its target of an average of four hours of daily direct care for residents by nurses and personal support workers (PSWs) this spring.

"Our government is making historic investments to improve long-term care, by training, hiring and retaining thousands of health care workers," said Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care. "This record investment into staffing will ensure those living in Ontario's long-term care homes receive the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve."

The government's investment builds on the previous [\\$4.9 billion four-year staffing plan](#), which focused on recruitment, training and retention and helped add more than 16,000 personal support workers and nurses to the provincial workforce. As a result of highly successful initiatives like the [PSW incentives program](#) and the [Supporting Professional Growth Fund](#), which helped more than 45,000 existing staff advance their careers between 2022 and 2024, the new funding will support salaries and other employment costs as the government continues to strengthen the sector's workforce.

"Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is continuing to protect Ontario's health-care system — and that includes protecting long-term care," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Through this historic investment to increase the long-term care workforce, we are ensuring that Ontarians can receive the high-quality care they need and deserve, no matter where they live."

Compared to 2021, long-term care residents are now receiving, on average, more than an hour of additional daily direct care from nurses and PSWs — a 36 per cent increase, equivalent to 15 days of additional care per resident, per year.

Building the long-term care workforce is one more way the government is ensuring Ontarians get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve. The plan to improve long-term care is built on four pillars: staffing and care; quality and enforcement; building modern, safe, and comfortable homes; and connecting seniors with faster, more convenient access to the services they need.

Quick Facts

- In the first quarter of the government's 2025-26 fiscal year, residents received an average of 4 hours and 5 minutes of PSW and nursing care every day.
 - Seniors — people age 65 and older — make up the fastest growing age group in the province.
 - As part of its plan to fix long-term care and address waitlists, the government is building 58,000 new and upgraded long-term care beds across the province.
 - In August 2025, the Ontario government [announced](#) it is investing \$56.8 million to expand enrolment in nursing programs at publicly assisted colleges and universities across the province.
 - Ontario is offering [incentives of up to \\$35,400](#) to PSW students and eligible PSWs to launch careers in long-term care homes and in the home and community care sector.
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Quotes

"Seniors are the pillar of our society, which is why this critical \$2 billion investment will ensure that we support the staff and PSWs in our long-term care system. This historic investment is just one part of our government's efforts to ensure that seniors live in dignity, with access to the care, support and respect they deserve."

- Aris Babikian
MPP for Scarborough—Agincourt

"Achieving and sustaining an average of four hours of direct daily care is a significant milestone for residents, families and care teams across Ontario. This historic investment reflects years of progress and partnership to strengthen staffing and improve the quality of life in our long-term care homes. We thank Minister of Long-Term Care Natalia Kusendova-Bashta and the Government of Ontario for their leadership and continued commitment to the people who live and work in long-term care. As resident needs grow more complex, this investment ensures we can maintain and build on the care improvements achieved to date — laying the foundation for even better care in the years ahead."

- Donna Duncan
CEO, Ontario Long Term Care Association

"This investment and the sector's success in reaching the four hours of care average deserve high praise. Nothing has a more direct and positive impact on residents' quality of life than more staff. This has been a key advocacy priority for our association since it was first recommended in 2008, and we commend the government for taking concrete steps to make this goal a reality."

- Lisa Levin
Chief Executive Officer, AdvantAge Ontario

"At Mon Sheong Foundation, we are committed to providing the best care across our five homes. We are pleased to see the new investment from the Ontario government to support employment costs and further strengthen efforts in hiring, training and retaining our workforce. It not only enhances our staff's growth and development, but also ensures higher quality care for the seniors we serve."

- Tim Kwan
Chairman, Mon Sheong Foundation

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Ontario Implements “One Project, One Process” to Build Mines Faster

New system halves review times for new mines to supercharge investment in Canadian minerals

October 17, 2025

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TORONTO – Today, the Ontario government delivered another commitment in its plan to protect Ontario workers and communities by unlocking the full potential of Ontario’s metals and mining sector, including the Ring of Fire, through the launch of the new ‘One Project, One Process’ (1P1P) framework. Starting today, mining companies can apply to have advanced exploration and mine development projects designated under the 1P1P framework, with the first designation expected in the coming weeks. With the Ontario legislature set to return on Monday, the launch of 1P1P delivers on a key government initiative from the spring sitting.

“With President Trump taking direct aim at our economy, it has never been more important to protect Ontario jobs and build the mines that will power our future,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines. “Our new ‘One Project, One Process’ framework ends the era of unacceptable delays. We are delivering a dedicated service that cuts government review times in half, giving operators and investors the confidence they need to hire, and helps us unlock the full economic potential of our province’s world-class resource sector.”

Ontario’s outdated, fragmented permitting system has caused delays of up to 15 years to approve a single mine. These delays hold back investment, job creation and access to critical and strategic minerals like nickel, lithium and cobalt, especially in high-potential areas such as the Ring of Fire, which is one of the most valuable untapped mineral regions in the world.

“With ‘One Project, One Process’, we’re taking a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to speed up approvals for advanced exploration and mine development projects,” said Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Red Tape Reduction. “This is about cutting delays, not corners – by removing red tape, we’re accelerating responsible development while maintaining strong environmental safeguards.”

Designated projects will be managed by a dedicated Mine Authorization and Permitting Delivery Team, led by the Ministry of Energy and Mines acting as a single point of contact to coordinate all necessary provincial approvals to reduce government review times by at least 50 per cent. This strategic shift will provide the certainty and predictability needed to get new mines open faster and secure Ontario's position as a top destination for global mining investment.

The Crown's duty to consult obligation remains fully upheld under 1P1P. While the previous process for consultation was often confusing and sporadic for both mining proponents and Indigenous communities due to lack of regulatory cohesion, this new model provides a more coordinated, transparent, and timely approach to project reviews with Indigenous communities and encourages participation in the mining sector including employment, training, community benefits, and equity partnerships.

Quick Facts

- Ontario's mining sector supports 28,000 direct jobs and 46,000 indirect jobs through associated mineral processing and supply services. There are currently 36 active mining operations in Ontario.
- A key benefit of the 1P1P model is a clearer and more coordinated approach to consultation with Indigenous communities, where the duty to consult arises.
- The 1P1P framework directly supports Ontario's Critical Minerals strategy by getting critical minerals to market faster, and the development of a secure, made-in-Ontario supply chain for everything from EV batteries to advanced technologies.
- Ontario is one of the most mineral rich areas in the entire world. This includes minerals such as nickel, titanium, cobalt and lithium which cell phones, computers, medical devices, energy and electric vehicles rely on.
- Ontario is investing \$70 million over four years starting 2025-26 in the Indigenous Participation Fund (formerly the Aboriginal Participation Fund) to help Indigenous communities and organizations in high mineral-activity areas build capacity to engage in regulatory processes, consultations, and project development.
- A historic \$3.1 billion in loans, grants, and scholarships is being directed via the Indigenous Opportunities Financing Program and related measures to support Indigenous equity, ownership, and partnership in the critical minerals supply chain.
- Ontario's Ontario Junior Exploration Program (OJEP) has enhanced funding for Indigenous participation: Indigenous participation support has been increased

(for example – additions to the Prospector Stream), enabling Indigenous businesses and prospectors to receive higher levels of financial support per project.

Quotes

"First Nations business and political leaders have an increasing interest in the 'One Project, One Process' framework to advance their major projects. Central to this framework is robust consultation with First Nations, which we remain committed to."

- Greg Rickford

**Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation,
Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire Economic and Community
Partnerships**

"Ontario's mining industry appreciates the government's ongoing leadership in modernizing the permitting system for advanced exploration and mine development. The 'One Project, One Process' initiative marks a meaningful step toward enhanced coordination, predictability, and efficiency. We look forward to collaborating to develop and implement a framework that boosts investment, while upholding Ontario's unwavering commitments to safety, environmental stewardship, and meaningful Indigenous partnerships."

- Priya Tandon

President, Ontario Mining Association

"The 'One Project, One Process' framework is a critical step forward for Ontario's metals and mining sector. For Avalon and our Lake Superior Lithium refinery in Thunder Bay, this streamlined approach provides the clarity and confidence needed to move efficiently from development to production. It's a strong signal that Ontario is serious about leading in the global energy transition."

- Scott Monteith

President & CEO, Avalon Advanced Materials Inc.

"Frontier Lithium welcomes this government's commitment to establishing a globally competitive, integrated permitting process through the new 'One Project, One Process' (1P1P) framework. This balanced approach fosters strong, respectful relationships with Indigenous rights holders while providing the certainty and predictability investors need to advance critical mineral development in Ontario."

- Trevor Walker
President, Frontier Lithium

"The 'One Project, One Process' framework is a major step forward for Ontario's mining supply and services sector. When mines advance, so do the thousands of suppliers that design, build, and sustain them. Streamlining approvals will mean faster projects, stronger supply chains, and greater opportunity for Ontario companies to compete and grow."

- Marla Tremblay
Executive Director, MineConnect

"Minister Lecce's announcement of the 1P1P framework is pure leadership in action! This is a game-changing moment that cements Ontario's position as the best place in the world to start a new mine. By driving clarity, certainty, and momentum, this bold vision will unlock incredible opportunities for growth and innovation across the province — while maintaining and honouring the vital role of impacted Indigenous communities as the original rights holders of the land."

- Mario Grossi
President & CEO, Technica Mining

"Story Environmental welcomes the launch of the 'One Project, One Process' framework as a critical step toward modernizing and streamlining mine development in Ontario. A dedicated Mine Authorization and Permitting Delivery Team, for each project, will enable holistic review and consultation of projects, rather than fragmented assessments and reviews, hopefully bringing clarity, consistency, and transparency to the permitting process. To responsibly shorten mine permitting and development timelines, it's critical to clearly outline which key steps are pre-approved, streamline remaining approvals, and resolve conflicting directives across all ministries. A transparent process with clear oversight and a governing body empowered to fast-track decisions will not only accelerate the path from exploration to production but also unlock significant economic opportunities—creating jobs and attracting investment across northern Ontario."

- Maria Story
President, Story Environmental

"The province's 'One Project, One Process' framework represents a significant step forward in how Ontario advances critical mineral developments. By creating a single, coordinated approval process, Ontario is strengthening certainty and predictability for responsible projects like Crawford, which was developed from the outset with Indigenous co-development and environmental innovation at its core."

- Mark Selby
CEO of Canada Nickel Company

"First Mining Gold welcomes this important initiative of the Ontario Ministry of Energy and Mines. As we work our way through the final stages of the Environmental Assessment process, we have encountered a lot of complexity with a fragmented and duplicative regulatory system. Done right, the path offered by 1P1P can hopefully deliver procedural clarity in support of sustainable long term economic development and in consultation with local and Indigenous communities who remain at the forefront."

- Dan Wilton
CEO of First Mining Gold

"IAMGOLD welcomes the Ontario government's launch of the 'One Project, One Process' framework as a meaningful advancement in modernizing mine permitting. A more coordinated and transparent approach will help ensure projects move forward responsibly and efficiently. We are especially encouraged by the framework's emphasis on strengthening Indigenous engagement—creating clearer pathways for consultation, collaboration, and long-term partnerships that deliver shared value."

- Renaud Adams
President and CEO, IAMGOLD

"Today's announcement from the provincial government further highlights Ontario's status as one of the best jurisdictions in the world to permit and develop mines. Magna Mining has an extensive portfolio of advanced exploration and development projects in Sudbury, so the new 1P1P framework will certainly support our efforts to quickly bring new critical mineral production on-line and create new jobs in Ontario."

- Jason Jessup
CEO, Magna Mining

Additional Resources

- [One Project, One Process framework](#)
- [Ontario's Critical Minerals Strategy](#)

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Province Introducing Legislation to Protect Ontario by Building a More Competitive Economy

Ontario cutting red tape and speeding up approvals for major projects

October 20, 2025

[Red Tape Reduction](#)

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government introduced the *Building a More Competitive Economy Act* and related initiatives that would, if passed, protect and strengthen the province's economy by streamlining regulatory processes, championing local businesses, advancing labour mobility and increasing competitiveness. These measures will help build a resilient and self-sustaining economy that can withstand disruption and thrive in a rapidly changing world, while making Ontario the best place in the G7 to invest, do business and create jobs.

"This is about protecting Ontario's competitive advantage because the status quo isn't good enough," said Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Red Tape Reduction. "We're cutting red tape to make government work better for people and smarter for business, so there's faster service with less paperwork. These changes are delivering on our plan to protect Ontario: our economy, our jobs and our future." To ensure Ontario remains resilient, responsive and ready to lead in a rapidly changing global economy, the province is proposing a set of targeted reforms that include:

- Supporting economic growth by reviewing all Ontario government economic development-focused permits by 2028, with the goal of eliminating or transforming 35 per cent or more to position the province as the leading G7 jurisdiction for investment, while maintaining robust health, safety and environmental protections.
- Creating a centralized digital permitting system that streamlines how businesses apply for and monitor permits, reducing approval times, enhancing transparency and providing the certainty needed to invest and move projects forward.

- Supporting worker mobility across Canada by expanding "as of right" provisions for Canadian workers licensed and credentialed in other provinces and territories, particularly health-care workers. Also moving forward with automatic recognition of credentials for doctors and nurses from the rest of Canada.
- Undertaking updates to legislation and regulations, including streamlining forest management and municipal drinking water approvals processes and clarifying ministerial inspection powers by removing red tape, reducing administrative burden, while upholding Ontario's rigorous environmental and safety standards.
- Engaging in consultations on a Made-in-Ontario vehicle policy to strengthen supply chains and support the province's auto industry by looking at how government, the broader public sector and municipal fleet purchases could help drive economic growth and create jobs in Ontario and Canada.

The *Building a More Competitive Economy Act* is part of the government's plan to protect Ontario by putting in place conditions for long-term stability, resiliency and prosperity, with the ambition to make Ontario the most competitive place to do business while supporting businesses, workers, and communities. Throughout this process, the province will continue to uphold its Duty to Consult obligations.

Quick Facts

- The *Building a More Competitive Economy Act* and related measures include 11 initiatives to improve labour mobility, streamline government processes for permits and approvals and create the most competitive business environment in the G7 to do business.
 - The *Building a More Competitive Economy Act* also includes initiatives to protect taxpayers by ending the use of municipal speed cameras and focusing on alternative traffic-calming measures such as speed bumps, speed cushions and roundabouts, as well as enhanced signage and education campaigns to keep Ontario among the safest jurisdictions in North America.
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Quotes

"We're taking bold action to strengthen Ontario's economy and position our province as a leader in competitiveness and innovation. By advancing labour mobility and making it easier for skilled workers to get to work, we're helping businesses grow, filling critical labour gaps, and building a more resilient, self-sustaining economy that works for everyone."

- Hon. David Piccini

Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

"Our government is making health care more accessible to all Ontarians by cutting red tape and reducing bureaucratic delays, enabling more health care professionals to start working in the province sooner. This new legislation builds on our government's historic action to reduce labour mobility barriers for health-care professionals within Canada, as well as making it faster and easier for American physicians and nurses to join the frontlines of our health care system."

- Hon. Sylvia Jones

Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

"Ontario's auto sector is a pillar of our economy and a source of pride for communities across the province. By prioritizing Ontario-made vehicles in government fleet purchases and supporting local businesses, we're strengthening our supply chains, driving innovation, and creating good jobs for workers and families. The introduction of a centralized digital permitting system will not only streamline approvals and enhance transparency, but also help protect Ontario by ensuring that investments are made responsibly, projects move forward safely, and our communities remain strong and resilient. This Act is about safeguarding Ontario's prosperity and building a future where our economy can thrive in the face of any challenge."

- Hon. Stephen Crawford

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement

"Our government is making it easier for forest managers to do business here in Ontario by streamlining approvals to save the forest industry time and money. This is another part of our plan to support forestry workers by building a stronger, more resilient forestry sector across the province."

- Hon. Mike Harris
Minister of Natural Resources

"Ontario's forestry sector is the backbone of communities across the province and a key driver of our economy. By cutting red tape and modernizing forest management approvals, we're helping mills, harvesters, and operators spend less time on paperwork and more time getting logs moving and trucks on the road. This is about building a stronger, more competitive Ontario and keeping good jobs here at home."

- Hon. Kevin Holland
Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products

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Ontario Investing More than \$3 Million to Promote Economic Growth in Indigenous Communities

Applications now open for new round of Indigenous Economic Development Fund

October 21, 2025

[Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$3.2 million to launch the next intake of funding applications under the Indigenous Economic Development Fund (IEDF). As part of the government's plan to protect Ontario, the program provides funding to Indigenous businesses, communities and organizations to help boost economic growth and job creation in Indigenous communities across the province.

"Our government is continuing to make strategic investments to support Indigenous-led businesses that are creating jobs and driving economic growth throughout the province," said Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation and Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire Economic and Community Partnerships. "Programs like the Indigenous Economic Development Fund are essential to building partnerships with Indigenous communities to bring prosperity and opportunities for generations to come."

The IEDF provides funding to support economic development and improve access to Indigenous-led employment and training opportunities. Past projects supported by the fund include a trades training program led by Anishinabek Employment and Training Services and a tourism development initiative in Atikameksheng Anishnawbek.

Ontario's continued investment in specialized funding programs like the IEDF is creating meaningful opportunities for Indigenous peoples and fostering strong, inclusive and resilient economies. The government continues to meet with First Nations communities and Indigenous organizations to support shared priorities and identify partnership opportunities that advance economic reconciliation.

Applications are open until December 1, 2025 at 5 p.m. (EST) and must be submitted through [Transfer Payment Ontario](#). Interested applicants are required to register with Transfer Payment Ontario to apply and manage their funding

requests.

Quick Facts

- The IEDF delivers funding through the Economic Diversification Grant and the Regional Partnership Grant.
 - In 2024-25, the Ontario government [invested in 48 projects](#) through the Indigenous Community Capital Grant Program (ICCGP), and the Indigenous Economic Development Fund (IEDF).
 - Ontario is [investing \\$6 million through the Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program](#) (ICCGP) to fund Indigenous-led community infrastructure projects.
 - Ontario is investing \$3 million through the Capacity and Growth Fund to support Indigenous economic development, food security and wealth creation to help create an environment where Indigenous people and businesses can thrive.
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Additional Resources

- Learn more about the [Indigenous Economic Development Fund and how to apply](#).
 - Read more about [the Indigenous-led economic development projects funded through the ICCGP and IEDF 2025-26 streams](#).
 - Learn more about [available funding opportunities from the Government of Ontario](#).
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Renfrew County Economic Development Summit to Spotlight Resilience and Community Innovation

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October 20, 2025

Pembroke, ON – Monday, October 20, 2025 - The County of Renfrew and Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation (RCCFDC) will co-host the **Rooted in Resilience: Renfrew County Economic Development Summit** on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at the Best Western Pembroke Inn & Conference Centre. This one-day event will bring together business leaders, youth changemakers, and community partners to explore strategies for economic resilience and growth.

“At RCCFDC, we believe resilience is the cornerstone of sustainable economic growth,” said Cyndy Phillips, Executive Director of RCCFDC. “This summit is an opportunity to bring together the voices, ideas, and energy that will shape the future of Renfrew County. We’re proud to support an event that empowers our communities to adapt, innovate, and thrive.”

The summit will feature a range of sessions, including workforce development, succession planning for businesses, and a youth-led panel from the Rural Change Makers program, a leadership initiative by the Rural Ontario Institute.

“This summit is a reflection of Renfrew County’s commitment to building a resilient and forward-thinking economy,” said Melissa Marquardt, Manager of Economic Development for the County of Renfrew. “We look forward to welcoming participants from across the region to share ideas, learn from experts, and build lasting connections.”

A highlight of the day will be the closing keynote address by Master Corporal (Retired) Mike Trauner, a decorated veteran who will speak on perseverance and tenacity in the face of adversity. His message will reflect the challenges faced by businesses in recent years and offer hope and motivation for the future.

The event will also include networking opportunities and a social hour to foster collaboration among attendees.

The summit is presented in partnership by the County of Renfrew Economic Development Division and Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation (RCCFDC), with support from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario).

Registration is now open. For more information and to reserve a spot, visit www.investrenfrewcounty.ca/summit. Early-bird pricing ends on October 31, and registration closes November 18, 2025.

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Valley Voices: Shaping Tourism Together — Ottawa Valley Tourism Conference Returns November 3

Pembroke, ON – The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) is excited to announce the return of the *Ottawa Valley Tourism Conference*, taking place **Monday, November 3, 2025**, at The River Barn in **Foresters Falls**.

This year's theme, "*Valley Voices: Shaping Tourism Together*," focuses on collaboration and building the future of tourism across the Ottawa Valley. Attendees can look forward to a day filled with provincial and regional updates as well as interactive sessions designed to spark new ideas and partnerships.

"We're bringing tourism operators, community leaders, and destination partners together to share ideas and strengthen our industry," says Stefi Van Wijk, OVTA Board Chair. "Our goal is to inspire fresh perspectives and continue positioning the Ottawa Valley as one of Ontario's most welcoming and adventure-rich destinations."

The conference will feature presentations from the **Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO)** and the **Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO)**, as well as a creative group session titled "*Collaborate to Elevate.*" Participants will also enjoy a **graphic recording** of the day by **Swoop Media**, a visual storytelling highlight that captures key takeaways in real time.

Recognizing Our Sponsors

The OVTA extends its sincere thanks to this year's generous sponsors; Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization, Township of Whitewater Region, Bonnechere Caves, Renfrew County ATV Club, Whitewater O'Brien Winery and Township of Greater Madawaska.

The tourism conference welcomes both members and non-members and is an opportunity for non-member tourism businesses to learn more about the Association and the benefits of free membership while networking with industry peers.

"Being a part of the OVTA community is invaluable to promoting your business as well as building your network," says Honorary Board member, Chris Hinsperger. "I strongly encourage anyone with an interest in local tourism to attend."

Event Details:

Date: Monday, November 3, 2025

Time: 9:30am – 2:00pm

Location: The River Barn, Foresters Falls Ontario

Registration: Open until October 28, 2025 at

<https://www.ottawavalley.travel/industry/>

The OVTA proudly represents **Renfrew County, the City of Pembroke, and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation**, working collaboratively to promote the Ottawa Valley as a four-season destination for outdoor adventure, culture, and local experiences.

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We acknowledge the land on which we live and do our work is located on traditional unceded and unsurrendered Algonquin and Anishnabek territory. We are grateful that all Indigenous Peoples have been stewards of this land and beyond from time immemorial and share it with us today.

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AMO Matters

AMO is seeking applicants for its 2026 Youth Fellowship Program. Share this opportunity with students and youth interested in local government, governance, and the health of our democracy. Through this Fellowship, participants learn about municipal governance and policy while gaining exposure to real-time issues facing Ontario's municipalities. [Applications are due October 30.](#)

AMO is partnering with the University of Waterloo's Work-Learn Institute to explore how work-integrated learning can better support long-term municipal workforce development. If you have experience overseeing a student placement in a municipal setting, [please share your experience working with student co-ops and interns.](#)

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking comments on amendments to the Development Charges Act that would allow payment of DCs to be deterred to building permit issuance or first occupancy of the building. [Comments are open](#) until October 17.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is accepting applications to assist municipalities and First Nations communities to develop source water protection action plans. Applications can be submitted until October 31, 2025. Contact SourceProtectionFunding@ontario.ca for more information.

Education Opportunities

Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities is designed to equip you with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet the challenges of the political landscape head-on. This workshop series is being offered at no charge in two streams: those considering re-election in 2026 and a second for first-time candidates who want to explore whether elected office is right for them. [Full details and registration information here.](#)

The 2026 municipal election is on the horizon. This year's *Healthy Democracy Forum* examines the critical issues leaders (present and future) need to consider regarding local engagement and civility. Program information is available [here](#). Click [here to register](#).

Get a reliable assessment of tariff and trade disruptions and identify economic opportunities. Economic and diplomatic consequences will continue for many years, so AMO is assembling members and subject matter experts to plan today for a stronger and more stable Ontario. Join us in discussion on building Ontario's economic future October 24 at Toronto's Sheraton Centre. [Program information](#) is now available. [Click here to register](#).

Instances and success of cyberattacks on municipalities are increasing – are you prepared? To effectively protect your municipality, elected officials must understand how to best prepare for a cyber incident. This training focuses on understanding potential risk, identify preventative actions, and define your role during an incident. View full *Cybersecurity for Municipal Councillors* training details and [register here](#).

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The TMU Catalyst Municipal Cyber Range Program is specifically designed to prepare municipal IT staff for real-world cyberattacks. The immersive simulations are led by an experienced cybersecurity trainer, giving participants practical skills they can immediately apply. [AMO members receive 10% off](#) with code "AMO10" at registration.

LAS' Sewer and Water Line Warranty Service partner, SLWC, explains how [aging drinking water and wastewater systems present significant challenges](#) for municipalities. The blog paints an opportunity for municipalities to offer optional support for homeowners.

Join us on November 4th, 2025 for a live panel discussion on how municipalities can protect residents and election infrastructure from digital threats. Experts will share practical strategies for citizen education, cybersecurity best practices, and navigating cyber insurance. [Register Now](#).

Has your energy efficient project ever been delayed or deferred due to lack of funding? [Check out this free webinar](#) on October 24 to discover how to access thousands of dollars in energy incentives and rebates. [Registration is now open](#).

Starting 1 January 2026, federal regulations will begin phasing out mercury-containing lamps, including fluorescent and HID lighting. How ready is your municipality? Join us for a free webinar on October 29 to learn more. [Register here to attend](#).

Municipal Wire*

Western University's Local Government Program is [seeking nominations](#) for its annual Award of Excellence and Emerging Leaders Award open to anyone who has shown a commitment to delivering outstanding service to their communities.

Looking for tools to support and invest in new hires? Register for OPPI's [Employer Readiness course](#) at no cost to attendees. It includes an AMO supported employer handbook exploring HR best practices for retention and long-term success.

This [free AdvantAge webinar](#) on October 14 from 1-2pm will share insights related to long-term care governance and compliance for municipal councillors and their staff.

Careers

[Project Manager, Policy Planning - Township of King](#). Closing Date: October 15, 2025.

[GIS and Asset Management Coordinator - Township of Southwold](#). Closing Date: October 15th, 2025

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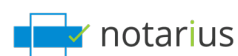
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Cyberattacks on municipalities are on the rise

Cybersecurity for Municipal Councilors Workshop

October 21, 2025 - Virtual

Dear AMO Member,

Last year, 55% of municipalities and other public organizations experienced a cyberattack. That's up from 38% in 2023. The number of successful attacks also rose, from 22% to 29%, according to the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario's annual report.

AMO has partnered with the Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst to create a [workshop](#) that will help municipal leaders understand how to best protect their municipalities, and how to lead them through a cyber incident.

[Register Now](#)

This half-day session is comprised of short lectures, guided discussions, and activities focused on understanding the cyber threats and risks posted to municipalities, identify preventative actions and best practices, and define the role of the elected official in cyber security and during incidents.

Date: October 21, 2025

Timing: 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Location: Virtual Event

Fee: \$300 +HST (Individual registration)

Cancellation fee: \$75.00 (up to 1 week prior to event)

Register today.

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AMO Policy Update – Criteria for Special Economic Zones, Natural Gas Expansion Program Advocacy, Updated Energy Project Guidance for Municipalities, Opposing Bill 30 at Standing Committee

Top Insights

- AMO will submit feedback to consultations on the province's proposed criteria for Special Economic Zones, calling on the province to require municipal support of proposed projects.
- AMO supports Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion Program, especially to provide rural, remote and northern communities with clean, reliable and affordable energy. More broadly, AMO continues to call for a balanced approach to energy infrastructure growth that meets local needs, prioritizes cost transparency, and incentivizes clean energy.
- AMO's Municipal Electricity Procurement Toolkit has been updated, and a new tool is available to help municipal officials evaluate proposed energy projects against locally determined criteria.
- AMO looks forward to commenting on Bill 30 as part of its upcoming Standing Committee process to express our opposition to the Bill's

proposal to exempt Skills Development Fund Capital Stream recipients from the *Planning Act* and exempt them, in full or part, from the *Municipal Act*.

Ontario Consulting on Criteria for Special Economic Zones

The Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade [is consulting](#) on proposed criteria for the government to designate Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and eligible projects and proponents including:

- Limiting SEZs to only the geographic area necessary for projects likely to deliver significant, long-term economic benefits like job creation, trade diversification, or community benefits.
- Requiring proponents to have a track record of complying with Ontario laws, demonstrate Indigenous engagement, and requiring Minister's approval before projects change ownership.

AMO has [previously called](#) for SEZs to only be used with municipal support and will be commenting on the proposal, requesting that the province include a formal requirement for a project to have the support of the host municipalities, confirmed through a municipal support resolution.

AMO's Natural Gas Expansion Program Advocacy

In [comments provided](#) to the Ministry of Energy and Mines on [their consultation](#) about the Ontario Natural Gas Expansion Program (NGEP), AMO continued to advocate for a balanced approach to energy growth. AMO supports the use of the NGEP in the short-term to deliver affordable, reliable energy and to support growth and economic resilience. This is especially important in rural, remote, and northern communities where building energy infrastructure can be cost prohibitive. At the same time, transparency in costs should be prioritized as the regulatory system changes so consumers can make informed decisions about what fuel sources meets their needs. Similarly, the growing cost of responding to severe climate events should be considered when determining the financial cost of energy infrastructure.

New Energy Project Guidance for Municipalities

AMO has updated its [Municipal Energy Procurement Toolkit](#) to better support municipal decision making on energy projects proposed for their communities. Updates include:

- More details about the second Long-Term Procurement (LT2) underway now.
- New third-party resources, including a new “Multi-Criteria Analysis Tool,” which is also on [AMO's energy resources webpage](#). This tool was developed by The Atmospheric Fund and Sustainability Solutions Group to help municipal officials evaluate how proposed projects align with local interests and criteria.

AMO to Comment Opposition to Bill 30 at Standing Committee

With the legislature resuming on October 20, AMO anticipates Bill 30, *Working for Workers Seven Act, 2025*, will proceed to Second Reading. With our Board's full support, AMO looks forward to publicly commenting during this process to express our opposition to the Bill's proposal to exempt Skills Development Fund (SDF) Capital Stream recipients from the *Planning Act* and exempt them, in full or in part, from the *Municipal Act*.

Municipalities understand the need to help enable fast development in light of continued economic uncertainty. However, the exemptions proposed under Bill 30 will likely put development and growth in Ontario at risk. Further encroachment into municipal approval processes proposed by Bill 30 is not justified. Any private employer in Ontario is eligible for the SDF Capital Stream – this sets a very low bar for those who can bypass the *Planning Act* and the *Municipal Act*. Further, there's been significant public scrutiny of SDF, confirmed through recent Auditor General audit findings on the SDF Training Stream, which concluded that the selection process was not fair, transparent or accountable, and that high-ranked applications were not chosen.

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October 16, 2025

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- Mercury-containing lamps are Going! Going!! Gone!!!
- Call for proposals inviting Canadian municipalities to apply for infrastructure projects funding.
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- Careers.

AMO Matters

AMO is seeking applicants for its 2026 Youth Fellowship Program. Share this opportunity with students and youth interested in local government, governance, and the health of our democracy. Through this Fellowship, participants learn about municipal governance and policy while gaining exposure to real-time issues facing Ontario's municipalities. [Applications are due October 30.](#)

AMO is partnering with the University of Waterloo's Work-Learn Institute to explore how work-integrated learning can better support long-term municipal workforce development. If you have experience overseeing a student placement in a municipal setting, [please share your experience working with student co-ops and interns.](#)

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking comments on amendments to the Development Charges Act that would allow payment of DCs to be deferred to building permit issuance or first occupancy of the building. [Comments are open](#) until October 17.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is accepting applications to assist municipalities and First Nations communities to develop source water protection action plans.

Applications can be submitted until October 31, 2025. Contact SourceProtectionFunding@ontario.ca for more information.

Education Opportunities

Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities is designed to equip you with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet the challenges of the political landscape head-on. This workshop series is being offered at no charge in two streams: those considering re-election in 2026 and a second for first-time candidates who want to explore whether elected office is right for them. [Full details and registration information here.](#)

Get a reliable assessment of tariff and trade disruptions and identify economic opportunities. Economic and diplomatic consequences will continue for many years, so AMO is assembling members and subject matter experts to plan today for a stronger and more stable Ontario. Join us in discussion on building Ontario's economic future October 24 at Toronto's Sheraton Centre. [Program information](#) is now available. [Click here to register.](#)

Instances and success of cyberattacks on municipalities are increasing – are you prepared? To effectively protect your municipality, elected officials must understand how to best prepare for a cyber incident. This training focuses on understanding potential risk, identify preventative actions, and define your role during an incident. View full *Cybersecurity for Municipal Councillors* training details and [register here.](#)

LAS

Is the lack of funding keeping your energy projects from moving forward? Check out this free webinar on October 24 that will unpack available incentives and rebates for your municipality. Don't wait - [register today.](#)

Products Containing Mercury Regulations prohibits the import and manufacture of mercury-containing lights. Starting 1 January 2026, a gradual phase-out will begin. How will this impact your facilities' lighting? Join us for a free webinar on October 29 to learn more. [Register here to attend.](#)

Municipal Wire*

Co-operators [Resilience Acceleration Lab](#) is inviting municipalities to apply for funding to develop infrastructure projects that reduce physical climate risks, including flooding, wildfires, storms, and heat. Selected proposals may receive up to \$250,000 and expert guidance to prepare for private capital financing. Projects will be reviewed on a rolling basis until January 30, 2026. Contact [Don Iveson](#) or resilience@cooperators.ca if you have any questions.

Western University's Local Government Program is [seeking nominations](#) for its annual Award of Excellence and Emerging Leaders Award open to anyone who has shown a commitment to delivering outstanding service to their communities.

Careers

[Manager, Strategy and Contingency Planning / Chef des stratégies et de la planification des mesures d'urgence](#) - Treasury Board Secretariat. Closing Date: Oct 27, 2025.

[Manager, Procurement Services - Town of Newmarket](#). Closing Date: November 10, 2025.

[Deputy Chief of Staff \(Intergovernmental Affairs & Agency Relations\)](#) - City of Toronto. Closing Date: October 27, 2025.

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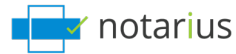
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Subject: Seeking re-election or first-time candidate? AMO's new, free workshop series is for you



AMO's Healthy Democracy Leaders Series: Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities

Join AMO's new online workshop series for leaders seeking re-election or first-time aspiring candidates—offered at no charge for participants

As Ontario heads toward the 2026 municipal elections, elected officials and aspiring candidates are being tested like never before. From navigating divisive politics and social media toxicity to maintaining personal wellbeing under constant public scrutiny, the demands of leadership can feel overwhelming.

Developed in partnership with [Nominee](#), *Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities* is designed to equip you with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet these challenges head-on — and to rediscover the purpose that brought you to public service in the first place.

Through expert facilitation, guided peer-to-peer discussion, and practical takeaways, you'll leave each session with fresh insight, renewed energy, and a stronger foundation for leadership.

This workshop series is offered through [AMO's Healthy Democracy Project](#), please find additional research and resources on the Project's website. If you are interested in more of the Project's initiatives, please join us at the [2nd Annual Healthy Democracy Forum in October 18 and 19](#).

This workshop series is being offered for no charge in two streams:

Stream 1: For elected officials at the municipal level across Ontario who are considering re-election in 2026 and preparing their path forward.

REGISTER HERE FOR STREAM 1

Stream 2: For community members considering a run for municipal office in 2026—first-time candidates who want to build confidence before launching a campaign. Civic-minded leaders who want to explore whether elected office is right for them.

REGISTER HERE FOR STREAM 2

Each stream includes four inspiring sessions (you can register for the full series or individual sessions):

- **Session 1—November/December 2025:** Finding Your Why – Leading with Purpose and Authenticity
- **Session 2—January/February 2026:** Praise Your Rivals – Managing Conflict and Building Effective Relationships
- **Session 3—February/March 2026:** What Matters Most – Prioritizing Mental Health and Wellbeing
- **Session 4—March/April 2026:** Building Your Movement – Turning Values into Action

What you'll gain by attending these sessions:

- **Clarity of Purpose:** reconnect with your values and what drives you to serve
- **Resilience in Conflict:** handle tough situations with skill and confidence
- **Personal Wellbeing:** prevent burnout and create sustainable leadership practices
- **Stronger Communication:** inspire trust and mobilize authentic community support
- **Practical Tools & Resources:** customized workbooks, scripts, and templates you can use immediately
- **Peer Connection:** build relationships with others also preparing to run in 2026

For more information, click [here](#).

Please email events@amo.on.ca with any questions.

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AMO Policy Update – Bill 56 Introduced, Building Code Amendments Submission and Advocacy on Removing Building Code Enforcement from Provincial Courts

Top Insights

- The province has introduced Bill 56, a red tape reduction bill including changes to as-of-right labour mobility, speed cameras, drinking water approvals, and forest management approvals. The province has also announced a review of Ontario's economic development permit system, a "Made-in-Ontario" vehicle procurement policy and streamlined mining approvals.
- AMO provided the province with advice on how to best implement the plan to defer residential development charge payments until occupancy.
- AMO continues advocacy to reduce the burden on Provincial Offenses Courts by supporting the use of an Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) for building code enforcement.

Bill 56, *Building a More Competitive Economy Act*, 2025

Yesterday, the government tabled its newest [red tape reduction bill](#). The bill and [additional communications](#) include a number of initiatives of interest to the municipal sector including:

Items in Bill 56

- Changes to require professional regulators to deem skilled workers certified in other provinces eligible to work in Ontario within 10 days. Municipalities are listed in the *Ontario Labour Mobility Act*. While AMO found no municipally regulated professions, local licensing practices may be affected; municipalities may wish to review their local licencing practices to determine if they are impacted by this proposal.
- Changes to allow health professionals from 16 additional regulated professions to work as-of-right in Ontario up to six months while applying for registration with their regulatory College.
- Despite significant concerns from municipalities, police chiefs, schools, and health care experts, the province has moved ahead with amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act*. The changes would remove municipal authority to operate Automated Speed Enforcement systems, permit the Minister to direct municipalities to install signs in school zones, and provide authority for the province to install signs where a municipality does not comply. Red light cameras are not implicated in this change and will still be permitted.
- Changes to the *Clean Water Act* to streamline drinking water approvals by allowing source protection authorities to approve routine updates to source protection plans, and regulatory updates to simplify and accelerate the process for creating new drinking water sources.
- Changes to the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act* to reduce administrative burdens by eliminating annual wood harvest approvals and enabling the forest industry to prepare a single forest management plan spanning multiple management units.
- Amendments to the *Species Conservation Act* to address a lack of clarity and consistency of language for species-at-risk and habitat protection orders.
- Technical corrections to the *Ontario Heritage Act* to reflect the current trade agreement.

Additional Narrative Items

- Conducting a review of Ontario’s economic development permits to identify duplicative, outdated, or unnecessary permits or approvals that could be removed or streamlined through a digital portal.
- Proclaiming sections of the *Mining Act* to implement the One Project One Process approvals process.
- Consulting on a “Made-in-Ontario” vehicle procurement policy for the public sector including municipalities.

Building Code Amendments Submission

AMO [submitted comments](#) to the Regulatory Registry advising the province on how to best implement the plan to defer residential development charge payments until occupancy, introduced under Bill 17 in the spring. To mitigate the risk of non-payment, top recommendations emphasized that municipalities must receive and verify the development charge payment before occupancy permit approval. AMO developed recommendations in consultation with municipal financial staff as well as Chief Building Officials.

AMO Supports Advocacy to Remove Building Code Enforcement from Provincial Courts

AMO has [sent a letter](#) to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing supporting advocacy from Ontario’s Building Officials and homebuilding sector calling on the province to allow municipalities to use an Administrative Monetary Penalty System for building code enforcement. This builds on AMO’s broader advocacy to reduce the burden on Provincial Offences Courts to address backlogs. It would also free up the capacity of building officials to focus on issuing building permits to deliver homes faster.

An online version of this Policy Update is also available on the [AMO Website](#).

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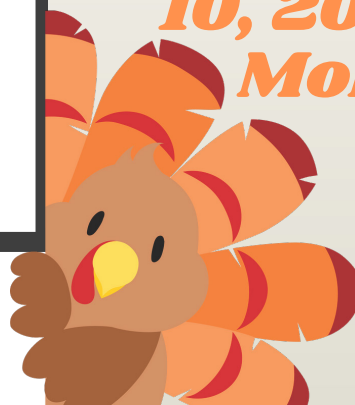
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Date: September 9, 2025

Motion # 266

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), transitioned the cost of the Blue Box Programs to a full producer responsibility (100% cost recovery) model, under Ontario Regulation 391/21 (Blue Box Regulation), made pursuant to the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*;

AND WHEREAS under the new framework, producers are individually and collectively responsible for operating and fully funding Blue Box collection systems, effective July 1, 2023, with municipal transition dates phased in through to 2026;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are no longer required to operate Blue Box collection systems after their designated transition date, resulting in the potential for stranded municipal assets, such as materials recovery facilities, vehicles, bins, depots, and other capital investments, which may not be compensated under the new regulatory framework;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour has historically, on behalf of the shared service partners, invested in waste diversion programs and infrastructure to meet provincial mandates and local service expectations;

AND WHEREAS the successful transition to the producer responsibility model requires clarity on asset management, fair compensation for stranded assets, and ongoing communication between municipalities, producers, and the Province to ensure a seamless transition for residents;

AND WHEREAS municipalities continue to have an interest in ensuring that Blue Box programs remain accessible, efficient, and effective for residents throughout and after the transition period;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour and its shared service partners have formally declined the extension to contract made by Circular Materials through the Change Notice dated June 27, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour hereby:

1. **Requests** that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs), work collaboratively with municipalities to address the financial and operational risks of stranded assets;
2. **Advocates** for transparent processes, fair compensation, and timely communication to protect municipal investments and ensure service continuity for residents; and
3. **Directs** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Chief Executive Officer of Circular Materials, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and support, *and forward to Parry Sound District meeting*

Moved by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
 Brandt, Jerry ☐
 Haggart-Davis, ☒
 Dorothy
 Ward, Rod ☐
 Whitwell, Wendy ☐

Seconded by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
 Brandt, Jerry ☒
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Recorded vote requested by: _____

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	For	Opposed
Blakelock, Rod	☐	☐
Brandt, Jerry	☐	☐
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Ward, Rod	☐	☐
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Friday, October 10, 2025

Jeff Smith
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SENT VIA EMAIL: jsmith@woolwich.ca

RE: Endorsement of the Township of Woolwich Resolution – Bill C-61 First Nations Clean Water Act

Dear J. Smith,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, October 6, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly
That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from the Township of Woolwich,
regarding Bill C-61, First Nations Clean Water Act

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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,

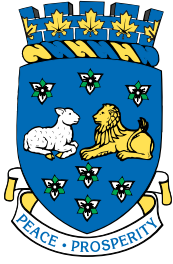
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Cc: Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services, mandy.gull-masty@parl.gc.ca
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October 8, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford,
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Dear Premier:

Re: Amending Ontario Regulation 391/21

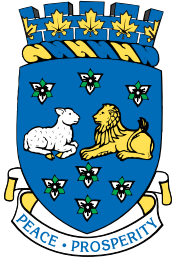
Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their Sustainability, Infrastructure, and Development meeting held on October 7, 2025 approved the following motion:

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/2, Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of for 'eligible' sources only; and

Whereas 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include business improvement areas, places of worship, daycares, camp grounds, public facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks; and

Whereas the province amended Ontario Regulation 391/2 to not expand services for new public space recycling; and

Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;



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Therefore, be it resolved that Region of Waterloo Council request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21, Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources as stated above; and

Further that Council request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

That Minister McCarthy be asked to provide more information on the estimated \$171M in savings for municipalities through this program.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions please contact Dorothy McCabe, Councillor DMcCabe@regionofwaterloo.ca

Regards,

Chris Fraresso, Legislative Services Specialist

cc: Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks
Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Rob Flack, Minister of Affairs and Housing
Robin Jones, AMO President
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Billy Denault, MPP, Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke
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Dear Mr. Denault,

I am writing on behalf of Council of the Township of Horton to express our deepest concern about the escalating safety risks on Highway 17.

On September 30, three individuals tragically lost their lives in two separate collisions in Horton Township. A two-vehicle crash at Storyland Road claimed two lives and forced the closure of Highway 17. The detour traffic overwhelmed our local roads, and a second fatal accident occurred later that exact same day.

These tragedies are not isolated. In less than 2 months, we have seen repeated collisions along Highway 17, including:

- September 30, 2025 – Storyland Road, 2 fatalities
- September 30, 2025 – Horton detour road, 1 fatality
- September 21, 2025 – Storyland Road, injuries reported
- August 21, 2025 – Highway 17 corridor, multi-vehicle collision, hospitalization

Highway 17 runs through Horton Township with four major intersections, Storyland Road/Pinnacle Road, Lochwinnoch Road, Castleford Road/Bruce Street, and O'Brien Road, all of which have seen increases in accidents and fatalities. Each are hotspots for escalating collisions. Each year the accidents and fatalities have only increased. Compounding this further, is that every closure forces unsafe traffic onto Horton Township roads, further endangering more residents.

As elected officials, we carry the responsibility of ensuring a safe environment for the residents we serve. When people choose to make Horton their home, there is an underlying expectation that their community, including the roads they travel daily, will be safe. We cannot allow that expectation to be broken by inaction.

We ask you directly: how many more lives will need to be lost before Highway 17 receives the urgent attention and commitment it so desperately needs?

Best regards,

Daina Proctor, Mayor
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Moved by: Deputy Mayor Webster

Resolution No.: 2025-154

Seconded by: Councillor Humphries

October 7, 2025

WHEREAS Highway 17 serves as a critical transportation corridor through the Township of Horton, providing a vital link for residents, businesses, commercial transport, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS traffic volumes along this stretch of highway have continued to increase significantly in recent years, resulting in congestion, delays, and growing safety concerns for motorists; and

WHEREAS the expansion and twinning of Highway 17 through the Township of Horton corridor would greatly enhance safety, improve traffic flow, and support economic development opportunities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS the Township of Horton recognizes that investment in this transportation infrastructure is essential to meet current and future growth demands and to ensure the continued prosperity and accessibility of our community and the surrounding area; and

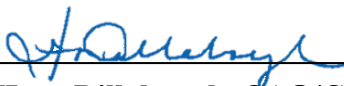
WHEREAS the Township of Horton wishes to ensure that this matter receives appropriate attention and prioritization from the Province of Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Horton hereby respectfully requests that Billy Denault, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke, advocate to the Minister of Transportation and other relevant provincial officials for the expansion and twinning of 17 through the Township of Horton's corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to Billy Denault, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, the County of Renfrew and to all neighbouring municipalities along the Highway 17 corridor for their support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) for information and awareness.

X CARRIED


Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk



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October 8, 2025

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Support of H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their September 15, 2025, Council meeting:

WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;



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AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- *Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,*
- *Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,*
- *Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,*
- *Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,*
- *Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and*
- *Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.*

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca ;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Ontario Municipalities, relevant MPs and MPPs, Smiths Falls Police Services, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities
M.P. Scott Reid, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
M.P.P. John Jordan, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
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VIA EMAIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
All Upper- and Lower-Tier Municipalities in Ontario

Please be advised that at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2025, the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities' ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.

6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
 - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 - All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,



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August 13, 2025

Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Northern Development
Suite 400
160 Bloor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2E6

Dear Hon. Greg Rickford:

This is Resolution No. 2025-279 which was passed by Council at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-279:

"Whereas the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

And Whereas the program has been well received and has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically accumulate multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

And Whereas the City of North Bay recognizes the importance of modern, safe, and efficient infrastructure to support economic growth and industrial competitiveness;

AND WHEREAS the Seymour Street Widening project from Station Road to Wallace Road, including a signalized intersection, is a critical continuation of the intersection improvement at Hwy 11/17 and Seymour Street, directly supporting a high-value industrial zone;

And Whereas this arterial corridor enables key sectors such as mining, forestry, construction, and manufacturing to receive and ship goods efficiently, impacting markets provincially and beyond;

And Whereas the updated total Seymour Street Widening project budget of approx. \$11 million includes contributions from multiple funding programs such as NORDS (\$2 million) and OCIF (\$4,259,448).

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay formally supports the principle of stacking (accumulating) funding from multiple grant and infrastructure programs to advance strategic capital works, such as the Seymour Street Widening project, and requests continued flexibility from higher levels of government to enable effective financial planning and timely delivery of large-scale municipal infrastructure initiatives;

And Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Development, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, Nipissing MPP Victor Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support."

Yours truly,



Veronique Hie
Deputy City Clerk

VH/ck

cc: Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Natural Resources
Nipissing MPP, Victor Fedeli
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Northern Ontario Municipalities



Date:

8 October 2025

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Moved By:

Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded By:

Councillor Alex Boughen

Whereas conservation authorities serve a critical function in safeguarding Ontario's natural heritage, overseeing watershed management, mitigating flood risks, and advancing climate resilience;

And whereas the Province of Ontario's recent mandate to freeze conservation authority fees has significantly hindered their capacity to deliver essential services;

And whereas Conservation Authorities are now expected to process an increasing volume of permit applications under a fee structure that remains frozen, despite rising costs of living and wage pressures, further compounding operational and fiscal challenges;

And whereas municipalities are increasingly compelled to absorb the resulting financial shortfalls, leading to unsustainable downloading of costs onto local taxpayers;

And whereas the intent behind the provincial fee freeze was to reduce development-related expenses and accelerate housing supply;

And whereas this policy has inadvertently shifted the financial burden from a user-pay cost recovery model to the municipal tax base, thereby straining local budgets and compromising the principle of fair and equitable funding;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming urges the Province of Ontario to reconsider the fee freeze mandate and to implement a funding framework that protects municipal taxpayers from cost recovery deficits, while supporting a sustainable and balanced approach to conservation authority financing.

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	Yay	Nay
Gary L. Atkinson	☐	☐
Netty McEwen	☐	☐
Alex Boughen	☐	☐
Kristen Rodrigues	☐	☐
John van Klaveren	☐	☐
Mike Vasey	☐	☐
Bob Woolvett	☐	☐

October 16, 2025

Resolution Urging the Federal Government to Keep Climate Change as a Foremost National Priority

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change—such as rising temperatures, extreme weather events, flooding, droughts, wildfires, and sea-level rise—are already affecting communities across Canada;

WHEREAS, climate change poses a serious threat to public health, infrastructure, local economies, biodiversity, and future generations;

WHEREAS, municipalities are on the front lines of climate change, often bearing the burden of disaster response, infrastructure adaptation, and long-term community resilience;

WHEREAS, despite local action, meaningful progress on climate change requires bold and coordinated leadership at the federal level, including policies, legislation, funding, and international cooperation;

WHEREAS, Canada has made national and international climate commitments, including under the Paris Agreement, and must continue to strengthen its role in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and supporting adaptation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Bluewater Council urges the Government of Canada to:

1. **Maintain climate change as a top national priority**, reflected in legislation, national planning, funding, and public policy;
2. **Prioritize investments in the clean energy transition in the upcoming Federal budget**;
3. **Continue to support municipalities** in their efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including through sustainable infrastructure funding, disaster preparedness support, and clean energy investments since municipalities have the ability to influence change in ~50% of emissions within Canada;
4. **Accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy**, ensuring that it is just, inclusive, and economically beneficial for all regions and communities;
5. **Engage in transparent, science-based policymaking** that reflects the urgency of the climate crisis and the lived experiences of Canadians;
6. **Collaborate with Indigenous communities** and respect Indigenous knowledge and leadership in addressing climate change including obtaining free, prior and informed consent; and
7. **Continue to report annually** on national progress in reducing emissions and implementing adaptation strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, local Members of Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as well as local MPPs and all municipalities for their consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce MPP
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October 17, 2025

The Honorable Todd McCarthy, MPP (Durham)
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Via email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Re: Extended Producer Responsibility for Blue Box Recycling Collection and Impacts to
Small Businesses located in Mixed-Use Properties

Dear Minister McCarthy,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on October 6, 2025, the Council of the Town of
Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 191-25:

Whereas in 2016 the Waste-Free Ontario Act was enacted, which also enacted the
Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA) and the Waste Diversion
Transition Act; and,

Whereas the RRCEA and its associated regulations focus on strengthening Extended
Producer Responsibility for materials like used tires and blue box recycling; and,

Whereas on November 23, 2020, Town Staff submitted comments to the Environmental
Registry of Ontario on the proposed blue box regulation, which highlighted concerns
about the lack of a requirement for blue box recycling collection for certain “non-eligible”
sources like small businesses located in mixed-use properties which are prevalent in
Business Improvement Areas; and,

Whereas in the Town of Whitby there are approximately 200 small businesses in mixed-
use properties who currently receive blue box collection and are impacted by the blue
box regulation and will potentially lose blue box collection services; and,

Whereas in June 2021 the Province of Ontario released Blue Box Regulation O. Reg.
391/21, under the RRCEA which transitions the financial and operational responsibility of
recycling from municipalities to the producers of packaging and paper products; and,

Whereas Circular Materials Ontario (CM) was named the Producer Responsibility
Organization taking on all blue box recycling responsibilities in Ontario over a three-year
transition period; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham has indicated that the estimated costs to continue to
provide blue box recycling for small businesses after the 2026 transition date to CM was
exorbitant and no longer a core responsibility of the Region pursuant to Provincial
legislation; and,

Whereas on July 1, 2024, the Town of Whitby and all local area municipalities in Durham Region transitioned from the Regional blue box program to the CM blue box program; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham and CM negotiated a temporary agreement to continue providing blue box collection services to small businesses in mixed-use properties during the blue box transition period from June 30, 2024 to December 31, 2025, however, CM will not service these small businesses or any non-residential properties effective January 1, 2026, as they are not included as “eligible sources” under Blue Box Regulation 391/21; and,

Whereas on October 17, 2024, Mayor Roy sent a letter to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, who was at that time the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, advocating for changes to the blue box regulation as it related to blue box collection for small businesses; and,

Whereas on June 4, 2025, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks proposed amendments to the RRCEA through the Environmental Registry of Ontario and staff comments were submitted jointly to the Municipal Waste Association and Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario on June 13, 2025 highlighting concerns with the blue box regulation and impacts to small businesses located in mixed-use properties; and,

Whereas on August 15, 2025, CM hosted a municipal engagement session with members of a Municipal Working Group, reviewing a proposal for blue box recycling for non-eligible sources; and,

Whereas it is not clear how the recycling collector will differentiate commercial recycling from residential recycling at mixed-residential locations as they are typically set out together; and,

Whereas the proposal submitted by CM must be agreed to by all three Producer Organizations before it will be considered by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks; and,

Whereas on October 1, 2025, all three Producer Organizations, which includes CM, Ryse Solutions, and Landbell Canada, provided a letter to Mayor Roy outlining their decision to not proceed with blue box collections for small IC&I locations, citing, “system capacity limitations, current regulatory obligations, and time constraints that make it impractical for CCS to provide (blue box) collections from IC&I locations”; and,

Whereas on October 1, 2025, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks provided a letter to the Town of Whitby advising that the Producers will not voluntarily continue to offer blue box services to municipalities for small business locations.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

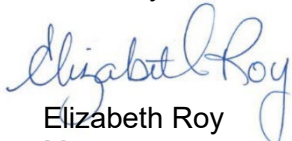
1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby requests that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks amend Blue Box Regulation 391/21 to require Producers to provide blue box collection services to businesses located in mixed-use properties;

and,

2. That the Mayor be requested to author a letter to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks advocating for changes to Blue Box Regulation 391/21, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities, Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA).

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact mayor@whitby.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Roy
Mayor

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