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**Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: March 9th, 2026
Correspondence Package No. I-26-MAR-05**

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-26-MAR-05 be received as information and filed accordingly.

General Information Items:

1. Correspondence from the Government of Ontario

- a) Ontario Launches Canada's First Occupational Exposure Registry to Protect Workers
- b) Ontario Taking Next Steps to Widen Highway 17 Between Renfrew and Arnprior
- c) Ontario and Nova Scotia Sign Historic Direct-to-Consumer Alcohol Agreement
- d) Ontario Appoints Advisory Body to Improve Student Achievement

2. Correspondence from the County of Renfrew

- a) Employer Information Session: Hiring Foreign Workers
- b) Council and Committee Monthly Summary
- c) County of Renfrew Paramedic Service partners with hospitals to launch new Fit2Sit program
- d) Spring Load Restrictions Alert
- e) Starter Company Plus 2026 – Intake Open

3. Correspondence from the Renfrew County & District Health Unit

- a) Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board
- b) RCDHU to Enforce Suspension of Students Aged 4-17 with Incomplete Immunization Records

4. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

- a) [Watchfile – February 19, 2026](#)
- b) [AMO 2026 Conference Registration is Open](#)
- c) [Get Ready for the 2026 Municipal Elections](#)
- d) [An Information Session for Urban Indigenous Peoples' Considering Running for Municipal Office](#)
- e) [2-part Workshop: Navigating Conflict as an Elected Official](#)
- f) [Watchfile – February 26, 2026](#)
- g) [Workshop: How to Lead Through Crisis with Confidence](#)
- h) [Call for PJ Marshall Award 2026 Applications](#)

5. Correspondence from the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan

- a) [Newsletter – February 20, 2026](#)
- b) [Newsletter – February 27, 2026](#)

6. Correspondence from Other Municipalities

- a) [Municipality of Wawa – School Bus Safety and Stop Arm](#)
- b) [Municipality of Wawa – LifeLabs Closure](#)
- c) [Township of Puslinch – Invest Ready Certified Site Designation](#)
- d) [Township of Joly – Support for steel and lumber sectors](#)
- e) [Township of Joly – Support opposition to consolidation of Conservation Authorities](#)
- f) [Township of Perry – Reduced Rate Distribution of Library Resources](#)
- g) [Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025](#)
- h) [Township of Larder Lake – School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems](#)
- i) [Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children](#)
- j) [Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry](#)
- k) [Township of Carlow/Mayo – Sustainable Police Funding](#)
- l) [Township of Papineau-Cameron – Ontario Veterinary College explanation of enrollment capacity](#)

- m) Municipality of North Perth – Removal of HST and GST from New Homes
- n) OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East – Provincial Bail Notification Program
- o) Township of Southgate – OMERS Bill 68
- p) Township of North Glengarry – OCIF
- q) Town of Englehart – OMERS
- r) Municipality of Markstay-Warren – Highway 11/17 Nation Building Improvements

7. Correspondence from Rural Ontario Municipal Association

- a) 2026 Conference Recap and February Board Highlights

8. Correspondence from TAPMO

- a) Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario Newsletter

9. Correspondence from Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance

- a) Introduction letter

10. Correspondence from Town of Arnprior

- a) December 2025 and January 2026 By-Law Enforcement Monthly Statistics

Ontario Launches Canada's First Occupational Exposure Registry to Protect Workers

New digital portal will help track workers' exposure, prevent occupational disease and build a healthier, more resilient workforce

February 20, 2026

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

TORONTO — As part of its plan to protect Ontario workers and their long-term health, the Ontario government is launching Canada's first Occupational Exposure Registry (OER). This [new secure digital portal](#) includes an easy-to-use self-tracker that allows workers to record and track exposure to hazardous substances in the workplace. The portal builds on the government's work to strengthen workplace health and safety by taking action to increase awareness and reduce harmful exposures, while giving workers a secure record they can reference throughout their careers.

"Ontario's future depends on our workforce, and this tool represents an important step in protecting workers' health on the job," said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "This first-in-Canada Occupational Exposure Registry will give workers the ability to securely track and better understand their exposure risks, helping inform prevention efforts and stop occupational disease before it starts."

Starting today, workers can securely and anonymously submit exposure information through the online self-tracker in just a few minutes for one of 11 designated hazardous substances, such as asbestos, lead, mercury and silica. Workers can record details such as how their exposure occurred and what protective measures were in place, such as ventilation, training or personal protective equipment. Each submission generates a confirmation email and a record that can be downloaded. Having better information about harmful workplace exposures will help increase awareness and empower workers to better understand hazards and take steps to protect themselves.

Occupational illnesses are often underreported or difficult to diagnose due to long latency periods between exposure and the onset of symptoms. By giving workers the tools to track their own exposures over the course of their careers, the registry can also support medical assessments if symptoms arise years later.

“Our government is taking bold and innovative action to make it easier for Ontarians to stay safe and healthy in the workplace and beyond,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “The launch of Canada’s first Occupational Exposure Registry is one more way we are protecting Ontario workers and communities for years to come.”

The Occupational Exposure Registry was first committed to in the [Working for Workers Act, 2023](#), and builds on Ontario’s broader work to protect workers by strengthening workplace health and safety. It also responds directly to recommendations [from Ontario’s 2023 Occupational Disease Landscape Review](#) by improving data collection, tracking exposure trends over time and providing an accessible digital tool to support workers, healthcare providers and disease prevention partners.

Quick Facts

- Ontario has been consistently strengthening workplace safety under our seven Working for Workers legislative packages, with measures such as requiring [properly fitting personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#) for women and workers with diverse body types, mandating [automated external defibrillators \(AEDs\)](#) on construction projects with 20 or more workers expected to last three months or longer, and [requiring naloxone](#) to be available in workplaces where there is a risk of opioid overdose.
- Ontario’s [Supporting Ontario’s Safe Employers \(SOSE\) program](#) is a voluntary recognition initiative for employers who go beyond compliance and demonstrate strong occupational health and safety management. With 101 employers now recognized, the program highlights organizations that have invested significantly in health and safety. Recognized employers have earned more than \$4.5 million in WSIB incentives to date, helping build safer workplaces and supporting a stronger, more competitive provincial economy.
- An occupational illness is a condition that results from exposure to a physical, chemical or biological agent in the workplace to the extent that the worker’s health is impaired.
- In 2025, there were close to 580,000 construction workers in Ontario.
- Between 2010 and 2019, occupational illnesses accounted for approximately 76 per cent of workplace fatalities in Ontario.

- According to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), there were 20,886 allowed occupational disease claims in 2025.
- In Working for Workers Six our government directed WSIB to invest \$400 million in health and safety programs for workers and employers, focusing on mental health, preventative and chronic injury care and recovery to ensure workers have the supports they need to return to work safely and quickly.

Quotes

"Every day at a mine starts with one priority: safety. That same commitment to putting workers first guides everything we do. Canada's first Occupational Exposure Registry is a smart, proactive step to better protect their health — giving workers more control over their exposure history and helping us prevent occupational illness before it starts. This is another strong example of how our government is taking action to safeguard workers and build a stronger future for Ontario."

- Stephen Lecce
Minister of Energy and Mines

"This landmark initiative sets the stage for raising awareness of occupational illness and the importance of prevention efforts to protect worker health and safety. This tool can be used to support those important discussions between workers and their employers, and between workers and their health care providers. For the ministry, it gives us insights to further understand the landscape of occupational illness and exposures in Ontario. This integral part of identifying potential challenges and opportunities will help us as we continue our plans for prevention efforts."

- Dr. Joel Moody
**Chief Prevention Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour,
Immigration, Training and Skills Development**

"This is a big step forward. More information and data about what people are exposed to will help improve prevention and could lead to faster access to WSIB services and supports for people with occupational disease claims."

- Jeff Lang
President, WSIB

"All workers deserve to know that their health is being protected not just today, but throughout their entire career. The Occupational Exposure Registry puts workers first by giving them a secure way to track exposures and take an active role in protecting their long-term health. By empowering workers with better information, we're helping to prevent occupational illnesses and ensuring that workers can build strong careers and return home safely to their families."

- Marc Arsenault
**Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer, Provincial Building and
Construction Trades Council of Ontario**

"Occupational exposure remains one of the most serious and persistent health risks firefighters face. The launch of Ontario's Occupational Exposure Registry is a meaningful step forward — acknowledging those risks, supporting earlier detection of occupational illness, and strengthening long-term health protections. It demonstrates a clear commitment to protecting firefighters and workers across the province."

- Greg Horton
President, Ontario Professional Firefighters Association

"As mechanical insulators and asbestos abatement specialists, our members understand firsthand the serious risks that can come with occupational exposure. Whether installing mechanical insulation systems or safely maintaining and removing hazardous materials like asbestos, protecting our members has always been at the core of our skilled trade. Ontario's leadership in launching Canada's first Occupational Exposure Registry marks a major step forward in preventing occupational disease before it starts. By giving workers the ability to track exposures throughout their careers, this registry will help bridge critical gaps in reporting and early detection. We commend the province for establishing this registry and strongly believe it will strengthen accountability, improve long term health, and build a safer, more resilient workforce across the country."

- David Gardner
Business Manager, Insulators Local 95

"Each year, approximately 10,000 cancer cases in Canada are caused by exposure to cancer causing substances in the workplace. These are cancers that in many cases can be prevented through action to reduce exposures. Too many workers continue to encounter harmful substances, sometimes as part of their everyday responsibilities, and other times in situations they never expected. An occupational exposure registry is a strong step forward to ensuring workers have the knowledge, tools, and protections they need to stay safe."

- Dr. Stuart Edmonds

Executive Vice President, Mission, Research & Advocacy, Canadian Cancer Society

"Recognizing and documenting hazardous exposure is an essential component of prevention, especially for cancer and other chronic diseases that can develop many years after exposure. I look forward to the launch of this initiative and its continuing enhancement!"

- Dr. Paul A. Demers

**Scientific Director, Occupational Cancer Research Center, Ontario Health;
Professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto**

"A clear understanding of exposure history is an important part of protecting workers and strengthening prevention efforts. A well-designed registry can support better clinical communication and long-term health monitoring. CECCO looks forward to working closely with the Ministry to ensure the registry's implementation is transparent, avoids unnecessary duplication, and provides clarity for both workers and employers on how information will be used in practice."

- Adam Melnick

Executive Director, Construction Employers Coordinating Council of Ontario

Additional Resources

- [The Occupational Disease Landscape Review](#)
- Information on [Workplace Exposure and Illnesses](#)

- [WSIB Scientific Advisory Table on Occupational Disease](#)

Related Topics

Jobs and employment

Find resources and supports for job seekers and employers. [Learn more](#)

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Ontario Taking Next Steps to Widen Highway 17 Between Renfrew and Arnprior

Province keeping workers on the job and supporting the safe movement of people and goods in Eastern Ontario

February 27, 2026

[Transportation](#)

RENFREW COUNTY — The Ontario government issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to design the expansion of Highway 17 from two to four lanes between the Town of Renfrew and Arnprior. Highway 17 is a critical link in the Trans-Canada highway system and a vital trade corridor, connecting communities across Eastern Ontario and supporting the movement of people and goods throughout the region.

“As President Trump’s tariffs continue to target families and businesses, it has never been more important to invest in the transportation infrastructure that will strengthen our province for years to come,” said Ric Bresee, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation. “Expanding Highway 17 will secure a vital trade corridor, fight gridlock and support good-paying jobs during construction.”

The province is twinning 22.5 kilometres of Highway 17 running from Scheel Drive near Arnprior to three kilometres west of Bruce Street near the Town of Renfrew. The first stage of the expansion project was completed in November 2023, when the province finished construction of [a new bridge and interchange at Highway 17 and Calabogie Road](#).

“This stretch of highway is a critical artery in the Ottawa Valley, connecting communities, supporting our economy and carrying families safely home each night,” said Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke. “This milestone is an important step forward for Renfrew County, and our government is getting it done.”

As Ontario remains focused on dismantling interprovincial trade barriers that cost Canada’s economy \$200 billion annually, widening Highway 17 remains a key component of the province’s plan to protect Ontario by building a stronger, more resilient and self-reliant economy while expanding cross-country trade routes.

Quick Facts

- Ontario is investing \$30 billion to build, repair and expand highways, roads and bridges across the province.
 - In addition to the Calabogie Road interchange, three new interchanges will be built as part of Highway 17 expansion projects in Renfrew County.
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Quotes

"Investments in transportation infrastructure are one of the most effective ways to strengthen Ontario's economy during times of global trade uncertainty. Projects like the expansion of Highway 17 support local jobs and rely largely on domestic supply chains, ensuring infrastructure dollars deliver strong economic benefits. Highways 11 and 17 are vital, nation-building trade corridors for northern Ontario, and modernizing them will support industry, improve safety and keep people working across the region."

- Walid Abou-Hamde
CEO, ORBA

"RCCAO is delighted with the progress to expand Highway 17, a significant and meaningful milestone for Eastern Ontario and our province's infrastructure network. As a critical link in the Trans-Canada Highway corridor, this investment will enhance safety, ease congestion and support the efficient movement of goods and people. We commend the Government of Ontario for continuing to prioritize investment in critical transportation infrastructure that creates jobs, drives economic growth and builds stronger, more resilient communities."

- Nadia Todorova
Executive Director, Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario
(RCCAO)

"Today's announcement is first and foremost about safety for the people who travel this corridor every day, but it is also a powerful investment in the future of the Ottawa Valley. Thank you for the province's ongoing commitment towards strengthening our communities, supporting economic growth, and ensuring this region remains connected, competitive, and positioned to thrive."

**- Warden Jennifer Murphy
County of Renfrew**

"As Mayor of Horton Township, I truly welcome the province's investment in twinning the Highway 417 corridor, and I thank MPP Billy Denault for his advocacy on this important file. This will make a real difference for our residents by improving safety, supporting emergency access, and strengthening the everyday connectivity our community relies on."

**- Daina Proctor
Mayor of Horton**

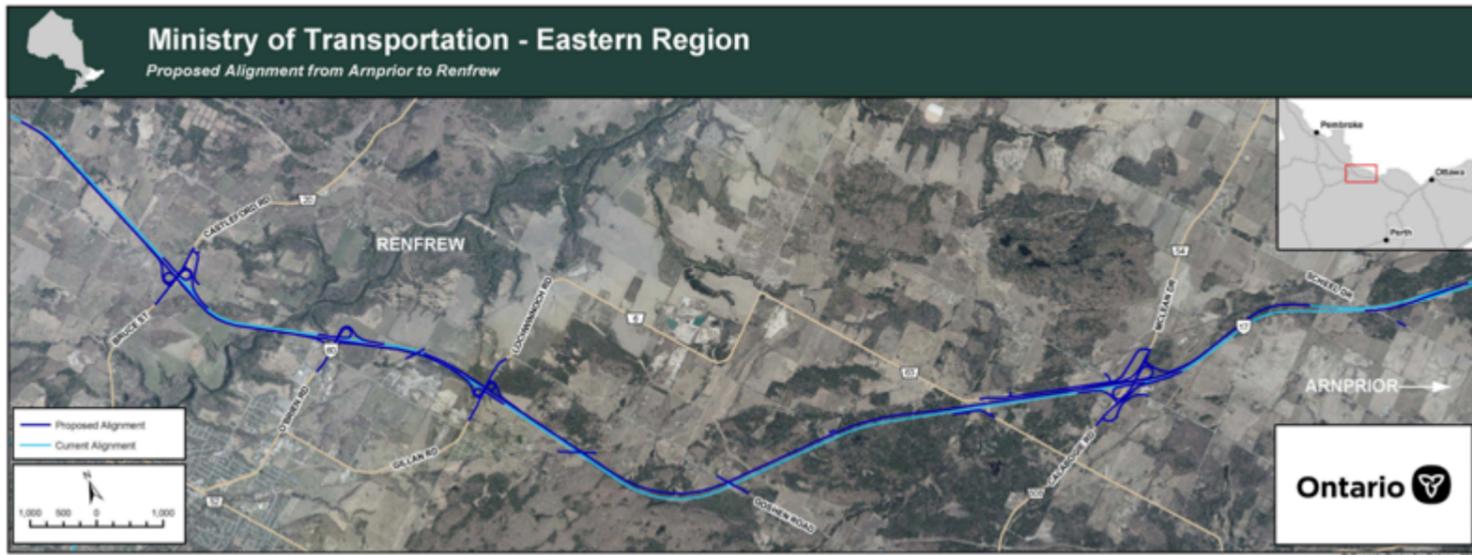
"This announcement is a huge step forward for the Town of Renfrew, and shows the Province of Ontario's dedication to improving safety, strengthening connections to jobs and services, and opening the door to new economic opportunities for Renfrew residents. A four-lane Highway 17 will help our rural community thrive for many years to come."

**- Tom Sidney
Mayor of Renfrew**

"Highway 17 is a critical corridor for our communities and for the broader Trans-Canada network. We appreciate today's commitment from the Province to continue the twinning through Renfrew County and look forward to working together to keep this project moving forward and explore opportunities to advance timelines where possible."

**- Lori Hoddinott
Mayor of McNab/Braeside**

Media Assets



Map

showing the proposed alignment and interchanges of the future widened Highway 17 between Arnprior and Renfrew

Related Topics

Driving and road safety

Information about road conditions and safety, driver's licences, vehicle registration, commercial vehicles, transit and transportation infrastructure. [Learn more](#)

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Ontario and Nova Scotia Sign Historic Direct-to-Consumer Alcohol Agreement

Deal will remove barriers to free trade between provinces, supporting consumer choice and economic growth

March 02, 2026

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TORONTO — Today, Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston signed a first-of-its-kind agreement to allow consumers to purchase alcohol directly from the other province's local producers, including breweries, wineries and distilleries. Allowing direct-to-consumer (DTC) sales between the provinces is part of the province's plan to tear down barriers to interprovincial trade, which will give consumers greater choice and convenience, while creating more opportunities for producers.

"With President Trump taking direct aim at Ontario companies and workers, it has never been more important to boost interprovincial trade and support local businesses," said Premier Doug Ford. "Ontario is leading the way to unlock free trade within Canada. Our agreement means Nova Scotia residents can conveniently purchase any of their favourite Ontario craft beers, wines and more, while Ontario residents will be able to buy the very best Nova Scotia has to offer."

Before the agreement, Ontario consumers could only purchase alcoholic beverages from another province if they were listed by the LCBO, ordered via the LCBO's Private Ordering Program or bought in another province and transported by the purchaser to Ontario for personal use. In the coming weeks, authorizations will begin to be issued to Nova Scotia producers to provide consumers in Ontario with direct access to conveniently purchase their favourite Nova Scotia spirits, wine, beer and other alcoholic beverages online and have them delivered to their doors. Ontario will continue to lead the way for a pan-Canadian DTC sales framework for alcohol products.

“Nova Scotia is committed to dismantling internal trade barriers, piece by piece, but my goal is to have free trade, nationwide,” said Premier Tim Houston. “This agreement is a stepping stone that will give our local producers more access to Ontario markets and open a broader customer base. We will continue to work with other provinces and territories to reach agreements so that our companies have more opportunities and customers have more choice.”

Starting tomorrow, producers in Nova Scotia and Ontario will be able to begin applying for the necessary authorizations to sell in each province, giving greater market access to Ontario and Nova Scotia’s producers and giving consumers the ability to conveniently purchase their favourite Ontario alcoholic beverages in Nova Scotia and their favourite Nova Scotia alcoholic beverages in Ontario.

“Ontario’s vibrant alcohol sector and beverage alcohol manufacturers are an important part of our economy, and we are committed to seeing them grow and thrive while consumers get greater access to their choice of alcohol beverages,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “I am pleased that Ontario and Nova Scotia are partnering to set a precedent for other provinces to follow by enhancing interprovincial trade of alcoholic beverages in a way that works for consumers and businesses, and is consistent and fair to Ontario producers.”

Today’s agreement builds on Ontario’s leadership in strengthening internal trade and expanding economic cooperation within Canada, signing agreements with 10 other provinces and territories to help unlock \$200 billion in economic growth. Ontario will continue to work with other provinces and territories to launch a pan-Canadian DTC sales framework for Canadian alcohol products.

Quick Facts

- Under the agreement, Ontario’s Liquor Control Board (LCBO) and the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC) will authorize producers from the other province to sell directly to the reciprocating jurisdiction’s consumers, who may purchase their beverage of choice for personal consumption.
- Ontario and Nova Scotia will both implement a mark-up structure that ensures fairness and competitiveness for domestic producers and aligns with existing domestic tax rates.
- Last year, Ontario passed the *Protect Ontario Through Free Trade Within Canada Act, 2025*, which includes legislative changes to enable a framework for DTC sales of alcohol.
- Since July 2025, Ontario and 10 other jurisdictions have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) committing them to advance pan-Canadian DTC

alcohol sales with an implementation deadline of May 2026.

- Ontario has also signed economic cooperation MOUs with seven provinces that include commitments to work together on bilateral DTC frameworks.

Additional Resources

- [Memorandum of Understanding between Ontario and Nova Scotia](#)
- [Ontario Unlocking Free Trade Within Canada](#)

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Ontario Appoints Advisory Body to Improve Student Achievement

Province launches comprehensive review of EQAO testing and student outcomes

March 04, 2026

[Education](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government has appointed an expert advisory body to lead a comprehensive review of student achievement and assessment across the province, with a focus on improving results in reading, writing and math. This advisory body is part of the government's ongoing work to ensure that the provincial education system is supporting student success and helping them reach their full potential.

"Student achievement must always come first in Ontario's education system," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Education. "While there has been progress in recent years, too many students are still not meeting provincial standards. Our government will continue using every tool available to keep Ontario's education system focused on accountability and a back-to-basics approach to support student achievement, so that students can reach their full potential and be prepared for good-paying, rewarding careers."

William (Bill) Robson has been appointed Chair and David R. Johnson has been appointed Advisor to the [Advisory Body on Student Achievement and Assessment](#). Mr. Robson has been President and CEO of the C.D. Howe Institute for the past 20 years and previously served for eight years on Ontario's Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board, where he helped oversee certification standards for postsecondary programs and made recommendations to the government. Mr. Johnson is an emeritus professor of economics at Wilfrid Laurier University whose research for nearly two decades has focused on the economics of education, including student achievement, assessment practices and postsecondary access and persistence.

This expert body will examine EQAO testing and lead a comprehensive review of how Ontario supports student learning, focusing on math, reading and writing, and closing achievement gaps. The review will examine the root causes behind these

results and recommend clear, actionable strategies to better support teachers, parents and students, all while continuing to support Ontario's public education system.

Once the review is complete, the final report will be presented to the Minister and made publicly available. These recommendations will help ensure teachers have the tools they need to do their best work and that students have every opportunity to succeed.

Quick Facts

- In November 2025, Ontario passed the [Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025](#), which simplifies, streamlines and broadens the Minister of Education's powers of oversight, including over school board finances, governance and program performance.
 - Ontario is providing [historic levels of education funding](#) in 2025–26, with an investment of \$30.3 billion in Core Education Funding. This funding supports a back-to-basics approach focused on strengthening core skills in reading, writing and math, supporting students with special education needs, and expanding access to mental health services.
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Additional Resources

- [Strengthening student achievement in our schools](#)
 - [Your child's education: a parent guide to our school system](#)
 - [Programs that support your child's success](#)
 - [More resources to support learning](#)
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Related Topics

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EMPLOYER INFORMATION SESSION

**Hiring or Employing Temporary Foreign Workers?
Join us for a virtual Informative Employer Session**

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Pathways to recruit, hire, and retain Temporary Foreign Workers (TFW)

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How TFW initiatives support long-term labour force development

Opportunities to strengthen skills and workforce stability in your business

Question and Answers



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and Citizenship Canada

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DATE: Monday, March 9, 2026

TIME: 10am – 11:30am

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Council and Committee Monthly Summary

February 2026

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew County Council and Committee meetings held February 11 and February 25, 2026.

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

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

The [February 11, 2026](#) and [February 25, 2026](#) meetings are on YouTube.

Warden's Address

Key highlights

- At the February 11 meeting, Warden Jennifer Murphy acknowledged February as Black History Month, a time for honouring the legacy, leadership, and enduring contributions of Black Canadians in shaping our communities and our country. She noted this annual observance invites us not only to celebrate achievements but also to reflect on the ongoing work needed to advance equity, inclusion, and justice in every space we serve.
- On Thursday, February 5, she attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the [Renfrew County Mesa HART Hub](#). She thanked MPP Billy Denault and Parliamentary Assistant John Jordan for attending. The Warden was touched by the opportunity to speak directly with several clients of the Renfrew County Mesa HART Hub, who generously shared their journeys with addiction, recovery, and the challenges of being unhoused. Hearing firsthand how the Renfrew County Mesa HART Hub has provided stability, support, and a safe place to be during some of the most difficult periods of their lives was profoundly meaningful for Warden Murphy.
- The Warden also participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the County's new Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. These stations, located at the County Administration Building in Pembroke and Renfrew County Place in Renfrew, represent an important step forward in expanding sustainable infrastructure within our region. She thanked staff and partners for their hard work in bringing this project to completion. This initiative reflects the County's continued commitment to environmental stewardship, innovation, and supporting the evolving transportation needs of residents and visitors across Renfrew County.
- She extended congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the Bonnechere Cup. She was honoured to bring greetings on behalf of County Council and to celebrate this longstanding event in the community.
- The Warden highlighted an opportunity to hear the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, speak in Toronto on the topic of *Protecting the Dream of Homeownership*. She noted this event was attended at the invitation of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and provided valuable insight into current provincial thinking around housing affordability and supply issues that continue to be of direct relevance to municipalities across Eastern Ontario, including here in Renfrew County.
- She acknowledged the Township of Whitewater Region's recognition as an Ontario Age-Friendly Community at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference and MPP Billy Denault's recent presentation of the official certificate to Council, staff and community partners.

This designation reflects a great deal of dedicated work focused on creating inclusive, supportive, and accessible communities for residents of all ages. It is an example of strong community collaboration.

- Warden Murphy congratulated Gerald Tracey on the sale of The Eganville Leader, which for more than 120 years has been a trusted voice for communities across the Ottawa Valley – recording stories, celebrating successes and connecting the region. She also wished new owners Ray Stanton and John Hueston success for the publication in the years ahead.
- February 25 was Pink Shirt Day – commonly known as anti-bullying day – with members of County Council and staff wearing pink in support of the idea of promoting kindness, inclusion and standing up against bullying and harassment.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

- The general repairs Capital Budget will be used to replace a cross culvert under County Road 52 (Raglan Street South), approximately 90 metres south of Highway 60, in the Town of Renfrew. It is anticipated that the works will be completed in early March, subject to water levels and *Fisheries Act* restrictions. The replacement is expected to take one to two weeks. Staff are currently reviewing whether the work will be completed in stages or require a full road closure.
- Committee received the Trail Enforcement Reports from July to December of 2025. Over this six-month period, a total of 93 patrols occurred, multiple vehicles were stopped on each patrol, and 10 fines were issued.
- The approved contracts/tenders were as follows:
 - For the rehabilitation of County Road 70 (Ruby Road), from Wolfe Road to 125m East of Zadow Road, approximately 4.5km, in the Township of Bonnechere Valley, awarded to Bonnechere Excavating Incorporated, Renfrew, Ontario in the amount of \$1,288,223.63.
- At the February 25 meeting, Public Works and Engineering Director Lee Perkins presented the [2026 Capital Program](#), outlining an estimated \$30 million in investments that include 48.64 km of road rehabilitations, four bridge replacements, two bridge rehabilitations, four culvert replacements, 9.8 km of Algonquin Trail improvements, three trail bridge rehabilitations, roundabout utilities, four bridge designs, seven culvert designs, five trail bridge designs, the Scratch Coat Program, and traffic signal upgrades.
- At the February 25 meeting, Taylor Hanrath, Manager of Capital Works, presented the [Transportation Master Plan](#), a guiding/planning document outlining recommended improvements/common standards for transportation policies for the County of Renfrew. Following the discussion, it was determined a dedicated meeting to discuss the Transportation Master Plan is required and one will be scheduled later.

Corporate Services Committee

Presented by: Peter Emon, Chair

- Effective January 1, 2026, mileage rates have transitioned to 67 cents, aligned with the non-restricted automobile allowance rate approved by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- County Council approved a by-law to appoint Gregory Belmore as Deputy Treasurer for the County of Renfrew.
- County Council approved several changes to the Non-Union Staff Salary Grid within Employment By-law #1, including the removal, reclassification, creation of positions. Details are available

from our Human Resources department. This also includes a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2.0%.

- A Standard Operating Procedure for Social Media Commenting and Moderation was introduced as information. The SOP was created because of a growing volume of negative and hostile comments; increased misinformation and repetitive disruptive posting; heightened personal attacks directed at staff and elected officials; and increased staff time required to monitor and manage comment threads. The result was that commenting will be turned off for posts where allowable by the platforms.
- The CAO overviewed the Consent Report; a report on the Buy Ontario Act. Council members expressed concerns that the proposed Buy Ontario Act regulations could create rigid, burdensome requirements, especially for rural municipalities, by mandating Ontario-made sourcing, extensive documentation, and compliance processes that may disadvantage local and small suppliers. County Council approved a resolution directing staff to submit a response on behalf of County Council stressing that the provisions of any Act that is being brought forward remain flexible and has local context in mind and do not create additional undue burden to limited resources and capacity at both the municipal level and among smaller vendors in Ontario.

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

- The County of Renfrew entered a partnership with the Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team (OVOHT) to deliver Supported Attachment Initiative Services for unattached patients for the 2025/26 fiscal year. The Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RCVTAC) will serve as the primary clinical entry point for unattached patients, with a focus on comprehensive onboarding to ensure patients are fully prepared for attachment to a new primary care provider. This includes gathering consent, medical and medication histories, clinical documentation, and coordinating warm handoffs to local providers with capacity. RCVTAC will stabilize patients, address immediate health needs, and ensure they are ready to transition seamlessly onto a physician's roster. The Community Paramedic will complement this work by identifying patients, providing outreach, and delivering community-based health and social supports, collectively improving continuity of care, reducing avoidable emergency department use, and advancing the OVOHT goal of full patient attachment across the region by 2029.
- Health Canada's Emergency Treatment Fund (ETF) provided support in 2025 for the development of a new Integrated Systems Navigation Tool for Renfrew County. The tool, currently called Wayfinder – your way forward, has been developed over the past five months to help residents quickly identify and access appropriate supports related to substance use and overall wellbeing. The project was co-created with community health partners, community members, the County of Renfrew Emergency Services, and the GIS team, resulting in a user-friendly, culturally informed mapping tool designed to connect individuals to the right services at the right time.
- Bonnechere Manor's Pinnacle North Resident Home Area has achieved Level 1 Butterfly Home Accreditation, the highest designation awarded by Meaningful Care Matters. The January 20, 2026 audit highlighted an exceptional culture of person-centred care, noting strong relationships, meaningful engagement, and an environment where residents and staff were observed to be "free to be me." The audit described Pinnacle North as a warm, inclusive home with a strong sense of connection, wellbeing, and shared community.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- County Council authorized the Warden, on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew, to write letters of support for the establishment of a provincial Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP) in support of the Pembroke and Area Airport and the Arnprior Airport. Within the County of Renfrew, the Pembroke and Area Airport and the Arnprior Airport provide critical infrastructure for local communities and are essential to residential safety, emergency preparedness, and regional connectivity, and would likely benefit from the establishment of an OACAP.
- County Council declared the cell tower located on the Algonquin Trail corridor in the Town of Arnprior surplus to the needs of the County of Renfrew, and directed staff proceed with the disposal process in accordance with County Policy.
- The County of Renfrew has updated its residential new build activity dashboard to include data for 2025. Please note that the information is based on Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) data and unit completion records. As a result, there may be differences between MPAC completion dates and the number of building permits issued by local municipalities. Over the past six years, an average of 450 units have been constructed annually. In the past year, residential construction was below this average, with 309 new units completed across the County. The [updated dashboard](#) is publicly available.
- The County of Renfrew is hosting the 2026 Ontario Professional Foresters Association Annual Conference & AGM, which will be held at the Best Western Pembroke from April 21-23, 2026. The conference will include a full-day field tour, two days of dynamic hybrid conference sessions, in-person workshops and social events that will support local businesses. More information is available on the [OPFA Conference website](#).

On February 25, Heather Inwood-Montrose, Small Business Advisor, Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC), made a presentation to committee. She noted ERC provides 300+ consultations annually, supporting entrepreneurs across Renfrew County. It delivered major economic outcomes (2022–2025): 191 new businesses, 346 jobs, \$352K in grants, \$1M+ leveraged investment. She also noted core provincial funding has been stagnant for more than 10 years, creating an annual \$35,000 budget shortfall. ERC is expanding revenue through sponsorships (growing to \$12,500 in 2025) and new fee-based services and paid programs launching in 2026, with long-term revenue potential estimated at \$10,000–\$20,000 annually once fully implemented.

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

- The Committee reviewed [Community Services statistics](#) including the number of licensed spaces available and the total number of children served; Community Housing Waitlist statistics, as of December 31, 2025; Ontario Works caseload totals; and Emergency Assistance and Homelessness Prevention applications by municipality for 2025.

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County of Renfrew Paramedic Service partners with hospitals to launch new Fit2Sit program

Posted on Monday, March 02, 2026

FIT2SIT

This **NEW** program enables our Paramedics to respond more rapidly to life-threatening emergencies.

FIT2SIT ensures that patients are safely cared for in emergency department waiting rooms after ambulance transport. This enables Paramedics to return to service within the community more quickly - and be ready for the next person in need.



RELEASE DATE:

March 2, 2026

The County of Renfrew Paramedic Service has recently teamed up with hospitals in Renfrew County to launch *Fit2Sit*, a program that helps return Paramedics to service within the community as quickly as possible after transporting a patient to hospital by ambulance.

Under this program, Paramedics assess patients during transport to determine whether they are stable, fully conscious, able to sit or stand independently, and not showing signs of distress.

When these low-acuity patients arrive at the hospital, instead of staying on an ambulance stretcher, they are guided to a waiting room chair, so long as they are clothed appropriately for such placement, where hospital staff continue to monitor them. Paramedics can then return to service more quickly, knowing the patient is safe and will be seen based on medical need rather than arrival method. This

approach frees up stretcher capacity, reduces ambulance offload times, and supports the flow of higher-acuity patients who require more immediate attention.

Patients who are more acute or require immediate medical attention will remain under Paramedic care or transfer promptly to a hospital stretcher under the care of the emergency department.

“For patients, the experience remains straightforward. Those who qualify for *Fit2Sit* simply wait in the emergency department’s designated seating area, where they are monitored, just like any other patient in the waiting room,” said Nick LeRiche, Deputy Chief Operations, County of Renfrew Paramedic Service. “Their level of care does not change; the sickest and most urgent patients are still prioritized by hospital staff.”

Endorsed by Ontario’s Ministry of Health, the *Fit2Sit* program has been successfully adopted in other regions across the province including Waterloo, Simcoe County, Kawartha Lakes, Peel, Nipissing, and others.

By embracing *Fit2Sit*, the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service is joining a growing movement across Ontario to rethink how emergency departments manage patient flow and offload delays.

“Fit2Sit is rooted in collaboration, efficiency, and meaningful community safety,” added Deputy Chief LeRiche. “By enabling Paramedics to return to service more quickly, the entire community benefits. Whether responding to a sudden medical emergency, a serious injury, or a life-threatening situation, having Paramedics back on the road sooner ensures that critical care reaches those who need it most without delay.”

Emergency Department teams at Arnprior Regional Health, Deep River and District Health, Pembroke Regional Hospital, Renfrew Victoria Hospital and St. Francis Memorial Hospital received education and training on the *Fit2Sit* initiative to ensure a smooth implementation prior to the program launch late last year.

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Spring Load Restrictions Alert

Posted on Tuesday, March 03, 2026

Pursuant to Section 122 of the Highway Traffic Act and applicable Municipal By-Laws, reduced load limits on roads throughout the County of Renfrew will be in effect commencing **Monday, March 9, 2026** at 12:01 a.m. until **Sunday, May 31, 2026** at 12:01 a.m., unless otherwise notified.

Vehicle loads will be restricted to 5 tonnes per axle on the roads where signs have been erected.

A list of the County Roads subject to reduced load limits can be viewed on the following link:

[Spring Load Restrictions - County Roads](#)

Haulers should contact the appropriate road authority to determine the spring load restrictions on local municipal roads.

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Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board

February 24th, 2026

HEALTH PROTECTION

Immunization

Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA):

As of February 12th, 2026, the number of students not meeting ISPA requirements has decreased by an additional 909 students. Since the start of the immunization surveillance initiative, this represents an overall reduction of approximately 45%.

As of February 4th, 2026, all 11 ISPA high school clinics were completed, along with 15 community catch-up clinics offered at multiple locations across Renfrew County and District.

Immunizations continue to be available through health care providers or at Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) catch-up clinics. Appointments can be booked online through the RCDHU booking system or by calling the Immunization Intake Line. Parents are reminded that immunizations administered by health care providers must be reported to RCDHU through Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON), or by fax, mail, or email.

To expand outreach and ensure families are aware of clinic options and reporting requirements, RCDHU is using social media platforms to share clinic schedules, booking information, and reminders. In addition, staff are conducting direct phone outreach to parents and guardians of students who remain overdue for required immunizations to provide support, answer questions, and facilitate access to vaccination services. As of February 13th, 2026, 415 outreach calls have been completed by staff.

In early March 2026, second notices and suspension orders will be mailed to students who continue to be overdue for mandatory immunizations. This step aims to ensure families are fully informed of the requirements and timelines to avoid school suspensions when possible.

RCDHU continues to work closely with schools, families, and health care providers to ensure students meet ISPA immunization requirements.

RCDHU Farmers' Market Food Safety

Renfrew County and District (RCD) has a strong agricultural base, making local farmers' markets an important venue for accessing fresh, locally produced food. RCDHU's role is to monitor the safety of food offered at these markets and to ensure compliance with provincial food safety standards.

As part of RCDHU's food safety mandate, public health inspectors collaborate with market operators to offer education on provincial legislative requirements, including criteria for farmers' market exemption status. Early contact is made with operators each season to share relevant health unit information, review vendor lists, and offer guidance on food safety best practices.

Public health inspectors conduct at least one annual inspection of each market to verify safe food handling, identify potential risks, and prevent the sale of uninspected high-risk foods that could lead to severe foodborne illness, particularly among vulnerable populations such as older adults.

Infectious Diseases

Respiratory Illness Activity:

Respiratory outbreak activity has shown a weekly decline since the end of December, with the rate of new outbreaks reducing by two thirds between week 50 of 2025 and week four of 2026. A total of 11 respiratory outbreaks were declared in January versus 18 in December. Despite the decline, new respiratory outbreak rates remain high at an average of two per week. RSV and COVID-19 overtook Influenza A as the primary pathogens identified in confirmed outbreaks as January progressed to February.

Very high rates of hospital bed occupancy in weeks 50 through week one (2026) declined to moderate by weeks two and three of 2026. By week four, the hospital bed occupancy rate was low (0).

Community cases of influenza declined drastically, confirming the likely peak at week 52 of 2025. Eighty-eight Influenza A cases were reported in week 52 versus five cases in each of weeks two and three. Influenza A declined from a positivity rate of 44% (week 52) to 6.5% (week three 2026). The incidence rate of RSV increased to a high level by the end of January, with RSV constituting 11.8% of positive cases.

HEALTH PROMOTION

Renfrew County and District Drug Strategy

Renfrew County and District Drug Strategy (RCDDS) Steering Committee members were provided with a comprehensive progress report on 2025 indicators, including the year-over-year reductions in suspect drug toxicity deaths and opioid-related emergency department visits reported to the Board in January. Additional indicator reporting and status updates can be found in the Progress section of the RCDDS [webpage](#).

As reported to the Board in January, RCDDS partners issued an [Overdose Alert](#) following an increase in suspected drug toxicity deaths in the Renfrew and Arnprior areas. Notably, for the first time a text message version of the alert was sent directly to people who use drugs, fulfilling one of the Harm Reduction Pillar Priorities of the RCDDS. RCDHU continues to monitor multiple data sources and communicate with partners as part of the early warning system as defined in the [Drug Toxicity Response Plan](#).

Outreach Team and SPRITE Testing

The Outreach Team continues to bring RCDHU services to clients across Renfrew County and District and forge partnerships with community agencies. In February, the team will complete nine visits to locations across Renfrew County and District to provide STI testing, harm reduction supplies, and information about other services at RCDHU.

As part of an initiative through Health Canada's Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP), the RCDHU Outreach Team has partnered with the Mesa Community Paramedics to offer mobile, real-time drug checking. This service will allow individuals to have substances from the unregulated supply analyzed for their contents, helping them make more informed decisions about use and reduce their risk of overdose. The initiative will also provide valuable local data on the unregulated drug supply in Renfrew County and District.

Syphilis Point of Care Rapid Test and Immediate Treatment Evaluation (SPRITE) testing for sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs) continues to be offered at suitable Outreach Team events and at RCDHU's Pembroke office. Since its implementation in August 2024, RCDHU nurses have completed 224 tests for syphilis, HIV, and hepatitis C (HCV) for individuals at high risk of infection.

Nutrition – You're the Chef

Implementation of the You're the Chef program continues to progress steadily during the 2025–26 school year. Since last month's Board of Health update, three additional schools have expressed interest in participating, bringing the total to 22 schools engaged to date and approximately 38 teachers who have expressed interest in delivering the program. An additional training session has been completed with three teachers, with two more planned, further expanding local capacity to implement the program in classrooms. At present, four program cycles are actively running across two schools.

Planning and coordination with participating schools is ongoing to support implementation this spring and into the remainder of the school year. The sustained growth in interest reflects continued enthusiasm among educators for practical, curriculum-connected food literacy programming that supports student skill development and confidence in food preparation. While the school year is still underway, current engagement levels indicate continued expansion, and preliminary planning has begun to support program delivery in the 2026–27 school year.

PRIMARY CARE PILOT PROGRAM

RCDHU is collaborating with the Pembroke Family Medicine Teaching Unit (PFMTU) to deliver Let's Grow public health services onsite to PFMTU patients.

This pilot will assess the effectiveness and operational efficiency of providing onsite services to rostered PFMTU patients one day per week. The intent is to reduce service duplication by co-locating preventive services that public health is well-positioned to deliver, enabling primary care providers to roster additional patients. Anticipated immediate benefits include improved continuity of care for families, improved management of immunization records, enhanced

access to and awareness of public health services, and timely access to primary care providers for consultation and referrals. The pilot also creates operational efficiencies through shared administrative support and streamlined information exchange between providers.

The pilot is expected to launch by the end of March 2026.

SERVICES FOR UNATTACHED PATIENTS

The Services for Unattached Patients program provides a coordinated, system-wide approach that leverages the strengths of Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team (OVOHT) partners—including RCDHU and the Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (VTAC)—to support individuals awaiting attachment to a primary care provider.

This integrated model reduces duplication, improves continuity, and enhances patient experience. It offers interim care coordination and navigation for those on the Health Care Connect waitlist, grounded in principles of social prescribing, prevention, and health promotion.

Through a shared coordination structure, partners will deliver aligned clinical, public health, and system navigation support, ensuring accessible and patient-centred services. RCDHU will continue to apply a health promotion and protection approach to support individuals during their wait for primary care attachment.

NURSING STUDENT PLACEMENTS AT RCDHU

RCDHU maintains an affiliation agreement with Algonquin College (Waterfront Campus) to support nursing student placements in the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program. Each student is paired with an RCDHU Public Health Nurse (PHN) preceptor for the duration of the placement and may shadow additional programs to broaden their understanding of public health nursing.

From January to April 2026, RCDHU will preceptor three fourth-year consolidation students: one in Outreach and two in Vaccine Preventable Diseases.

Outreach

The student will participate in core program activities, including community site visits, SPRITE, clinic preparation and support, and documentation. The student will also attend team meetings and those with external partners.

Vaccine Preventable Diseases

The students will support community surveillance and assessment of school-aged children who are overdue for immunizations in accordance with ISPA.

They will assist with planning and delivering community immunization clinics (including vaccinating eligible students) and will support communications with community partners and

affected parents/legal guardians related to ISPA enforcement activities.

These placements provide hands-on experience while strengthening key public health nursing competencies, including client education, effective communication, community partnership development, and engagement with vulnerable populations.

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Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, March 2, 2026)

RCDHU to Enforce Suspension of Students Aged 4–17 with Incomplete Immunization Records

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is announcing the next steps in its annual immunization surveillance for all students attending school in Renfrew County and District (RCD), as required under the [Immunization of School Pupils Act](#).

Initial notices were issued to students who are missing required vaccines or whose immunization records have not been reported to RCDHU.

In the coming days, all students who have not yet met their immunization requirements will be mailed a second immunization notice alongside a suspension order.

If RCDHU does not receive updated immunization records or a valid exemption, student suspension orders will take effect on the morning of **April 15, 2026**.

Suspensions are lifted immediately once the necessary immunization records are submitted, required vaccines are received, or a valid exemption is provided.

RCDHU strongly encourages families to update their records well before April 15 to avoid school suspension.

If you receive a suspension order, parents and guardians are asked to **take the following steps**:

1. Contact your health care provider to obtain any missing immunizations.
2. Submit updated immunization records to RCDHU using one of the following methods:
 - **Online:** ICON tool [Immunization Connect Ontario Tool](#)
 - **Email:** immunization@rcdhu.com
 - **Fax:** 613-735-3067
 - **Phone:** 613-732-9436 or 1-833-773-0004

If you do not have a health-care provider, you may book an appointment at an **RCDHU School Immunization Catch-Up Clinic** by visiting the main Immunization webpage and

selecting the [Online Booking link](#). Clinics are available at multiple locations across Renfrew County.

If you experience barriers—such as transportation challenges, difficulty accessing a provider, or technology issues—please contact the immunization line at **613-732-9436** or **1-833-773-0004**. RCDHU will work with you to find a solution.

RCDHU remains committed to supporting families and promoting the health and safety of students across Renfrew County and District.

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February 19, 2026

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AMO Matters

AMO has launched its Leading with Respect Handguides to provide practical, accessible tools for councils and staff to navigate conflict, foster good governance, and build vibrant, inclusive communities. Access [AMO's Leading with Respect Handguides here](#).

Join us on March 3, 2026, for a [free webinar](#) on how you can leverage the resources of AMO's new public affairs and advertising campaign, '[Make Your Municipal Move](#)'. Discover brand new campaign assets and ready-made templates you can use to boost the campaign reach and drive local engagement. For more information email WGardiner@amo.on.ca.

Provincial Matters

Effective March 30, 2026, the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) is implementing [a new Practice Direction](#) on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in OLT proceedings.

The Ministry of Rural Affairs is [accepting applications](#) for the Rural Ontario Development Fund until February 26. This funding can help create strong businesses, boost economic growth, protect jobs and improve infrastructure in small communities.

Regulations under the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act* came into effect of February 1 and The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has published a [Fact Sheet for Municipalities](#) about this [new framework](#).

The governments of Canada and Ontario are accepting applications from February 17 to March 17 for [new funding](#) to help local businesses grow international and domestic sales.

The Information and Privacy Commissioner in partnership with the Ontario Human Rights Commission have [released recommendations](#) for responsible public sector use of artificial intelligence.

Education Opportunities

Registration is now open for the AMO 2026 conference. [Register today](#).

AMO is offering programs designed to support aspiring candidates and returning elected officials. Whether you are considering your first run for office, seeking re-election, represent an underrepresented community, or a youth, we have a program tailored for you. Resources range from helping you make the decision to run or run again, to building your team, crafting your message, and getting out the vote, and includes the *Lead Where You Live* guide for key steps in the process. Register for workshops and access resources [here](#).

Join your Ontario Small Urban colleagues for at the OSUM 2026, April 29 – May 1 in Parry Sound. [Click here](#) for registration and hotel details.

Register for the AMO Regional and Single Tier Caucus Virtual Meet-Up, Monday, February 23 from 10am-12noon. This interactive session provides an opportunity for questions and answers on AMO's strategic policy and government relations priorities and approach. If you have top of mind questions, you can submit them in advance to events@amo.on.ca. [Register here](#).

Gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones. This 2 part, interactive workshop will explore the constructs, traps and pitfalls of conflict relationships, and how to approach, plan and execute relationships successfully. [Register here to save your spot](#).

LAS

Build your community faster with an online permitting process for both staff and the construction community. Learn how to accept, review, and issue building permits online with easy communication through the [Electronic Permitting Service here](#).

Streamline your document signing process with secure and authentic online digital signatures through the Electronic Signature service offered by program partner, Notarius. [Learn more](#).

Municipal Wire*

AMO is partnering with the University of Waterloo's Work-Learn Institute to better understand how municipalities can more effectively attract and retain the next generation. If you've supervised a student in a municipal setting – or know someone who has – please forward them this short, [anonymous survey](#) to share their experiences. If you have any questions, please contact WGardiner@amo.on.ca.

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and Tamarack Institute are offering public health units, governments, and others a [virtual learning series](#) on strengthening collaboration to enhance well-being in Ontario.

On February 27, the Ontario Municipal Water Association is hosting a webinar on how municipalities can facilitate full lead service line replacements. [Register here](#).

Careers

[Program Manager - Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#). Closing Date: February 20, 2026.

[IT Systems Administrator - Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\)](#). Closing Date: February 25, 2026.

[Environmental Planner/Planificateur environnemental - Ministry of Transportation/Ministère des Transports](#). Closing Date: March 2, 2026.

[Director, Legal Services and Deputy Regional Solicitor - Durham Region](#). Closing Date: March 2, 2026.

[Manager of Legal - Town of Innisfil](#). Closing Date: March 2, 2026.

[Manager, Community Housing - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: 26 February 2026.

[Manager, Community Housing - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: February 26, 2026.

[Senior Manager, Customer Experience - Toronto Building](#). Closing Date: March 3, 2026.

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AMO 2026 Conference Registration is Open!

August 16 - 19, 2026, Ottawa, Ontario

[You can now register](#) for AMO's 2026 conference held August 16 – 19, 2026 in the City of Ottawa.

Early Bird rates will be available until 4pm on March 12. If you are interested in our **Package A** that provides access to all events including the Tuesday evening social event, you will want to register as soon as possible. Package A is a hot ticket and tends to sell out quickly.

2026 is an AMO Board Election Year! Choose your Caucus Lunch!

When you log in to register for the conference, you will be given a choice to register for a caucus lunch on Monday August 17. **Why is this important?**

The caucus lunch you choose, is the caucus where you can cast your vote for the AMO Board election. For example, if you choose the small urban caucus, but want to vote for candidates in the northern caucus-you will not be able to! So take a moment and choose the right caucus for you.

Are you registering for someone else?

If you are registering for someone else, **make sure you know the caucus they want to vote in**. If people are registered in a caucus lunch not of their choice, when they are onsite at the conference-**they will not be able to change the caucus, they were registered in**.

[Visit our website for more information](#).

Registration Credentials

If you require your information to login and register, please contact amo@amo.on.ca

For Conference questions reach out to events@amo.on.ca

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Get Ready for the 2026 Municipal Elections

Free Workshop Series & Leadership Programs from AMO

As Ontario approaches the October 2026 municipal elections, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is offering a number of information sessions and workshops designed to support aspiring candidates and current elected officials.

Whether you're planning your first campaign, preparing to seek re-election, representing an underrepresented community, or stepping forward as a young candidate, we offer programming designed to meet your specific needs and support your journey.

[Find the right workshop for you](#)

Coming soon: workshops tailored to Indigenous individuals seeking municipal election.

Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities

In four inspiring sessions, this online program will equip you with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet today's political challenges head-on. The series is offered in two dedicated streams: **Considering Re-Election in 2026** and **First-Time Candidates for 2026**.

Sessions lead participants through *Finding Your Why; Managing Conflict and Building Effective Relationships; Prioritizing Mental Health and Wellbeing; and Building Your Movement: Turning Values into Action*

For full details, click [here](#).

Workshops for Underrepresented Candidates

Facilitated by former municipally elected officials, this workshop offers useful insights and strategies especially for underrepresented communities. While these workshops do offer a focus on individuals from underrepresented communities, all are welcome. Participants will learn what it takes to become a candidate, critical strategies for a successful campaign, developing effective messaging, and how to utilize community engagement practices to enhance visibility and support.

For full details, click [here](#).

Youth Information Sessions

Facilitated by currently elected officials, these sessions will provide insights and strategies to build your understanding and confidence around how to become a candidate and run a campaign.

Gain insight into what it's like to run for office as a young person, explore key strategies for building a successful campaign, understand the requirements to become a candidate, and learn effective approaches to voter engagement.

For full details, click [here](#).

How to Register

All programs are offered at no charge. Registration is required for each workshop or session.

For more information or to register, please visit the [AMO Education](#) website or contact: events@amo.on.ca.

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From: AMO Education <events@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 1:01 PM
To: Group Arnprior
Subject: An Information Session for Urban Indigenous Peoples' Considering Running for Municipal Office



An Information Session for Urban Indigenous Peoples' Considering Running for Municipal Office

If you are an urban Indigenous person interested in running for municipal council in, we have a workshop for you! The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is offering a series of workshops for urban Indigenous peoples' thinking about running for municipal office in the October 2026 elections.

These sessions will provide insights and strategies to build your understanding and confidence around how to become a candidate and running a campaign.

Facilitated by Melanie Pilon, the first Indigenous Mayor of Municipality of Wawa and member of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and William Morin, member of Michipicoten First Nation and founder and leader of The First Peoples National Party of Canada (2004-2013), you will gain firsthand insight into:

- Why increasing Indigenous representation matters in Municipal governance?
- Critical strategies for successfully campaigning for municipal office
- Understand what it takes to become a candidate
- Strategies to build confidence to lead with cultural integrity
- And more!

This session is a part of AMO's **Healthy Democracy Leadership Series**. For more information visit [here](#).

Questions? Please reach out to events@amo.on.ca.

Dates:

- Thursday, April 9, 6:30 – 8:30pm
- Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 – 8:30pm
- Wednesday, June, 3, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Registration: FREE

[Register Here](#)

Presenters:



Melanie Pilon the principal and founder of Pilon Strategies Inc. With more than 15 years of senior leadership experience in community economic development and Indigenous affairs, she currently serves as the Mayor of the Municipality of Wawa.

A proud Anishinaabe Kwe from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, Melanie is widely recognized for her ability to lead transformative change and foster sustainable, community-driven impact. Before founding Pilon Strategies Inc., Melanie led the National Indigenous Affairs team at Bell Canada and was the founder and Regional Broadband Champion of the Northeastern Superior Regional Broadband Network (NSRBN). She continues to strengthen municipal–Indigenous partnerships through her work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), where she serves as Chair of the Indigenous Advisory Council.



William Morin, a citizen of Michipicoten Anishinaabek, residing in Northern Ontario, where he continues to teach Indigenous Studies for three decades at various elementary - post-secondary institutions in Ontario. William Morin, of Birds of Pray Create Consulting, is a multi-faceted interdisciplinary facilitator of Indigenous Cultural Awareness training for over two decades, provincially and nationally to a wide variety of clientele in both the private and public sectors. After serving as a Medical Assistant in the Canadian Armed Forces during the first Gulf War, he obtained four degrees and is currently finishing his PhD in Interdisciplinary Human Studies at Laurentian University. In 2004, Will helped to found the First Peoples National Party of Canada, becoming the leader and running as a candidate in three federal elections until voluntarily deregistering the party in 2013 to focus on Indigenous Cultural Awareness training.

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Subject: Still Time to Register: Navigating Conflict as an Elected Official (2-Part Virtual Workshop)



2-part Workshop: Navigating Conflict as an Elected Official

Dear AMO Member,

With the MANY relationships involved with municipal work, conflict is unavoidable and being able to navigate it successfully is critical.

With the upcoming municipal elections, now is a great time to brush up on these skills and put your best foot forward.

Join us for a 2-part, virtual, interactive workshop on March 4th & 5th from 10:00 am-12:30 pm to learn why relationships may go wrong and how to navigate relationships successfully using practical tips, tools and real-world examples.

Together, we'll explore:

1. The typical patterns of behaviour that give rise to creating “conflict traps” and how to escape from them.
2. The secrets of neuroscience and how this knowledge can give us a heads-up on what we should do in the moment.
3. Understanding conflict styles and how these can create obstacles or pave the way toward collaboration.
4. The importance of moving from a position-based to an interest-based approach to create a win-win, value-add relationship.
5. The roles of empathy and assertiveness are relationship formation.
6. Learning effective and practical communication tools, which include:
 - a. Avoiding communication blockers
 - b. First words to use
 - c. The difference between Acknowledging vs. Agreeing
7. A simple, yet powerful 4-step technique to assist in having better and more collaborative conversations

[Register Here](#)

Dates:

This is a two-day workshop running from 10:00am-12:30pm each day.

March 4 & 5, 2026

- \$330 +HST per session (Individual registration only. For group rates, contact events@amo.on.ca)
- \$75 +HST cancellation fee

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Subject: AMO Watchfile - February 26, 2026



February 26, 2026

In This Issue:

- Opportunity: AMO Board of Directors Election 2026-2028.
- Unlock AMO's New Workforce Development Campaign Assets.
- Recently launched: AMO's Leading with Respect Handguides.
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- Supporting your Run for Municipal Office in 2026: Resources and Workshops.
- Indigenous Candidates Thinking of Running for Office.
- Workshop: Lead through crisis with confidence.
- Let's Turn Up Voter Turnout.
- OSUM Conference: Register Today!
- Navigating Conflict Relationships for Municipally Elected Officials.
- Freedom of Information and Privacy Impact Assessments.
- Help Property Owners Avoid Expense Service Line Repair Costs.
- Healthcare Procurement Made Easy.
- 2026 IPAC Leadership Summit & One-Year Membership.
- Free Intersectoral Action Training Series.
- Webinar on lead service line replacements.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

We encourage all Council members and senior municipal employers to consider a leadership role on AMO's Board of Directors for the 2026-2028 term. Please find preliminary information on this opportunity [on the AMO website](#). Further information will be released in spring 2026 when nominations open.

Don't miss your chance to register for a [free webinar](#) on March 3, 2026, and learn how to make the most of AMO's new public affairs and advertising campaign, '[Make Your Municipal Move](#)'. This session will walk you through how to leverage brand-new campaign assets and ready-made templates to drive local engagement through your own channels. For more information email: WGardiner@amo.on.ca.

AMO has launched its Leading with Respect Handguides to provide practical, accessible tools for councils and staff to navigate conflict, foster good governance, and build vibrant, inclusive communities. Access [AMO's Leading with Respect Handguides here](#).

Provincial Matters

Regulations under the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act* came into effect of February 1 and The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has published a [Fact Sheet for Municipalities](#) about this [new framework](#).

The governments of Canada and Ontario are accepting applications from February 17 to March 17 for [new funding](#) to help local businesses grow international and domestic sales under the Market Diversification and Trade Resiliency Initiative.

Education Opportunities

Registration is open for the AMO 2026 conference. [Register today](#).

AMO is offering programs designed to support aspiring candidates and returning elected officials. Whether you are considering your first run for office, seeking re-election, represent an underrepresented community, or a youth, we have a program tailored for you. Resources range from helping you make the decision to run or run again, to building your team, crafting your message, and

getting out the vote, and includes the *Lead Where You Live* guide for key steps in the process. Register for workshops and access resources [here](#).

AMO has expanded their **Healthy Democracy Leadership Series**. AMO is offering a series of workshops for urban Indigenous peoples' thinking about running for municipal office in the October 2026 elections. These sessions will provide insights and strategies to build your understanding and confidence around how to become a candidate and running a campaign. [Register here](#).

Municipal leaders need to know what to say and do during a crisis. Join us March 11th & 12th for a two half-day course that will give you the tools frameworks, and confidence to lead your community through an emergency. [Secure Your Spot](#).

AMO's resource, [Turn Up the Turnout](#), complements other Healthy Democracy Project resources and research and is designed to equip elected officials, policymakers, civil society leaders, and citizens with evidence-based strategies and examples of efforts to increase voter turnout. If you want to drive up turnout in your municipality, take a look and find a strategy that fits your community.

Join your Ontario Small Urban colleagues for at the OSUM 2026, April 29 – May 1 in Parry Sound. [Click here](#) for registration and hotel details.

Gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones. This 2 part, interactive workshop will explore the constructs, traps and pitfalls of conflict relationships, and how to approach, plan and execute relationships successfully. [Register here to save your spot](#).

LAS

Managing privacy risk has become increasingly important for Ontario municipalities, particularly with the growing use of AI-enabled technologies. [Reach out](#) to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Impact Assessments services partner, Vayle, [for more information](#).

The LAS endorsed [Sewer & Water Line Warranty service](#), offered through SLWC, helps residential property owners avoid expensive repair costs for clogs, leaks, and breaks to the water and sewer lines running from their home to the municipal connection. Learn how your municipality can offer this optional service to your residents.

Help your healthcare professional save time and money with the LAS HealthPRO Canada procurement service. Under this partnership municipalities can access high-quality, safe health-care related products and services. [Learn more here](#).

Municipal Wire*

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada is offering new professionals in the first seven years of their public sector career complimentary registration to the 2026 IPAC Leadership Summit and a one year IPAC membership at no cost. Learn from senior leaders, strengthen your leadership perspective, and connect with peers from across the public service. [Claim your free registration here](#).

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and Tamarack Institute are offering public health units, governments, and others a [virtual learning series](#) on strengthening collaboration to enhance well-being in Ontario.

On February 27, the Ontario Municipal Water Association is hosting a webinar on how municipalities can facilitate full lead service line replacements. [Register here](#).

Careers

[Director, Public Works - City of Kawartha](#). Closing Date: March 8, 2026.

[Construction Projects Supervisor, Facility Maintenance and Development - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: March 13, 2026.

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Workshop: How to Lead Through Crisis with Confidence

As a municipally elected leader, your ability to know what to say and do during a crisis can be the difference between calm and chaos.

Join us for a two half-day course that focuses on practical crisis response strategies to give you the tools frameworks, and confidence to lead your community through an emergency.

Space is limited to ensure an interactive experience, register now.

[Secure Your Spot](#)

- Date: March 11 & 12, 2026
- Time: 11:00 – 3:00 pm (two half days)
- Location: Virtual
- \$500 + HST

Individual registration only. For group rates, contact events@amo.on.ca

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To: Group Arnprior
Subject: PJ Marshall Awards - Submit Your Project



Call For PJ Marshall Award 2026 Applications

Showcase your municipal innovation

The PJ Marshall Awards showcase instances where Ontario municipalities have implemented and measured tangible outcomes from new and innovative projects.

By awarding and profiling innovation, we continue to advance creativity and strong municipal government.

[Submit your application](#) by Friday, May 22, 2026 to be considered.

Awards are announced at the AMO 2026 Conference, held August 16 – 19, 2026 in the City of Ottawa. Early Bird rates will be available until 4pm on March 12.

[Register today](#)

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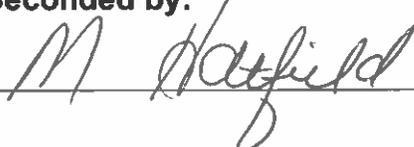


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 17th, 2026

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| Resolution # RC26028 | Meeting Order: 6 |
| Moved by:  | Seconded by:  |

WHEREAS illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the Province of Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day; and

WHEREAS these violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous and unlawful behaviour; and

WHEREAS Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act* authorizes the use of school bus stop-arm camera systems as an enforcement mechanism; and

WHEREAS such systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability; and

WHEREAS provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes are able to equitably deploy this technology; and

WHEREAS the "Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus" campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm, underscores the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and technological solutions to better protect children travelling to and from school;



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby expresses its support for increased provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 of the Highway Traffic Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT protecting children on Ontario's roads is a shared responsibility, and that through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

| RESOLUTION RESULT | | RECORDED VOTE | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CARRIED | MAYOR AND COUNCIL | YES | NO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEFEATED | Mitch Hatfield | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | TABLED | Cathy Cannon | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT) | Melanie Pilon | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED | Jim Hoffmann | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | WITHDRAWN | Joseph Opato | | |

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

| MAYOR - MELANIE PILON | DEPUTY CLERK - HEATHER RAINVILLE |
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 17th, 2026

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| Resolution # RC26027 | Meeting Order: 5 |
| Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i> | Seconded by: <i>S. W. Opato</i> |

WHEREAS LifeLabs has announced its intention to close its Greater Sudbury laboratory, and the transfer of medical specimen processing from Northern Ontario to laboratories in southern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Greater Sudbury laboratory provides essential diagnostic services to communities across Northern Ontario, including urban, rural, and remote municipalities, and plays a critical role in ensuring timely and reliable medical testing for Northern residents; and

WHEREAS patients with chronic illness, newborns, long-term care residents, and individuals on time-sensitive medications depend on predictable laboratory turnaround times to support clinical decision-making; and

WHEREAS transporting medical specimens long distances to southern Ontario increases the risk of delays, specimen degradation, and retesting, particularly during frequent winter highway closures—potentially jeopardizing patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario is already experiencing shortages of health-care professionals, and the closure of this laboratory further undermines regional workforce stability, training capacity, and recruitment and retention efforts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa call on the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Health to take immediate action to ensure that essential medical laboratory services remain accessible within Northern Ontario, including maintaining local laboratory processing capacity in Greater Sudbury; and



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be urged to ensure reliable, timely, and medically appropriate laboratory turnaround times for Northern Ontario patients, recognizing the unique geographic and climatic challenges of the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be requested to protect and support the Northern Ontario health-care workforce, including medical laboratory technologists, by preventing further service centralization that disproportionately impacts Northern communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health, local Members of Provincial Parliament, FONOM, AMO, and ROMA.

| RESOLUTION RESULT | | RECORDED VOTE | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CARRIED | MAYOR AND COUNCIL | YES NO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEFEATED | Mitch Hatfield | |
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Clerk: _____

| MAYOR – MELANIE PILON | DEPUTY CLERK – HEATHER RAINVILLE |
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February 18, 2026

Hon. Victor Fedeli,
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Hon. Graydon Smith
MPP for Parry Sound –
Muskoka, Associate Minister
of Municipal Affairs and
Housing
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RE: 6.12 Municipality of Magnetawan Council Resolution regarding Invest Ready Certified Site Designation

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on January 21, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-004:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.12 regarding Municipality of Magnetawan Council Resolution regarding Invest Ready Certified Site Designation be received for information; and,

That Council directs staff to send a draft a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED



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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Honourable Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry-Sound Muskoka; FONOM; AMO; NOMA; and all Ontario Municipalities



RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 333

DECEMBER 10, 2025

Moved by:



Seconded by:



WHEREAS staff submitted an application for Invest Ready–Certified Site Designation, which was denied due to the absence of water, wastewater, and natural gas infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS staff subsequently met with representatives of the associated grant funding program, who advised that additional funding opportunities for rural communities would be forthcoming;

AND WHEREAS the Site Readiness Program for Industrial Properties has since been launched, with eligibility requirements stipulating that any missing infrastructure must be in place and serviceable within two years of acceptance into the grant funding program;

AND WHEREAS it is not financially feasible nor in the best interest of our ratepayers to install full municipal water, wastewater, and natural gas services, as the associated capital and operating costs would impose an undue financial burden on the Municipality’s ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS alternative servicing solutions commonly used in rural and northern Ontario—such as properly designed and maintained septic systems for wastewater, drilled wells for drinking water, and propane or hydro for heat—are proven, reliable, and effective forms of infrastructure that can safely and efficiently support industrial and commercial development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan urges the Province of Ontario to revise its grant funding criteria to recognize and accept these alternative servicing methods as eligible infrastructure, and to ensure that rural and northern municipalities lacking municipal gas, water, and wastewater systems are not excluded from support;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP for Parry Sound–Muskoka; the Honourable Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound–Muskoka; FONOM; AMO; NOMA; and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Defeated Deferred

Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

| Member of Council | Yea | Nay | Absent |
|---------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Bishop, Bill | | | |
| Hetherington, John | | | |
| Hind, Jon | | | |
| Kneller, Brad | | | |
| Mayor: Dunnett, Sam | | | |



TOWNSHIP OF JOLY

P.O. Box 519 , Sundridge , Ontario , P0A 1Z0
Tel: 705-384-5428

February 10, 2026

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2026-061

Agenda Item # 5.2 Support for steel and lumber sectors

Moved By : Bill Black

Seconded By : Tom Bryson

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby Supports The Township of Nairn and Hyman Resolution #2025-14-247;

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has issued a media release dated November 26, 2025, welcoming the Government of Canada's new measures to support the steel and softwood lumber sectors in response to ongoing U.S. tariff pressures; and

WHEREAS the federal actions-including strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports, and increased incentives to utilize Canadian steel and lumber in federal infrastructure and housing projects-represent important steps in stabilizing industries that are vital to Northern Ontario's economy; and

WHEREAS municipalities across the North continue to experience the economic impacts of industry closures, including the recent shutdown of Domtar a pulp and paper mill in the neighboring Town of Espanola, which has demonstrated the vulnerability of resource-dependent communities and the need for coordinated intergovernmental support; and

WHEREAS the Township of Joly recognizes the significant role of Interfor, our local soft-wood lumber mill, as a major employer and economic anchor in our region, and further recognizes that any threat to its continued operation would have devastating consequences for workers, families, and local businesses; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has a shared responsibility to ensure the long-term sustainability of the forestry, lumber, and steel sectors, which are foundational to the economic wellbeing of Northern and rural communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Joly commends the Government of Canada for its leadership and for implementing substantial measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries during this period of trade volatility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council respectfully urges the Government of Ontario to introduce additional financial, regulatory, and policy-based supports to ensure that Ontario's steel, forestry, and lumber sectors remain competitive, resilient, and able to withstand ongoing international trade pressures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council specifically calls upon the Province of Ontario to work directly with industry stakeholders, including municipalities and major employers such as Interfor, to create programs and investments that will help protect jobs, maintain production capacity, and support long-term industry growth in Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, MP, MPP all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Original Copy Signed _____

Mayor

Township of Joly



TOWNSHIP OF JOLY

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February 10, 2026

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2026-062

Agenda Item # 5.3 Support Opposition to consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Moved By : Tom Bryson

Seconded By : Chris Nicholson

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby support the Town of Kingsville Resolution number 195-11172025.

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the “Act”), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

And whereas there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

And whereas on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government’s intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario’s 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

NOW Therefore Be It Resolved Council for the Corporation of The Township of Joly:

- Wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario’s conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities; and,
- Directs the Municipal Administrator to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Original copy Signed

Mayor

Township of Joly



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 078

Moved By: Joe Lumley **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

Whereas public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

And whereas interlibrary loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

And whereas reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

And whereas recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

And that Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried: Defeated:


Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

| RECORDED VOTE | | |
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| Council | For | Against |
| Councillors Jim Cushman | | |
| Joe Lumley | | |
| Margaret Ann MacPhail | | |
| Paul Sowrey | | |
| Mayor Norm Hofstetter | | |

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February 20, 2026

Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and

WHEREAS Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and

WHEREAS Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Southgate support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound
Senator Rob Black
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
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February 11th, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria

Minister of Transportation, Province of Ontario

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Municipality of Larder Lake, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

The Municipality of Larder Lake supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Patricia Quinn', written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Patricia Quinn, Mayor, Municipality of Larder Lake

cc:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities



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February 4, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
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RE: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Aylmer.

Resolution No: 2026-02-04-05
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Aylmer’s resolution regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada’s Children.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

January 15, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister

Re: Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 15, 2026, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aylmer supports the City of Welland's call to action for justice and protection of Canada's children; and,

Whereas the safety and well-being of children is a fundamental responsibility shared by all levels of government; and,

Whereas recent incidents involving sexual offences against children have deeply affected communities across Ontario and Canada, raising serious concerns about public safety and the adequacy of existing legislative protections; and,

Whereas violent sexual crimes against children represent some of the most serious offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and have lifelong impacts on victims, families, and communities; and,

Whereas municipalities play a critical role in advocating for policies that protect residents and promote safe communities; and,

Whereas there is a growing concern that gaps in bail, sentencing, parole eligibility, and offender monitoring allow high-risk individuals to re-enter communities pre-maturely, placing children at continued risk;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children, including but not limited to:

- 1. Bail and Sentencing Provisions - ensuring that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual offences against children are subject to the strictest possible bail conditions and sentencing outcomes that reflect the severity of these crimes;**
- 2. Parole and Early Release - limiting parole eligibility, statutory release, or other forms of early release for offenders convicted of sexual offences against children who pose ongoing risks to public safety;**
- 3. Sex Offender Monitoring - strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and related provincial tools to improve accuracy, enforcement, and timely access to information for law enforcement; and**
- 4. Victim and Community Safety - prioritizing the protection of children and community safety within the justice system above administrative or procedural efficiencies;**

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario
The Attorney General of Ontario
The Solicitor General of Ontario
The Prime Minister of Canada
The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Member of Provincial Parliament, Rob Flack
Member of Parliament, Andrew Lawton
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and;
All 444 Ontario Municipalities

And be it further resolved that Council encourages municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to work collaboratively to present a unified municipal voice advocating for stronger protections for children across Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Owen Jaggard
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CC:

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Hon. Doug Downey doug.downey@pc.ola.org
Hon. Michael S. Kerzner michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org
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December 2, 2025

Subject: A Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Fellow Mayors,

I write to you today not only as the Mayor of Welland, but as a member of a community that has been deeply shaken by an unthinkable act in August 2025: the brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child. This tragedy has horrified our residents, leaving families in grief and disbelief, and compelling us as leaders to confront the uncomfortable truth that our justice system is failing to adequately protect our most vulnerable.

While no policy can erase the trauma this child and their family will endure, we have a moral obligation to act. This moment demands leadership from all of us, to raise our collective voices and ensure that meaningful reform takes place.

I urge you to join me in calling on provincial and federal governments to take immediate and decisive action by advancing the following measures:

- The full and expedited implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public—particularly victims of violent sexual crimes—are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
- Strengthening bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- That parole eligibility for sexual offences against children reflects the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
- Strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry, providing communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

Canadians must be able to trust that our justice system prioritizes public safety—especially the safety of children—above all else. Communities like ours cannot bear the weight of knowing that legislative gaps may allow dangerous offenders to harm again.

I am calling on you, my colleagues in municipalities across Canada, to:

1. Pass council resolutions urging your respective provincial governments to review and strengthen laws protecting children from violent offenders.
2. Collaborate through FCM and provincial municipal associations to bring a united municipal voice to Ottawa and all legislatures across the country, advocating for the timely implementation and continued enhancement of justice reforms.
3. Engage your local MPs, MPPs/MLAs, and their governments to advocate for continued legislative and judicial reform.

4. Support awareness and prevention efforts within your communities to reinforce the safety and well-being of every child.

Together, we can create a wave of leadership that demands justice and refuses complacency. The protection of children transcends politics and geography; it is a shared duty that defines who we are as a nation.

Thank you for standing with us in this urgent cause. I would welcome the opportunity to coordinate efforts with you and your councils to move this national call forward.

With respect and solidarity,



Frank Campion
Mayor of Welland



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February 10th ,2026

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RE: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 10th , 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Prince passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.

Resolution Number: 2026 - 33

Moved by: Councillor M. Christenson

Seconded by: Councillor J. Weir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Prince support the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's resolution regarding a call to action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Megha Trivedi
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Prince



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February 4, 2026

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RE: Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Brantford.

Resolution No: 2026-02-04-06
Moved by: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the City of Brantford's resolution regarding a Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



December 19, 2025

Honorable Mark Carney

Sent via email: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Dear Honorable Mark Carney:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council, at its meeting held December 16, 2025 adopted the following:

12.2.7 Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry - Councillor Samwell

WHEREAS the community of Welland and the surrounding communities were deeply impacted by a recent heinous crime that highlighted critical gaps in Canada's criminal justice and offender-management systems; and

WHEREAS on September 4, 2025, Mayor Frank Campion of the City of Welland wrote to the Premier of Ontario urging comprehensive reform to strengthen sentencing, parole, and bail provisions for violent sexual offenders, and to enhance public safety protections; and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2025, Mayor Mat Siscoe of the City of St. Catharines wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada expressing strong support for these reforms and calling for immediate federal action to strengthen sentencing, parole, and accountability measures for violent sexual offenders; and

WHEREAS the City of Thorold, at its meeting of September 9, 2025, adopted Resolution 14.2 requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offenders Registry), 2000 to make Ontario Sex Offender Registry publicly accessible; and

WHEREAS several Niagara municipalities; including Grimsby, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and St. Catharines have subsequently endorsed this call for greater transparency and reform; and

WHEREAS municipal councils, though not responsible for criminal law or parole, play a vital role in advocating for the safety and well-being of their residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. THAT the Council of the City of Brantford hereby supports the City of Thorold's Resolution calling for the Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry and the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 4, 2025, calling for reform to sentencing, parole, and registry provisions concerning violent sexual offenders; and
- B. THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offender Registry), 2000 to make the Ontario Sex Offender

Registry publicly accessible, subject to appropriate privacy and safety safeguards; and

C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- i. The Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- ii. The Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
- iii. The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety;
- iv. The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- v. The Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
- vi. The Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario;
- vii. Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock;
- viii. Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Will Bouma;
- ix. The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- x. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- xi. All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier City Clerk,
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CC - The Honorable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; - Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca

The Honorable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety
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The Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; - premier@ontario.ca

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RE: Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 10th , 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Prince passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.

Resolution Number: 2026 - 34

Moved by: Councillor J. Weir

Seconded by: Councillor M. Christenson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Prince support the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's resolution regarding a call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Megha Trivedi

Clerk-Treasurer

Township of Prince



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February 10, 2026

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to formally inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council on February 10, 2026, the council of the Township of Carlow/Mayo made a resolution in agenda item number 17.

That the Council of the Township of Carlow/Mayo agrees to support the Resolution from the City of Peterborough regarding Sustainable Funding for Policing.

Moved By: Pam Stewart

Seconded By: Eldon Stewart

Result: Carried

Thank You,

Kayla Weichenthal

Deputy Clerk



City of
Peterborough

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
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December 3, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Peterborough Police Services Board Chair; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Subject: Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and

Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and

Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to “ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area” and

Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuing the secure



custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and

Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing; and

Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all matters originate within that municipality; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure, including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and

Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements — including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations — necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and

Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and

Whereas policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of the costs to implement provincial mandates;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services; and



City of
Peterborough

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Peterborough Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy
City Clerk



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair

Drew Merrett, Vice-Chair

Mayor Jeff Leal

Councillor Gary Baldwin

Steve Girardi

December 18, 2025

City of Peterborough (Sent via email)
500 George St. N.
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

Attention: Members of Council

Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer

Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services

John Kennedy, Clerk

Members of Council, Mr. Raina, Mr. Freymond and Mr. Kennedy:

Re: Council Resolution – Stable Funding for Police Service Boards

The Peterborough Police Service Board unanimously passed the following motion at their Board meeting held on December 16, 2025:

Moved by Drew Merrett

Seconded by Jeff Leal

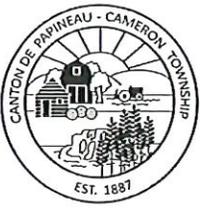
That the Board receive for consideration and endorsement the Peterborough City Council resolution made November 3, 2025 regarding stable funding for Police Service Boards.

Accordingly, the Board sends this letter in support of Council's call for the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities; the Board believes increased and sustainable funding support from the Province is necessary to ensure the Board can meet its legislated mandate of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

Mary ten Doeschate,
Chair

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February 26, 2026

The Ontario Veterinary College
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Guelph, ON N1G 2W1

RE: Ontario Veterinary College expansion of enrollment capacity

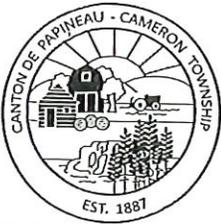
The Council of The Corporation of The Township of Papineau-Cameron met at their Regular Council Meeting on February 24, 2026 and passed the attached resolution 2026-50 that relates to the Ontario Veterinary College's enrollment capacity.

Yours truly,

Venessa Wilson
Administrative Assistant

Encl: Resolution 2026-50, Township of Papineau-Cameron

Cc: The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
The Honorable Victor Fedeli, MPP, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Honorable Trevor Jones, MPP, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
The Honorable Nolan Quinn, MPP, Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security
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DATE: **February 24, 2026**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **2026-50**

MOVED BY:

Shelley Belanger

SECONDED BY:

M Chenier

WHEREAS large animal livestock owners in Northern Ontario have extremely limited access to large animal veterinary services;

AND WHEREAS the cost of large animal veterinary services in Northern Ontario is significantly higher due to long travel distances and the limited number of large animal veterinarians available to service the region;

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township that three qualified individuals within our community have applied to the Ontario Veterinary College for large animal veterinary, but were denied admission due to limited enrollment capacity;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township formally requests that the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association consider expanding enrollment capacity at the Ontario Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Hon. Trevor Jones MPP Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Nolan Quinn MPP Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED:

Robert Corriveau
(Mayor)

NOT CARRIED:

(Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

| RECORDED DIVISION VOTE | YES Signature | NO Signature | ABSTAIN Signature |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Mayor Robert Corriveau | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger | | | |
| Councillor Keith Dillabough | | | |
| Councillor Jason Bélanger | | | |
| Councillor Mélanie Chenier | | | |

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VIA E-MAIL (scarter@northperth.ca)

February 24, 2026

Municipality of North Perth
330 Wallace Avenue North
Listowel, ON N4W 1L3

Dear Municipality of North Perth,

RE: Removal of HST and GST From New Homes

Please be advised that at the February 5, 2026 Regular Meeting of Perth County Council, Council members supported the Municipality of North Perth's position regarding the removal of HST/GST from new home purchases.

"THAT Council sends a letter of support to the Municipality of North Perth, Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP John Nater, MPP Matthew Rae, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario regarding the removal of HST and GST from new homes".

Perth County Council believes that housing affordability must continue to be supported across the Province of Ontario through diverse measures. The removal of HST/GST from the sale of new homes (primary residence purchases only) is one way that the Province could support housing affordability across all municipalities. Housing supply and affordability is tied to a number of areas that help municipalities to thrive including economic development, tourism, social services, and more.

Should you require any additional information or wish other consideration by Council in this matter, kindly advise.

Sincerely,



Dean Trentowsky, Warden

cc: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance

The Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada
MP John Nater, Perth-Wellington
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
The Honourable Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPP Matthew Rae, Perth-Wellington
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST

February 20, 2026

VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General
Ministry of the Solicitor General
25 Grosvenor Street, 18th Floor
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The Honourable Zee Hamid
Associate Solicitor General for Auto Theft and Bail Reform
Ministry of the Solicitor General
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MPP John Vanthof
Pinewood Centre, Unit 5
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Dear Leaders,

On behalf of the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East I am pleased to offer this letter in strong support of Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) agencies across the province and the development of a coordinated Provincial Bail Notification Program.

VCAO organizations are essential partners in community safety and well-being. They provide immediate, trauma-informed support to individuals and families affected by crime and tragic circumstances, often at the most vulnerable moments in their lives. Their staff and volunteers work closely with police services to ensure survivors receive timely safety planning, crisis intervention, and connections to critical supports. This partnership enhances our ability to respond effectively, reduces risk, and strengthens trust with those we serve.

Timely and reliable bail notification is a vital component of victim safety. The current system is inconsistent across jurisdictions and leaves survivors at risk when they are not informed of release conditions or bail decisions that may impact their safety planning. A province-wide bail notification program, led in partnership with VCAO agencies, will ensure victims receive clear, coordinated, and rapid notification, regardless of where the offence occurred or where the accused is released. This is not only a matter of safety but also an essential part of ensuring victims' rights, dignity, and confidence in the justice system.

The OPP Detachment Board- James Bay East fully supports:

1. Strengthened investment in VCAO agencies, recognizing them as critical frontline partners in community safety and in supporting survivors of crime.

2. A standardized, province-wide bail notification system, designed in partnership with police services, VCAOs, and justice partners to promote timely communication, reduce risk, and improve outcomes for victims.
3. Ongoing collaboration between police and VCAO, including shared training, coordinated response models, and information pathways that improve both public safety and victim care.

VCAO agencies deliver high-quality services that directly complement police response. A provincial bail notification program will further enhance our collective ability to keep communities safe and uphold the rights of survivors. We urge the Government of Ontario to move forward with the development, implementation, and sustainable funding of this program.

Thank you for your consideration. The OPP Detachment Board-James Bay East is committed to working collaboratively and constructively with our VCAO partners and with provincial ministries to support this important and urgently needed initiative.

Yours truly,

OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST



Cassandra Child, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.
Secretary/Treasurer

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All Ontario OPP Detachment Boards

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January 21, 2026

Re: Township of Southgate - Notice of Motion – OMERS Bill 68 Municipal Resolution

Please be advised that at the January 21, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-027

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Southgate does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Southgate supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP Paul Vickers, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
MPP Paul Vickers
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting**

Resolution # 7

Date: Monday February 23, 2026

Moved by: Michael Madden

Seconded by: Carma Williams

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

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; and

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; and

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; and

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; and

WHEREAS the Township of North Glengarry 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 North Glengarry 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.

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Council Meeting**

Resolution #

Date: Monday February 23, 2026

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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.

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry supports the September 29, 2025 resolution of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the October 20, 2025 resolution of the Municipality of South Huron, and the November 19, 2025 resolution of the Township of Pulsinch regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHER THAT this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED



MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams
Councillor: Jacques Massie
Councillor: Brian Caddell
Councillor: Jeff Manley
Councillor: Michael Madden
Councillor: Gary Martin
Mayor: Jamie MacDonald

YEA

NEA



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

January 28, 2026

Honourable Kinga Surma (Minister of Infrastructure),
Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing),
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance),
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South),
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM),
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, 'Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)'

At a meeting held on January 21st, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2026-01-21-052, adopting the recommendation below from the January 5, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting:

Moved by: Deputy Warden Mandy Martin

Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the Municipality of South Huron and the Township of Puslinch recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Kinga Surma (Minister of Infrastructure), the Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2026-01-21-052

Carried



**The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

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

Sincerely,
Tonia Bennett

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tonia Bennett".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By M. Martin

Seconded By J. Logel

Agenda
Item 10.a

Resolution Number
2026-01-21-052

Council Date: January 21, 2026

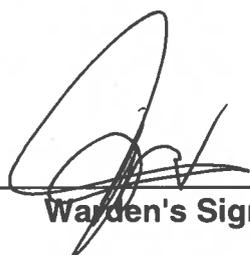
"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held January 5, 6 and 7, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Public Works Committee, Item 8.b, Report 2026-002 'Changes to Tipping Fees at Community Recycling Centres'- **Held by Councillor Cleveland**

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Carried  _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: January 5, 2026

Agenda Item: 7.b

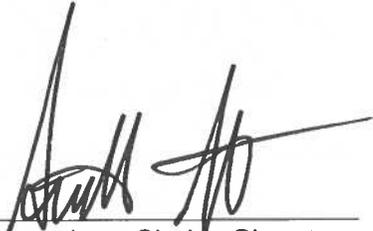
Resolution Number: 2026-01-05-004

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: R. Crate

Council Meeting Date: January 21, 2026

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Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

Resolution Number 2025-253

September 29, 2025

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

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;

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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

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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.
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TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

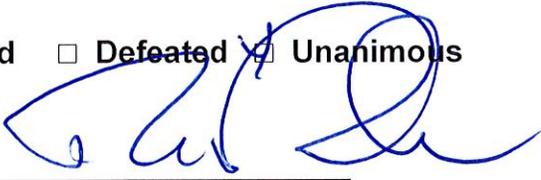
September 29, 2025

Resolution Number: 2025- 253

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

Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: 

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

| NAME | YEA | NAY |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Councillor J. Martelle | | |
| Councillor W. Smail | | |
| Councillor C. Ward | | |
| Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough | | |
| Mayor T. Deschamps | | |
| TOTAL | | |



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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;

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

Sincerely,



Natalie Charette
Interim Clerk
clerk@twpec.ca



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October 23, 2025

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their October 20, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

418-2025
Moved By: Aaron Neeb
Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

That South Huron Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025, Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Thompson, AMO, OSUM, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
kwebster@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc: Minister of Infrastructure Hon. Kinga Surma, kinga.surma@pc.ola.org;
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack,
rob.flack@pc.ola.org; Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy,
peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org; MPP Lisa Thompson,
lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; OSUM,
osum@osum.ca; FCM, resolutions@fcm.ca; and all Ontario Municipalities



Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
VIA EMAIL:
premier@ontario.ca

Marit Stiles, MPP
Leader of the Official
Opposition
VIA EMAIL:
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Township of Puslinch
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November 28, 2025

Hon. Kinga Surma
Minister of Infrastructure
VIA EMAIL:
kinga.surma@pc.ola.org

Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Housing
VIA EMAIL:
rob.flack@pc.ola.org

RE: 6.17 Municipality of South Huron Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund & 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 19, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-382:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.17, 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be received for information; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025 Resolution and the Municipality of South Huron Resolution of October 20, 2025 regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of



Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

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February 25, 2026

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2026-35

Agenda Item # 5.3 Committee of the Whole followed by the Regular Meeting

Moved By : Jo-Anne Farmer

Seconded By : Pam Bannink

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Englehart does not support the legislative changes to the OMERS Act contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes; FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Englehart supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP Paul Vickers, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

This is a certified and true copy of the original document Amy Vickery, CAO/Clerk.

Agenda Number: 14.b.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-077
Title: Highway 11/17 Nation Building Improvements - Town of Joly
Date: March 2, 2026

Moved by:

Rae Rachelle

Seconded by:

Dave

WHEREAS Canada's east-west trade and national mobility rely on the Trans-Canada Highway system, including Highways 17 and 11 across Northern and Eastern Ontario, which carry significant freight volumes but remain predominantly two-lane corridors;

AND WHEREAS to four-lane the entirety of Highway 17 is the ultimate goal of the communities along the corridor;

AND WHEREAS the proven "2+1" highway design, alternating passing lanes with a continuous median barrier, delivers safety outcomes comparable to full twinning at substantially lower cost, land, and environmental impact, and can be scaled or converted to four lanes (2+2) as volumes grow;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced a 2+1 pilot between North Bay and Temagami and a further extension toward Cochrane, creating a near-term implementation pathway;

AND WHEREAS modernizing Highways 17 and 11 will improve safety, reduce closures, strengthen supply-chain reliability for mining, forestry, agriculture, tourism and manufacturing, and enhance national resilience and emergency response capacity;

AND WHEREAS a phased 2+1 build - prioritizing Highway 11 (North Bay -+ Cochrane, then Cochrane -+ Nipigon) and key sections of Highway 17 (western border of County of Renfrew-+ Sudbury; Sault Ste. Marie--+ Sudbury; Thunder Bay--+ Kenora) - aligns with nation building criteria, supports economic reconciliation with indigenous partners, and enables integrated EV charging and low-carbon construction practices;

AND WHEREAS analysis summarized by the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, (FONOM) demonstrates high freight demand on these routes and strong safety / economic rationale for a 2+1 program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren formally endorses the adoption and phased implementation of a 2+1 highway program on Highways 17 and 11 as a nation-building project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada be urged to designate this initiative as a project of national interest under the Building Canada Act and to partner with Ontario to co-fund and accelerate planning, design, procurement, and construction;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario be urged to expand the announced pilot to a corridor-wide program, sequencing works according to readiness, safety benefit and economic importance;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario prioritize these projects into the Ministry of Transportation's Major Projects Division;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT both governments ensure early, ongoing, and capacity supported engagement with affected Indigenous Nations, with opportunities for Indigenous training,

contracting, and equity participation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the program incorporate corridor-wide safety features (barrier-separated 2+1 cross-sections, controlled passing frequency, wildlife considerations), resilience measures (closure mitigation, climate adaptation), and clean-growth elements (EV charging readiness, recycled aggregates, lower-carbon materials);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transport (Canada), the Minister of infrastructure (Canada), the Ontario Minister of Transportation, our local MP and MPP, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens'

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To: Group Arnprior
Subject: ROMA 2026 Conference Recap and February Board Highlights



ROMA 2026 Conference Recap and February Board Highlights

ROMA 2026 Ontario Rural Leaders Conference – By the Numbers

The ROMA Board would like to express its gratitude to delegates, our provincial government partners, speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors, whose engagement contributed to a successful ROMA 2026 *Ontario's Rural Leaders Conference!*

The turn out and engagement at this year's event confirmed for the ROMA Board the importance that its commitment to support rural leaders in building thriving rural communities is more important than ever.

Attendance and engagement surpassed all previous attendance, and this includes a record-breaking number of delegation meetings. Thank you to all Ministers, Parliamentary Assistants, and staff who supported these important meetings.

Broadband and Connectivity in Rural Ontario: Consultations with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) Commissioner

At its February meeting, the ROMA Board discussed several items including Septic Tank Safety Awareness, the 2026 schedule of [Teeny Tiny Summits](#) (check for updates soon), and other matters facing local rural communities such as infrastructure and service delivery pressures.

Of note to ROMA members, the Board met with CRTC Commissioner Bram Abramson to discuss the connectivity challenges facing rural communities. The ROMA Board appreciates how these ongoing concerns continue to impact local service delivery, economic development, and community well-being.

- The CRTC Commissioner and ROMA encourage municipalities to intervene in relevant consultations to ensure the rural perspective is understood and considered by the CRTC. Municipalities can find open consultations and can sign up to the CRTC's mailing list . Our voices matter in CRTC decisions that determine how our communities get and stay connected.
- Warning that rural communities could be cut off if landlines are removed in areas without reliable internet or cellular coverage. ROMA called on the CRTC to talk to municipalities first, rather than making a move that could widen the digital divide. For your reference, please find the link to the letter [here](#).

- ROMA is stepping in to improve how cellular coverage is mapped by applying for intervenor status in this CRTC [consultation](#). We know many parts of rural Ontario still have dead zones, even when official maps say otherwise. The Board asks municipalities to write to the CRTC and to help us push for more accurate maps and better cell service for everyone.

The ROMA Board next meets in April when the provincial government has resumed its legislative term. Look for our update following the meeting.

Questions? Please reach out to roma@roma.on.ca.

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Rural Ontario Association (ROMA)

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Introducing TAPMO's Next Phase of Engagement

As TAPMO enters 2026, the organization is launching a new phase focused on strengthening member engagement, improving information-sharing, and better supporting municipalities in navigating aggregate-related issues.

TAPMO is pleased to be working with Alyssa Gosse to lead its communications and marketing efforts. As a freelance communications and strategy professional, Alyssa has developed a forward-looking approach focused on improving the clarity and consistency of TAPMO communications, strengthening advocacy through timely policy updates and issue briefings, and developing practical tools, templates, and guidance materials to support municipal decision-making.



This newsletter marks the first step in this strategy and the beginning of a more regular communications program. Future updates will provide timely insights on policy and regulatory developments, highlight key issues facing aggregate-producing municipalities, and share resources designed to support members' work at the local level.

Advocating for Stronger Oversight at the AMO Conference

At the 2025 AMO Conference in Ottawa, members of the TAPMO Executive Committee met with Dawn Murphy-Gallagher, Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), along with senior Ministry staff. The delegation, led by Board Chair James Seeley, called for increased provincial funding for inspections of aggregate sites to ensure strong environmental and safety standards, as well as the implementation of annual inspection plans across all operations to improve oversight and consistency. TAPMO also emphasized the importance of publicly posting non-compliance offences to improve transparency, promote accountability, and strengthen public trust, noting that transparency acts as a deterrent to non-compliance and reinforces Ontario's commitment to high regulatory standards.

HIGHLIGHTS

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TAPMO Comments on Amendments to the Provincial Aggregate Policy Framework

TAPMO recently submitted comments to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding proposed amendments to the provincial aggregate policy framework.

In its submission, TAPMO focused on three key priorities:

1. Fair, Consistent, and Efficient Approvals

TAPMO called for a proactive and streamlined consultation and approval process that is fair, consistent, and accessible, while reducing unnecessary delays and maintaining clear municipal requirements and meaningful community engagement.

2. Cost Recovery for Municipalities

TAPMO emphasized that taxpayers should not subsidize aggregate operations. Property taxes must reflect the true cost of municipal services, and aggregate levies must adequately cover infrastructure damage caused by aggregate haulage.

3. Balanced and Sustainable Solutions

TAPMO supported the development of constructive solutions that balance growth in Ontario's aggregate sector with municipal and community needs through stronger collaboration, clearer technical standards, and improved haul route planning.

Members are encouraged to submit similar comments to MNR at aggregates@ontario.ca. For a copy of TAPMO's full submission, please contact executivedirector@tapmo.ca.

TAPMO Welcomes New Members

TAPMO is pleased to welcome the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and the Township of Ramara as new member municipalities. With their addition, TAPMO now represents 26 active member municipalities across Ontario.



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ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH

Committee Vacancy

Following the resignation of an Executive Committee Member, TAPMO is seeking one member from the Greater Toronto/Hamilton/Niagara District to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee.

Interested members are invited to submit an expression of interest by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2026 by email executivedirector@tapmo.ca

Ministry of Natural Resources Interpretation of Imported Materials under the Aggregate Resources Act

Overview

In October 2025, the TAPMO Chair, Mayor James Seeley, met with senior staff from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to seek clarification on how the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) is currently being interpreted with respect to the importation, processing, and blending of aggregate materials from other licensed sites. This discussion has since been followed by written confirmation from the Ministry outlining its current position.

Ministry Interpretation

According to the MNR's written clarification, where a licensed aggregate site's site plan explicitly permits the importation of aggregate materials, the licence authorizes the following:

- Aggregate material may be imported from other licensed sites in Ontario.
- Imported material does not count toward the site's annual licensed tonnage limit.
- Where site plans also permit processing, including blending, the licensee may process imported material for the duration of the licence, unless the site plan is amended or surrendered.
- The Ministry is currently reviewing whether imported material that is subsequently processed or blended should count toward licensed tonnage limits. While the current interpretation is that it does not, this position remains under internal review.

Under the Ministry's current interpretation, sites with explicit importation permissions may import unlimited quantities of aggregate from other licensed sites in Ontario for the life of the licence. These imported volumes are not subject to annual tonnage caps, nor are they subject to TOARC fees.

Municipal Considerations

This interpretation raises important concerns from a municipal land use planning and governance perspective. In practice, a site with importation, processing, and blending permissions could function as a permanent off-site processing facility without tonnage restrictions or associated fee obligations, even after on-site extraction activities have ceased.

Such an outcome may conflict with the intent of aggregate operations as interim land uses under the Planning Act, where rehabilitation and transition to appropriate end uses are key expectations. The interpretation also has broader implications for environmental management, long-term land use planning, infrastructure impacts, and community compatibility.

Municipalities have a vested interest in ensuring that aggregate operations operate within the scope originally contemplated by both the Aggregate Resources Act and the Planning Act, and that regulatory interpretations do not unintentionally extend or intensify industrial activity without appropriate oversight, consultation, or compensation mechanisms.

Next Steps

While the Ministry's clarification provides valuable insight into its current interpretation of the ARA, certain elements remain under review. TAPMO will continue to monitor the Ministry's internal evaluation and will share updates as further clarification becomes available.

Members are encouraged to share experiences or questions related to ARA interpretation and site plan permissions, as continued dialogue and coordination may support greater consistency in understanding and application across Ontario municipalities.

Become a Member

To learn more about TAPMO's work, visit www.tapmo.ca or email executivedirector@tapmo.ca.





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February 24, 2026

Dear Municipal Leaders:

Our organization was created to promote active transportation in all of its forms. This is more than just athletic young men and women on bicycles wearing spandex. It includes people of all ages and abilities doing all manner of active things, including cycling, walking and using mobility devices such as wheelchairs. We support municipal, long range capital works planning for roads infrastructure. For those municipalities with urban areas, we suggest and support the development of Active Transportation and Walkability Master Plans. We applaud the efforts Renfrew County's municipalities are undertaking to make themselves Active Transportation leaders.

Our members are also taxpayers who understand that municipal projects are paid with their tax dollars. Two of our board members have served or are serving on municipal councils and we understand the pressure municipalities face to keep budgets on track yet still provide important services.

Towards that end we are offering several ideas, based upon the experience and knowledge of our board and membership, that can help you improve and maintain the active use of our municipal infrastructure. This is not a list of demands but simply ideas for you to consider that are designed to fit budgets both large and small. We hope you find them useful. We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss how Active Transportation can fit into your municipal planning. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

The OVCATA Board of Directors :

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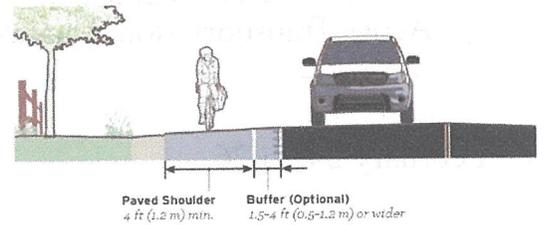
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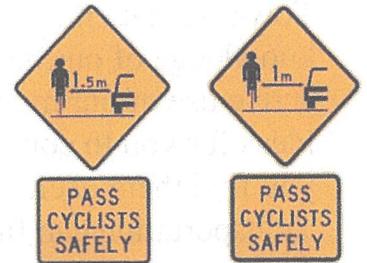
Ideas to Consider

1. While paved and partially paved road shoulders add to the cost of re-paving, they allow the road to last longer and that saves money. A quick Internet search can provide research to support this. Still, some roads are too narrow or budgets too constrained to add this feature to every road project. We do recommend that they be considered when rebuilding a road or incorporated into any grant proposal for road reconstruction. Our membership cycle all the roads in the County from paved to gravel surfaces. We would be happy to share with you which roads are part of key cycling routes.



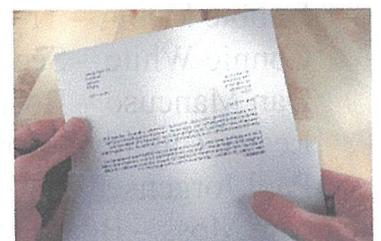
2. Municipal roads need to accommodate a variety of transportation forms including motor vehicles, walkers, cyclists, horse-powered buggies as well as purely recreational use. Here are some ideas to make those roads safer for all users:

- a. Keep shoulder sight lines open and free of obstructions such as tall weeds and debris.
- b. Use signage to alert motorists of other users. We suggest:
 - i. Share the Road
 - ii. 1-meter distance to pass (cyclist and walkers)
 - iii. Children Playing
 - iv. Lower speed limits on gravel and narrow roads
 - v. Horse-and-buggy caution signs
 - vi. "Keep Right" signage on steep hills and tight curves
- c. Consider improvements to road or shoulder width in dangerous locations such as tight curves and blind hills.
 - i. Paved or partially paved shoulders in these areas
 - ii. Additional weed cutting in these areas
 - iii. The use of surplus materials in those specific locations to widen the shoulder and keep the weeds down



3. Most municipalities have some sort of recreation committee. Cycling and walking are great forms of recreation. Our organization can help your residents enjoy these activities by helping with the following:

- a. Bicycle & walking safety instruction
- b. Bicycle repair clinics
- c. Letters of support for active transportation grant applications





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Monthly By-law Enforcement Statistics

The Town of Arnprior currently utilizes a contracted service to provide By-law Enforcement Services in our municipality. The Clerk's Office has worked with the contractor for By-law Enforcement and is now able to provide monthly statistical data on the hours of service (both administrative and enforcement) being provided to the municipality, in the various enforcement categories.

Attached you will find monthly service statistics for December 2025 and January 2026. Going forward, staff will continue to provide monthly statistics in the Correspondence Information Package for Council's information. Any questions can be directed to the Town Clerk for further clarification or information.

With Appreciation,

Kaila Zamojski
Town Clerk



By-law Enforcement Monthly Statistics December 2025

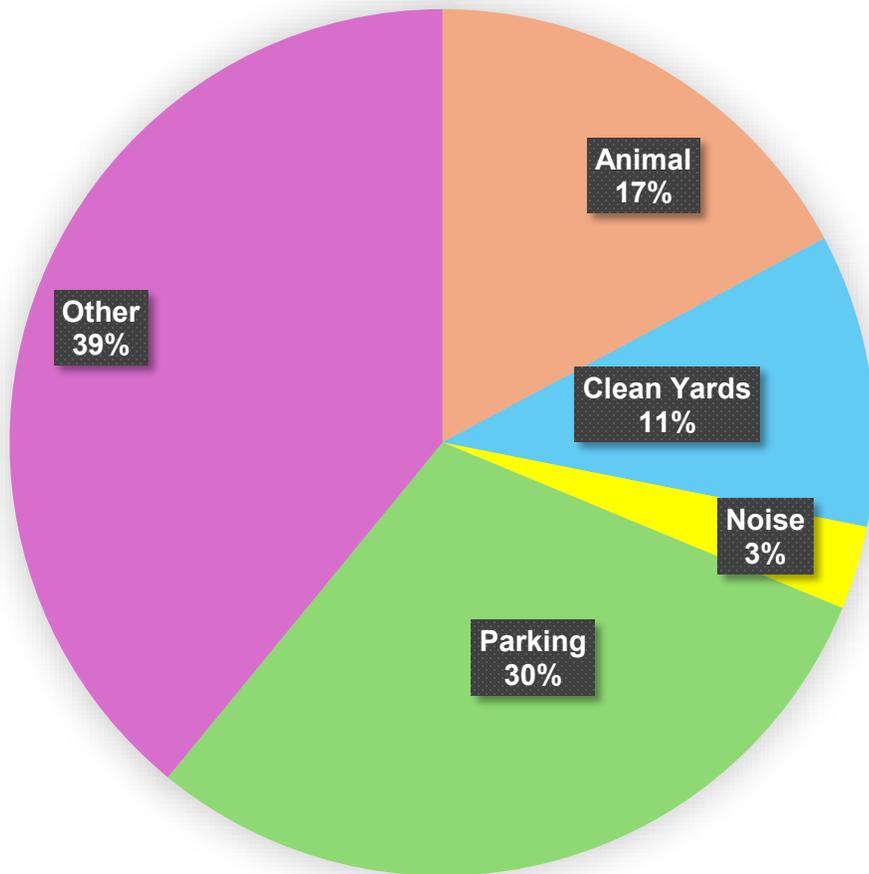
This is an information item being provided to Council, which details complaint types, volumes and response times for monthly By-law Enforcement operations. The chart and graphs below show the general types of complaints received for By-law Enforcement issues in the Town of Arnprior, as well as the number of both administrative and enforcement hours allotted to these areas.

| Complaint Type: | Administrative Hours | Enforcement Hours | Total Hours |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Animal | 5.5 | 18.25 | 23.75 |
| Clean Yards | 3.5 | 5.5 | 9 |
| Noise | 1 | 3.5 | 4.5 |
| Parking | 9.5 | 149 | 158.5 |
| Other | 12.5 | 3 | 15.5 |
| Totals | 32 | 179.25 | 211.25 |



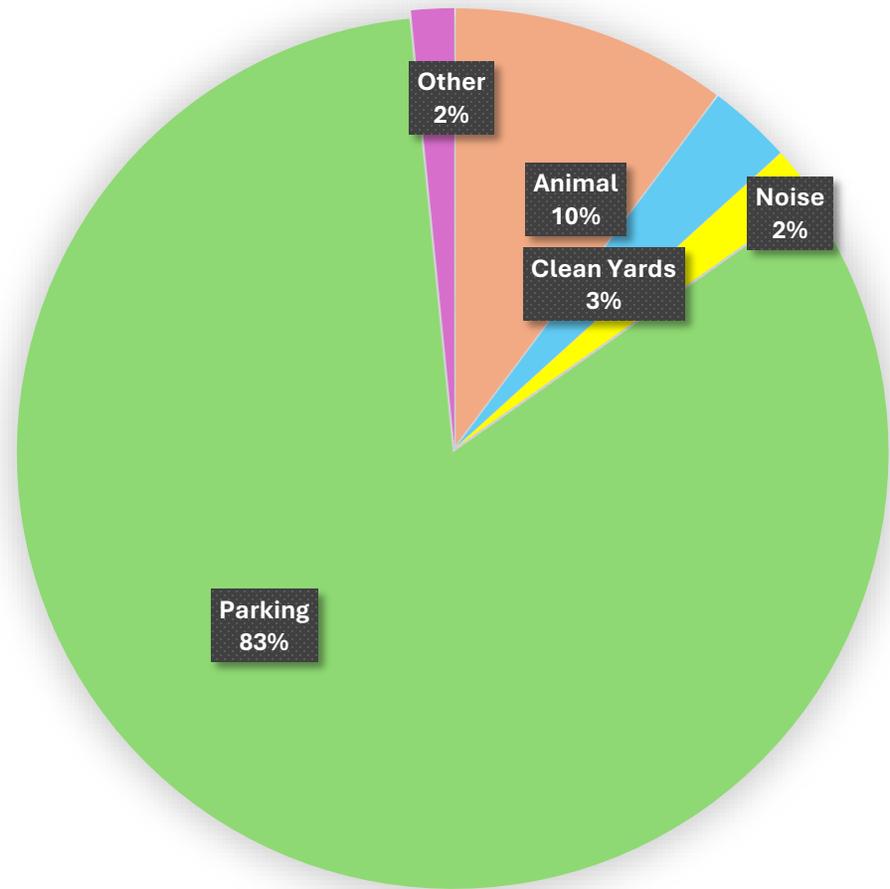
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December 2025 Administrative Hours



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By-law Enforcement Monthly Statistics January 2026

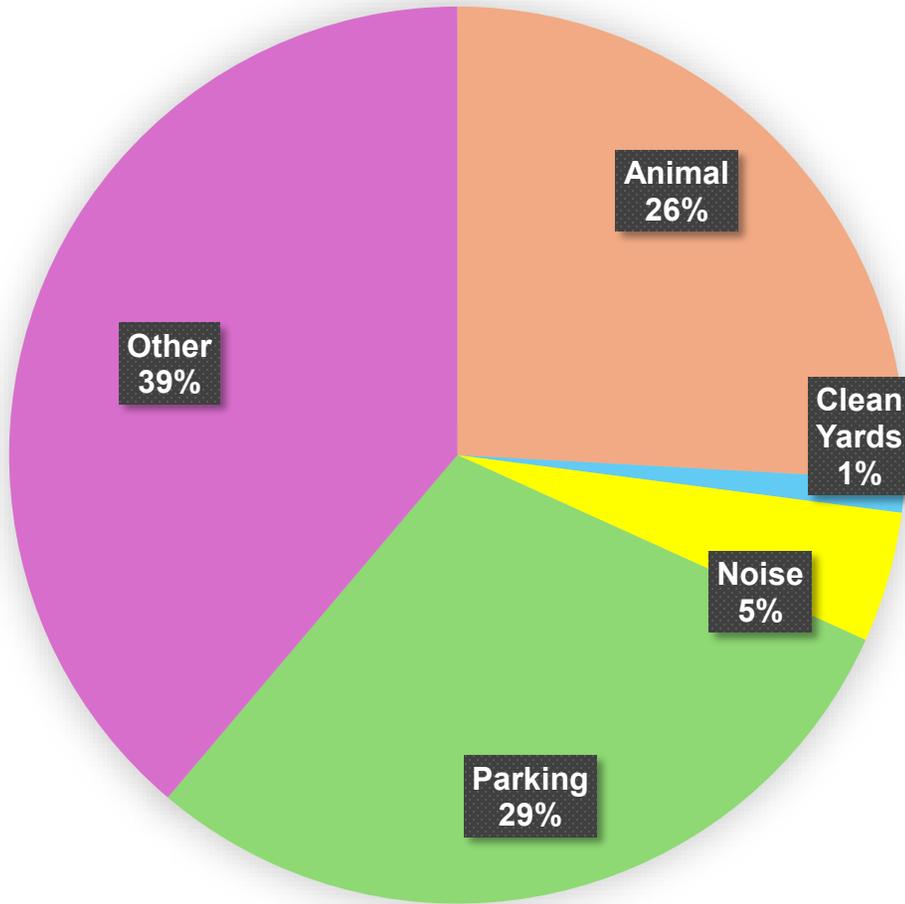
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| Complaint Type: | Administrative Hours | Enforcement Hours | Total Hours |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Animal | 5.5 | 6.5 | 12 |
| Clean Yards | 0.25 | 0 | 0.25 |
| Noise | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Parking | 6.25 | 175 | 181.25 |
| Other | 8.25 | 5 | 13.25 |
| Totals | 21.25 | 189.50 | 210.75 |

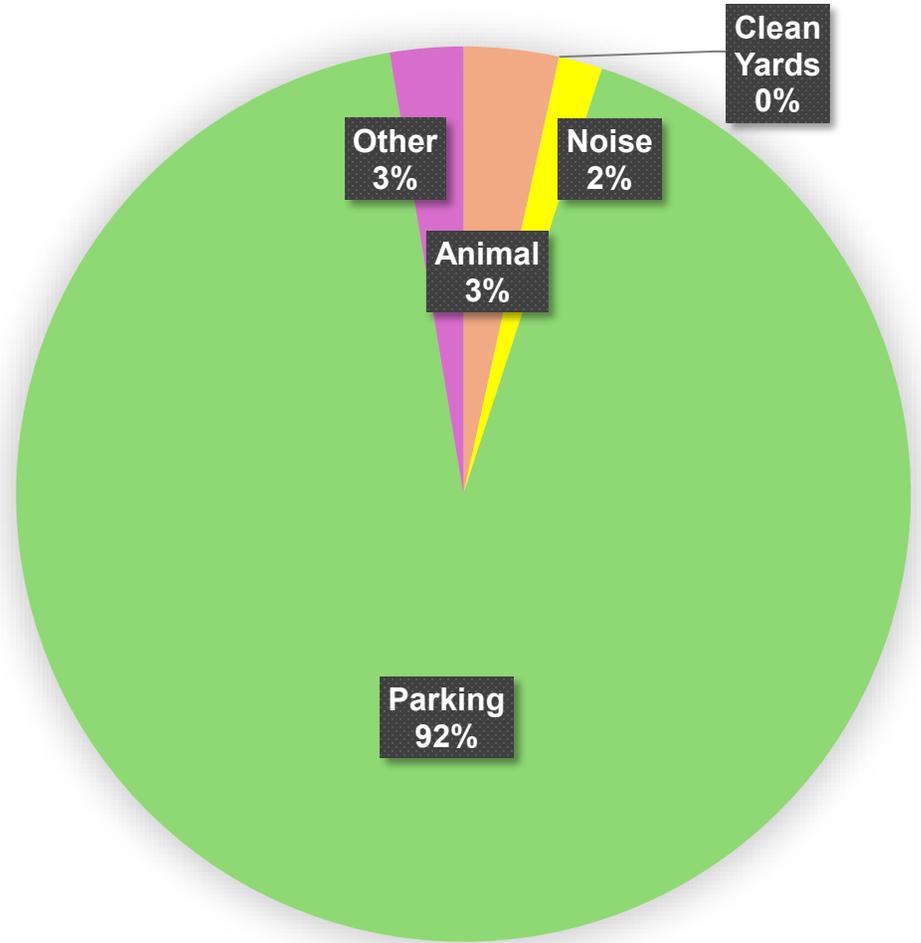


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