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**Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: May 11th, 2026
Correspondence Package No. I-26-MAY-09**

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-26-MAY-09 be received as information and filed accordingly.

General Information Items:

- 1. Correspondence from the Government of Ontario**
 - a) 2025-26 Gas Tax Funding by Municipality
 - b) Province Investing More Than \$6.5 Million to Strengthen Ontario Corps
 - c) Regulations under the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025*
- 2. Correspondence from the County of Renfrew**
 - a) Council and Committee Monthly Summary – April 2026
 - b) County of Renfrew breaks ground on new Paramedic Base in Whitewater Region
- 3. Correspondence from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit**
 - a) Renfrew County and District Sees Rise in Suspected Drug Toxicity Deaths in Early 2026
 - b) RCDHU Launches Annual Animal Bite Prevention Campaign
- 4. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
 - a) Watchfile – April 23, 2026
 - b) Free Campaign Readiness Workshops
 - c) Preventing Escalated Behaviours
 - d) Policy Update – OMERS Amendments, Proposed WSIB Benefit Changes, Public Corporation Services Delivery Model, and Building Canada Homes Updates

- e) Policy Update – Bill 100 Regional Governance Changes, Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build Development Charges Reduction Initiative, Building Communities Strong Fund, and Federal Spring Economic Statement
- f) Watchfile – April 30, 2026

5. Correspondence from the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan

- a) Newsletter – April 24, 2026
- b) Newsletter – May 1, 2026

6. Correspondence from Other Municipalities

- a) Municipality of Wawa – Extend OCIF
- b) Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan – ALTO High Speed Rail
- c) City of Peterborough – Guaranteed Basic Income
- d) Town of Halton Hills – School Bus Stop-Arm Camera
- e) Municipality of Huron Shores – Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Proposal for 2026 Provincial Budget
- f) Town of Saugeen Shores – Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Proposal for 2026 Provincial Budget
- g) Municipality of Huron Shores – Tar and Chip
- h) City of Pickering – Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process
- i) Town of Halton Hills – Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

2025-26 Gas Tax Funding by Municipality

April 24, 2026

[Transportation](#)

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$380 million through the 2025-26 Gas Tax program to help support public transit in 107 municipalities. The funding will be used for local public transit initiatives such as expanding service hours and transit routes, purchasing new vehicles and improving accessibility to increase transit ridership.

The following municipalities will receive funding:

Municipality	2025-26 Allocation
Amherstburg	\$194,900
Arnprior	\$27,713
Atikokan	\$24,184
Bancroft	\$83,303
Barrie	\$2,508,622
Belleville	\$1,077,543
Blind River	\$30,039
Bracebridge	\$158,272
Bradford West Gwillimbury	\$406,842
Brampton	\$21,064,218

Municipality	2025-26 Allocation
Brant County	\$280,774
Brantford	\$1,432,632
Brockville	\$216,098
Burlington	\$2,674,780
Caledon	\$568,726
Chapleau	\$19,208
Chatham-Kent	\$977,409
Clearview	\$131,352
Cobourg	\$194,006
Cochrane	\$40,630
Collingwood	\$343,932
Cornwall	\$710,246
Cramahe	\$98,746
Deseronto	\$145,344
Dryden	\$65,782
Durham Region	\$9,633,396
Dysart et al	\$23,618
Elliot Lake	\$149,939

Municipality	2025-26 Allocation
Espanola	\$44,290
Fort Frances	\$69,403
Greater Sudbury	\$3,091,759
Greenstone	\$26,894
Guelph	\$3,013,445
Halton Hills	\$561,671
Hamilton	\$12,389,845
Hanover	\$740,828
Hearst	\$45,604
Huntsville	\$176,865
Ingersoll	\$55,595
Innisfil	\$396,654
Kapuskasing	\$73,196
Kawartha Lakes	\$708,684
Kenora	\$139,771
Kingston	\$3,218,066
Lambton Shores	\$124,640
Lanark County	\$520,558

Municipality	2025-26 Allocation
LaSalle	\$285,098
Leamington	\$299,128
London	\$10,158,287
Loyalist Township	\$198,449
Machin	\$9,570
Marmora & Lake	\$201,793
Meaford	\$65,797
Middlesex County	\$111,343
Midland	\$185,647
Milton	\$1,326,756
Mississauga	\$23,363,091
Muskoka	\$90,659
New Tecumseth	\$125,815
Niagara Region	\$6,845,789
Norfolk County	\$172,472
North Bay	\$784,736
North Grenville	\$60,071
North Perth	\$80,090

Municipality	2025-26 Allocation
Oakville	\$2,892,944
Orangeville	\$294,473
Orillia	\$596,647
Ottawa	\$33,061,834
Owen Sound	\$245,919
Parry Sound	\$56,778
Peel Region	\$318,268
Pembroke	\$118,783
Penetanguishene	\$93,413
Perth East	\$73,121
Petawawa	\$74,546
Peterborough	\$1,732,762
Peterborough County	\$41,007
Point Edward	\$19,917
Port Hope	\$164,576
Prescott	\$122,974
Prince Edward County	\$225,658
Quinte West	\$528,936

Municipality	2025-26 Allocation
Renfrew	\$245,313
Sarnia	\$1,232,951
Sault Ste. Marie	\$1,247,549
Schreiber	\$21,861
Simcoe County	\$1,476,985
Sioux Lookout	\$51,107
St. Marys	\$163,485
St. Thomas	\$418,003
Stratford	\$513,030
Tecumseh	\$176,470
Temiskaming Shores	\$153,617
Thunder Bay	\$2,181,141
Tillsonburg	\$133,589
Timmins	\$585,411
Toronto	\$178,222,229
Trent Hills	\$113,254
Wasaga Beach	\$239,168
Waterloo Region	\$13,772,622

Municipality	2025-26 Allocation
Wawa	\$25,482
Wellington County	\$397,205
West Elgin	\$31,172
West Perth	\$53,140
Windsor	\$4,462,356
Woodstock	\$609,654
York Region	\$17,776,683
Total	\$378,010,646

Related Topics

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Province Investing More Than \$6.5 Million to Strengthen Ontario Corps

Funding is part of the government's plan to protect Ontario by ensuring Ontario Corps partners have the tools and training needed to respond to emergencies and natural disasters

May 04, 2026

[Emergency Preparedness and Response](#)

TORONTO—The Ontario government is investing more than \$6.5 million in emergency preparedness grants to strengthen the response capabilities of Ontario Corps partners across the province and ensure they can get boots on the ground quickly when emergencies and natural disasters strike. Funding is being allocated to 13 Ontario Corps partners to support equipment, supplies and training as part of the government's plan to protect Ontario communities and ensure critical resources can be deployed at a moment's notice to keep residents safe.

"We are delivering on our plan to protect Ontario by bringing together Ontario Corps partners, skilled professionals, trained volunteers and equipment that can be deployed quickly when emergencies occur," said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response. "These partners support Ontarians who answer the call to help communities in their moment of need."

To date, the province has invested \$21.5 million in Ontario Corps partners. Through these investments, the province has secured equipment such as debris removal tools and machinery, flood barriers, drones, mobile emergency shelters, food boxes and food trucks, personal protective equipment and other supplies. Equipment can be deployed within 24 to 72 hours after an emergency occurs. Partners will also conduct training to ensure they have the knowledge and skills needed to respond quickly and effectively.

The Ontario Corps partners receiving funding are 211 Ontario, Attachment and Trauma Treatment Centre for Healing (ATTCH) Niagara, Feed Ontario, GlobalMedic, Habitat for Humanity, Independent First Nations Alliance, Kenora Chiefs Advisory –

Ogimaawabiitong, Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, Ontario Search and Rescue Volunteer Association, Radio Amateurs of Canada, St. John Ambulance, The Salvation Army Canada and Team Rubicon Canada.

The announcement was made today to kick off Emergency Preparedness Week, a national week of significance that runs from May 3-9, 2026, to bring awareness to the actions people can take to be prepared for emergencies. Ontarians are reminded to:

- [Make an emergency plan](#) that considers the needs of everyone in your household;
- [Build an emergency preparedness kit](#) with enough non-perishable food, water and essentials to stay self-sufficient for up to three days;
- [Stay informed should an emergency occur](#) by having a portable, battery-operated or crank radio in your emergency kit in case of power outages.

For more helpful tips about keeping safe, visit Ontario.ca/BePrepared.

Quick Facts

- Ontario Corps answered the call of the Township of Minden Hills, the Township of Whitewater Region, the Township of Chapleau, the Town of French River and the City of Greater Sudbury to help fill and place sandbags and deliver support at a reception centre during spring flooding.
 - To further increase emergency capabilities across the province, additional partners have recently joined Ontario Corps including Labatt Breweries of Canada, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Ontario Mine Rescue and Ontario Road Builders' Association. More partners are expected to join in the coming months.
 - People of all skill levels and professional backgrounds are encouraged to [answer the call and volunteer for Ontario Corps](#) to help their communities during emergencies. Volunteers are provided with training and matched with partner organizations based on their skill levels, interests and availability.
 - Ontario Corps resources are coordinated and deployed by the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC). A new, state-of-the-art [Emergency Preparedness and Response Headquarters](#) will serve as the future home of Ontario Corps. This facility will be equipped with cutting-edge technology needed to protect Ontario as the 24/7, year-round emergency command centre.
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Quotes

"As President of Radio Amateurs of/du Canada (RAC), I am proud of our ongoing partnership with the Ontario Corps through the Auxiliary Communications Services Program. Being part of this network reflects our deep commitment to public service and to ensuring that reliable communications are available when they are needed most. Amateur radio operators have a long-standing history of stepping up in times of crisis, and with the continued support through the ERaCB program, we are strengthening our ability to assist communities and emergency management partners across the province. Together with the leadership of Minister Jill Dunlop and her Ministry, we will continue to enhance Ontario's emergency preparedness and response capacity, helping to safeguard the well-being of all Ontarians."

- Allan Boyd

President of Radio Amateurs of/du Canada

"Through this grant The Salvation Army is able to focus on preparedness' and mitigation, strengthening recruitment and training to respond when emergencies happen in real time. Most recently, we deployed to Minden during the flooding, demonstrating that Ontario Corps Emergency Preparedness and Response remains committed to protecting and serving those affected by disasters across Ontario. We are grateful to Minister Dunlop for her support and for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, which helps make this critical work possible."

- Major Rick Zelinsky

Territorial Director of Emergency Disaster Service, The Salvation Army

"The 211 Ontario system partners are pleased to receive Emergency Readiness and Capacity Building funding to continue the important work that has taken place over the last two years. Working alongside MEPR and our Ontario Corps partners to coordinate response efforts will improve our ability to protect Ontarians when disasters occur, and new threats arise. We look forward to continuing this partnership with Minister Dunlop, Premier Ford, and the entire MEPR team."

**- Karen Milligan
Executive Director, Ontario 211 Services**

"Being an Ontario Corps partner is both a privilege and a profound responsibility. This support enables us to advance a provincial network of trauma-trained therapists and emergency response professionals who can offer timely, integrated psychosocial care when emergencies arise. As we deepen our commitment to truth and reconciliation and to addressing systemic inequities, we are working alongside the Province and Ontario Corps partners to ensure that communities across Ontario have access to compassionate, expert trauma support—before, during, and after times of crisis."

**- Lori Gill
Executive Director, ATTCH Niagara**

"Being an Ontario Corps partner is a meaningful step for Ontario Search and Rescue Volunteer Association (OSARVA) and affirms the vital role we play in protecting communities across Ontario. Support through the Emergency Readiness and Capacity Building Fund enables us to strengthen training, resources, and operational readiness, ensuring OSARVA teams are well prepared to respond alongside provincial and local partners during emergencies. We are proud to continue contributing our expertise and commitment to a safer, more resilient Ontario."

**- Emilie Kissler
Vice President & Northeast Director, Ontario Search and Rescue Volunteer Association (OSARVA)**

"Kenora Chiefs Advisory has been leading supports in Social Emergency Management alongside its affiliated First Nation communities, including my community of Wauzhushk Onigum, since well before the pandemic. We are thankful, through this partnership with Ontario Corps, we've been able to provide direct, on-the-ground support to several First Nations during emergencies, while also building long-term capacity for community-led response. This funding has made a real difference in how we support people during times of crisis, and it allows us to continue strengthening emergency preparedness in a way that reflects the needs and realities of the communities we serve."

- Chief Chris Skead
Acting Board President, Kenora Chiefs Advisory

"Being part of Ontario Corps means showing up for Ontarians during their time of need. At GlobalMedic, we understand the importance of collaboration between experienced organizations and those looking to support their community, which is why we are proud to be a part of this program. We have been able to provide training, personnel and life-saving equipment to support impacted communities during severe storms, fires and floods. GlobalMedic is committed to strengthening the province's emergency preparedness and response, and we look forward to continuing to support communities across Ontario."

- Rahul Singh
Executive Director, GlobalMedic

Additional Resources

- [Province Strengthening Ontario Corps](#)
- [Ontario Corps](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Week](#)

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Date April 30, 2026

Subject: Regulations under the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025*

Hello,

Following up on the recent letter you received from Jennifer Keyes, I am pleased to inform you that the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025* (GCSA) and supporting regulations, detailing requirements for the authorization of research and evaluation activities and carbon storage activities in Ontario, are now in effect.

Carbon storage is new to the province, and Ontario has taken a phased approach to ensure that it is done responsibly, with measures in place to safeguard people and the environment. Throughout each phase, the Ministry of Natural Resources has invited input from Indigenous communities and organizations, industry, agricultural associations, municipalities, non-government organizations, subject matter experts, farmers and the public.

The ministry sought feedback on the Regulatory Proposals under the Proposed Geologic Carbon Storage Act from August 12th, 2025, until September 26th, 2025. The final regulations can be found online through the following links:

- Ontario Regulation 311/25: [General Matters under the Authority of the Lieutenant Governor in Council](#)
- Ontario Regulation 12/26: [General Matters under the Authority of the Minister](#)
- Ontario Regulation 13/26: [Rent](#)

Through the regulation development process, all comments were considered, and changes were made to the proposal to respond to feedback and improve clarity and consistency. Key changes include:

- Removing application fees
- Lowering the emissions threshold for projects eligible to use pore space vested in the Crown by regulation
- Extending the maximum term of licences and permits for research and evaluation to support post-closure management
- Refining municipal endorsement requirements for storage permits
- Allowing phased security and the use of surety bonds for security

- Clarifying closure timelines
- Providing for the establishment of site-specific protection boundaries, instead of using fixed buffers, to delineate areas where Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act (OGSRA) operators are restricted from carrying out well-related activities that could impact reservoirs where CO₂ is being stored.

The original proposal also included updates to the sample processing fees charged to all operators under the OGSRA, but a decision was made to not move forward with those updates at this time. The ministry's approach to stewardship fees has been deferred and will be considered separately. The proposal and decision notices are available on the Regulatory Registry under posting # [25-MNRF006](#).

The GCSA and supporting regulations enable the safe, responsible and permanent storage of carbon dioxide in a manner that is designed to protect public safety and the environment and minimize potential adverse impacts on other land and resource uses. Establishing a clear legislative and regulatory framework for this activity is key to realizing the potential benefits and managing potential risks associated with geologic carbon storage.

For more information on geologic carbon storage in Ontario, please visit Ontario.ca/CarbonStorage. If you have questions, please contact the Carbon Storage Operations Section by email at carbonstorage@ontario.ca or by phone at 519-873-4634.

Sincerely,

John Dungavell
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

Council and Committee Monthly Summary

April 2026

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew County Council and Committee meetings held April 8 and April 22, 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 [April 8, 2026](#) and [April 22, 2026](#) meetings are on YouTube.

Warden's Address

Key highlights

At the April 8 meeting, Warden Jennifer Murphy highlighted some of the events she attended since the last Council and Committee meetings:

- The opening of the Opeongo Heritage Cup hockey tournament in Madawaska Valley on March 27 along with MPP Billy Denault, MP Cheryl Gallant, and Chief Greg Sarazin of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation. She noted the event continues to be a meaningful example of how community, culture, and tradition come together and bring many back to the Valley for the weekend.
- The swearing-in ceremony of the new council for the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation. She congratulated Chief Greg Sarazin on his re-election and congratulated new and returning members of Council. She was appreciative of the invitation to attend this significant event, calling the ceremony a powerful reminder of the importance of relationship building, recognition, and continued collaboration with Indigenous partners across the region.
- Warden Murphy acknowledged and thanked Minister Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, for her recent visit to Renfrew and Arnprior. During her visit, Minister Tangri toured the Enterprise Renfrew County office at Renfrew Town Hall, met with staff and elected officials, and visited several Starter Company Plus participant businesses in both Renfrew and Arnprior. MPP Billy Denault also attended. She expressed appreciation for the Minister's time and her interest in supporting local entrepreneurship and economic development in Renfrew County.

At the April 22 meeting, Warden Murphy highlighted her recent activities:

- Earlier in the morning, the Warden had the opportunity to provide opening remarks, alongside Pembroke Mayor Ron Gervais, at the Ontario Professional Foresters Association conference. She was able to highlight the work of the County Forester and staff in bringing this conference to Pembroke and extend a warm welcome to all the delegates and guests.
- She recently spoke to a Grade 10 class at Renfrew Collegiate Institute about the role of Warden. She noted the students were incredibly engaged and asked impressive, well thought out questions and she added she spotted some budding politicians in the group.

- The Warden was reappointed Chair of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN). She looks forward to her continued work with the group on behalf of the County of Renfrew and the broader eastern Ontario region. She was recently in Kingston for EORN business and appreciated the opportunity to work alongside municipal and regional partners on issues that matter to our communities, particularly around connectivity, economic development, and regional collaboration.
- Warden Murphy acknowledged the flooding currently impacting parts of the County of Renfrew and said her thoughts are with residents who are dealing with high water conditions and the challenges that they bring. She thanked Municipal and County staff, emergency management teams, and volunteers who are working together to monitor conditions, providing assistance where needed, and keeping communities informed during this time.
- The Warden noted [registration is open](#) for the Warden's Golf Tournament, which will take place on June 19 at the Whitetail Golf Club. Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Renfrew County Food Banks.

Members' Written Motion

- Councillor Glenn Doncaster introduced a [written motion](#) about ALTO High-Speed Rail, which was approved by Council. Through the motion, County Council expressed its support for the ALTO High-Speed Rail project in the Quebec City-Toronto corridor as a nation-building initiative that would improve transportation, reduce travel times, lower greenhouse gas emissions, create jobs, and strengthen Canada's economy. Council encouraged the federal government and project leaders to carefully minimize impacts on residents, landowners, wildlife, and the environment while advancing the project. Council also supported continued funding, timely implementation, transparent decision-making, and ongoing community engagement and directed that the resolution be circulated to federal and provincial leaders, partner organizations, municipalities, and Indigenous stakeholders to demonstrate broad regional support.

Delegations

- At the April 8 session of County Council, Warden Jennifer Murphy presented a certificate to County Councillor David Shulist (Township of Madawaska Valley) to recognize his hard work and dedication along with many volunteers in the creation of the Opeongo Heritage Cup, an event which celebrates the rich hockey cultural heritage of the Ottawa Valley and marked its 20th anniversary at the end of March. In accepting the certificate, Councillor Shulist thanked Warden Murphy for being a part of the opening ceremony with the other leaders, as previously mentioned.
- At the April 8 meeting of County Council, representatives from the [Circle of Turtle Lodge](#) appeared as a delegation. The Circle of Turtle Lodge, an Indigenous-led charity serving Renfrew County, is seeking municipal support to advance reconciliation, cultural education, and community well-being. The request includes an allocation of municipally owned land near Pembroke (preferably near water) to establish an Indigenous Knowledge Centre and Council advocacy to Queen's Park for an additional Education Tax stream, allowing property owners to direct education taxes to Indigenous charities providing public cultural education. The Circle of Turtle Lodge has served the region since 1999 and works in partnership with local institutions, municipalities, and Indigenous organizations.

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

- County Council adopted a by-law to enter into an agreement with Arcori Software Inc., Thunder Bay, Ontario, to support the County of Renfrew's Community Housing program, with the funds being taken from the Strategic Priorities Reserve for the implementation costs and, if required, from the Renfrew County Housing Corporation Operating Budget.
- County Council adopted a by-law to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Renfrew Victoria Hospital and St. Francis Memorial Hospital for a one-year pilot of the Hospital-to-Home initiative, aimed at supporting low-income seniors by providing access to community housing with enhanced hospital-to-home services.
- County Council adopted a by-law to enter into a Municipal Partnership Agreement with the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation (AOPFN) to support an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Green Municipal Fund – Sustainable Municipal Buildings program for a feasibility study related to a proposed Cultural Centre.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

- County Council endorsed the advancement of the Ottawa Valley Trade Corridor Improvement Project and directed staff to work with federal, provincial, and regional partners to pursue funding through the Government of Canada's Trade Diversification Corridors Fund for improvements to the Highway 17 corridor between Meath Hill and Deep River. Council further directed staff to prepare and submit the necessary expressions of interest, project documentation, and funding applications to position the project for federal investment. Council reaffirmed its support for strategic investments in the Highway 17 corridor as a critical component of Canada's national transportation and trade network and directed that the recommendation be circulated to all lower-tier municipal councils in the County of Renfrew, Garrison Petawawa, and Canadian Nuclear Laboratories for endorsement.
- County Council adopted the County Roundabout Implementation Framework; authorized feasibility studies for one urban location (Petawawa Boulevard in the Town of Petawawa or Daniel Street in the Town of Arnprior) and one rural location (Haley Station in the Township of Whitewater Region) directed staff to report back with operational modelling results, a lifecycle cost comparison, and a proposed funding strategy prior to any capital commitment.
- County Council adopted a by-law to execute a third one-year contract extension for pavement marking as submitted by Trillium Pavement Marking (TPM), Carleton Place, Ontario, dated February 11, 2026, in the amount of \$699,497.72, plus applicable taxes.
- In accordance with County Policy for Enhanced Traffic Warning Devices, the Township of McNab/Braeside submitted a request for the County to share the cost of permanently painting 40 km/h road markings on County Road 23 (Highland Road) and County Road 63 (Stewartville Road). The cost will be shared equally between the County and the Township. The requested markings will be installed when line-painting operations begin later in the season, and the Township will be billed for its share of the cost. The Township also requested the installation of centre-line bollards on each road. The County will cover 50% of the installation costs, while the Township will be responsible for ongoing maintenance and winter removal of the bollards.

- The Township of McNab/Braeside submitted a resolution requesting reconsideration of the planned temporary closure of County Structure B121 (Waba Creek Bridge) on County Road 2 (White Lake Road). The bridge, located approximately 0.8 km west of County Road 23 (Highland Road), is scheduled for rehabilitation during the upcoming construction season and requires extensive deck repairs. Due to the narrow width of the bridge, staged construction with traffic maintained is not feasible, making a temporary closure necessary. County staff worked with the design consultant to reduce impacts by limiting the closure to a maximum of eight weeks during the summer months to avoid affecting school bus routes. However, a temporary closure is required to ensure the completion of long-lasting repairs.
- The approved contracts/tenders were as follows:
 - For the upgrade of the lighting system at the White Water Road Patrol facility to Carter's Electrical Contracting, Westmeath, Ontario, in the amount of \$8,658.95, plus applicable taxes. Upon completion of the installation, Carter's Electrical Contracting will reimburse the County of Renfrew up to \$4,572 through the Ontario Save on Energy grant, as the Government of Ontario is offering businesses incentives to upgrade aging lighting systems.
 - For janitorial services for the Public Works and Engineering Patrol sites from Valley Pro Cleaning, Foresters Falls, Ontario, in the amount of \$45,579.88, plus applicable taxes. The contract provides professional deep cleaning services for a one-year term, with options to extend, enabling the County to address immediate health and safety concerns while assessing long-term service requirements.
 - For the supply and delivery of a side-by-side to support recreational trail maintenance and construction, as submitted by Pete's Sales and Service Limited, Pembroke, Ontario, in the amount of \$51,340.00, plus applicable taxes.
 - For manhole cover and catch basin cleaning to Clean Water Works Inc., Ottawa, Ontario, in the amount of \$38,296.50. The municipalities participating in this contract are the Townships of Admaston/ Bromley, Horton, and Whitewater Region.
 - For Signs, Traffic Control Equipment and Reflective Sheeting to Stinson Equipment Ltd., Markham, Ontario in the amount of \$47,863.50. The municipalities participating in this contract are the Towns of Laurentian Hills and Petawawa, and the Township of Greater Madawaska.
- Various contracts for the Rehabilitation of County Road 69 (Siberia Road), from Sunny Hill Road to Pipedream Road, Township of Madawaska Valley, a distance of 3.75 km, were awarded under delegated authority:
 - For the supply of Granular Material as submitted by Bonnechere Excavating Inc., Renfrew, Ontario, in the amount of \$227,350.00.
 - For in-place full depth reclamation of bituminous pavement as submitted by Greenwood Paving (Pembroke) Ltd., Pembroke, Ontario, in the amount of \$27,737.60
 - For the rehabilitation of the roadway as submitted by Bonnechere Excavating Inc., Renfrew, Ontario, in the amount of \$820,591.63.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Vice-Chair

- County Council passed a resolution to issue a letter under the Warden's signature in support of the Township of McNab/Braeside's resolution, which requests that the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming undertake a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization

Development Grant (HODG). The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is an annual operating grant of up to \$1,545 that supports more than 170 heritage organizations across the province in informing and educating the public about their community's history, however the grant has remained unchanged for over 15 years and no longer reflects increasing operating costs such as insurance, utilities, and record preservation.

- County Council adopted the updated Terms of Reference for the Renfrew County Agriculture Economic Development Committee as presented. At the February meeting of the Renfrew County Agriculture Economic Development Advisory Committee, the terms of reference were reviewed and updated to include the addition of new members, reflect changes in the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions, address quorum issues and clarify reporting.
- County Council enacted a by-law to adopt and approve Official Plan Amendment Number 49 (OPA 49) to the County of Renfrew Official Plan. The amendment allows the property owner to apply to the Township of McNab/Braeside for a minor variance to permit an additional dwelling unit on an existing undersized lot. The minor variance process could include the conditions and recommendations outlined in the planning justification study and the hydrogeological assessment submitted as part of the Official Plan Amendment application.
- Effective April 1, 2026, the [Centre for Workforce Development](#), located in Belleville, was selected by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development to expand Local Board services by establishing an additional site for the Renfrew and Lanark area for the 2026-27 fiscal year. This change is a result of Algonquin College Pembroke Campus' decision to not enter into a new Local Board Transfer Payment Agreement beyond March 31, 2026, for what is now formerly known as the Labour Market Group of Renfrew/Lanark. Economic Development staff will be engaging with the Centre for Workforce Development to better understand what these changes mean for Renfrew and Lanark counties.
- The Tourism Industry Association of Canada (TIAC) has recently launched a [Local Impact dashboard](#), which includes tourism economic impact data at the federal electoral level. This new tool, which pulls data points from Statistics Canada and Tourism HR Canada, provides regions with updated information about the local tourism workforce and tourism business community. The [2025 data for Algonquin-Renfrew-Pembroke](#) notes 2,920 (6.38%) tourism workers across 547 tourism businesses.
- Renfrew County staff has identified an area of greenspace on County Administrative Building (CAB) property located at 7/9 International Drive as a suitable location for the proposed new Pembroke Paramedic Base, that would utilize the CAB greenspace area lying adjacent to International Drive and the Best Western property. Ongoing consultation regarding this property with the City has thus far proven fruitful.

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

- Council received an update on the Mesa Mobile Outreach Team Program for 2025–26. Between June 1, 2025, and March 25, 2026, the program supported 343 unique clients through a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach addressing mental health, substance use, housing, and homelessness. Services included more than 1,540 community paramedic visits, responses to community calls, and 600 referrals to external supports. The program continues to play a key role in improving access to care for vulnerable residents and supporting client-centred, community-based health services across Renfrew County.

- The Community Paramedic Program, in partnership with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, continues to support harm reduction through wellness clinics using a drug-checking machine. Eight clinics have been held across the county, reaching nine unique clients and testing 11 drug samples. The initiative provides low-barrier access to services, enhances individual safety, and helps improve awareness of local substance trends.

Corporate Services Committee

Presented by: Peter Emon, Chair

- County Council adopted a by-law to set tax ratios for County and lower-tier purposes for the year 2026. The Tax Ratio and Tax Rate By-laws were deferred to a special meeting held on March 25, 2026, to incorporate the optional Small-Scale On-Farm Business tax subclasses. The incorporation of these four subclasses only impacted the Tax Rates By-law, resulting in a shift in the tax burden from the small number of eligible properties to all other properties. For the residential class, this represented an increase of 0.00000023 in the tax rate, or approximately \$0.02 per \$100,000 of assessment in the County levy.
- County Council adopted a by-law to establish the 2026 tax rates for County of Renfrew purposes.
- County Council directed staff to transfer \$250,000 from the Winter Control Reserve into the Working Capital Reserve effective April 2026 and that staff be directed to develop a comprehensive Reserve Policy for Council consideration in 2026, outlining clear authority, objectives, criteria and processes for the Treasurer for the use and replenishment of all County Reserve accounts.
- The Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk provided a quarterly report for Q1 2026 which overviewed key activities, emerging pressures, and strategic progress during the first quarter of 2026.

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County of Renfrew breaks ground on new Paramedic Base in Whitewater Region

The County of Renfrew is thrilled to break ground and begin construction on a new Paramedic Base in the Township of Whitewater Region.

The central location, at the corner of Foresters Falls Road and Mine View Road, was identified as a prime location for a Paramedic Service facility – well situated for serving both the future expansion of Highway 417 and enhancing emergency service delivery in the northeastern reaches of Whitewater Region.

This is the eighth base across the County of Renfrew to house the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service, which covers a primary response territory of more than 15,000 square kilometers.

Renfrew County Warden Jennifer Murphy said the groundbreaking marks an important milestone for Renfrew County as the Whitewater Paramedic Base reflects County Council’s ongoing commitment to strengthening Emergency Services and ensuring residents receive timely, high-quality care when they need it most.

“On behalf of County Council, I want to extend our sincere thanks to the staff who worked diligently to find and secure the new site,” she said. “Your careful evaluation of options ensured we landed on a location that will serve our Paramedics and our residents well for years to come. This milestone is possible because of your hard work, and we are truly grateful.”

Paramedic Chief Michael Nolan remarked that this announcement is the beginning of an important next step in protecting the health and wellness of residents of Renfrew County while improving access to care.

“Paramedics will now be able to better serve our communities by increasing the presence of 911 Paramedics, Community Paramedic Response Units and opening a Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre at this location,” he said.

First opened in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC) continues to provide increased access to health care to our rural population and those without a family physician.

Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP Billy Denault was also on hand for the groundbreaking ceremony as he noted strong emergency services are essential in rural communities.

“This new Paramedic Base will help ensure residents in Whitewater Region and along the Highway 17 corridor have faster access to the care they need, when they need it most. I’m proud to advocate for investments that strengthen local infrastructure and support the frontline workers who keep our communities safe,” he said.

Councillor James Brose, Chair of the Development and Property Committee, noted the construction of a new Whitewater Paramedic Base is part of a broader vision, establishing more regional resources and improving emergency response times in the Cobden, Beachburg, Westmeath communities and along the Highway 17 corridor.

“Having a base with a variety of emergency response equipment ensures Paramedics are well equipped to handle the wide variety of calls in this area, especially with an increasing population during the tourist season as well as reoccurring flooding events during the spring freshets,” Chair Brose added.

Councillor Michael Donohue, Chair of the Health Committee, noted a new Paramedic base in this area has long been in the plans to help ensure coverage across Renfrew County.

“The construction of this base marks a significant milestone for our community. Once operational, this facility will greatly strengthen the Paramedic Service deployment plan, improve response capabilities and enhance access to emergency care for residents throughout the region,” he said.

R.K. Porter General Contracting Incorporated was awarded the design build contract for the project. The 5,700 square foot, multi-functional, health support facility combines four rapid deployment paramedic vehicle bays with dedicated office, administrative, and staff amenity spaces to support 24/7 operations. The building is expected to be completed and fully operational in early 2027.

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Renfrew County & District Drug Strategy

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, April 23, 2026)

Renfrew County and District Sees Rise in Suspected Drug Toxicity Deaths in Early 2026

Partners of the Renfrew County and District Drug Strategy (RCDDS) are urging residents to carry naloxone and avoid using alone following ten suspected drug toxicity deaths in Renfrew County and District during the first three months of 2026, roughly triple the quarterly average seen in 2025.

Evidence-based initiatives currently underway by RCDDS partners include multidisciplinary mobile outreach services, drug-checking technologies, and the establishment of a Homelessness and Addictions Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub and Intake Centre. Increasing naloxone distribution is a priority, with 17 partners and almost all pharmacies providing free naloxone. All people at risk of an opioid overdose, family members, friends, or other individuals in a position to help someone at risk are encouraged to obtain kits.

“This situation reinforces the complexity of the overdose crisis and the ongoing volatility of the unregulated drug supply,” states Patti Smith, co-chair of the RCDDS. “It remains a critical public health concern that requires continued vigilance across our communities.”

Illicitly manufactured fentanyl continues to be the primary driver of overdoses across North America; however, additional contaminants and co-occurring substances—such as benzodiazepines and veterinary tranquilizers—are increasingly detected in Ontario. These substances create significant uncertainty regarding the strength, composition, and risk associated with street drugs. All street drugs must be considered highly toxic and potentially fatal.

Reducing the Risk of Overdose

Friends, family members, and individuals who use street drugs can work together to reduce the risk of overdose by taking the following steps:

- **Carry naloxone (Narcan®)**
Naloxone can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose. Free naloxone kits are available at local pharmacies and other locations throughout Renfrew County and District. For kit locations, check [here](#) or order a free kit [online](#) for delivery.
- **Do not use alone**
If someone is present, they can call for help in an emergency.
- **Call the Overdose Prevention Hotline** at 1-888-688-6677 ([National Overdose Response Service](#)) if you must use alone. A trained volunteer will remain on the line and can call 9-1-1 if needed.
- **Use drug-checking services**
Contact harmreduction@rcdhu.com for more information.
- **Go slow**
Start with small test doses, as the quality and strength of street drugs are unpredictable.

Responding to an Overdose

A drug overdose can look like someone who cannot be woken, with slow or absent breathing and blue lips. **If an overdose is suspected, administer naloxone (if available) and call 9-1-1 immediately.** Naloxone will not harm someone who is not having an overdose.

Because street drugs may contain multiple substances, call 9-1-1 even after giving naloxone. Effects can return as naloxone wears off, and some substances do not respond to naloxone. All overdoses are medical emergencies.

The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act provides legal protection from charges related to simple possession for individuals who call 9-1-1 during an overdose emergency.

Reporting and Support

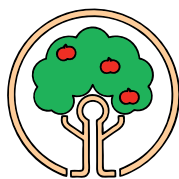
Community members are encouraged to report overdoses using RCDHU's anonymous online [Overdose Reporting Form](#), available on the RCDHU website. The form does not collect identifying information and supports community level surveillance and response.

Support is available through the [Renfrew County Addiction Treatment System](#), which offers assessment, counselling, and treatment programs for individuals who use substances.

If you or someone you know is experiencing stress, anxiety, grief, or other challenges, supports are available [here](#).

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"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, May 1, 2026)

RCDHU Launches Annual Animal Bite Prevention Campaign

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is kicking off its annual Yellow Ribbon Campaign, aimed at reducing the number of animal bites. This campaign encourages the use of a yellow marker (ribbon, bandana, or bow) tied to a pet's leash or collar to remind people to be cautious and give the animal space. In addition to the potential for injury, animal bites carry a risk of exposure to rabies, often requiring rabies vaccinations for the person who is bitten or a confinement period for the animal involved.

The number of reported animal bites and scratches has been steadily growing in Renfrew County and District; however, animal bites can be prevented. "Although the likelihood of contracting rabies from a domestic animal is low, incidents like these can still be upsetting and disruptive for both the individual involved and the animal's owner," states David Tantalò, Manager of Healthy Environments at RCDHU. "Many bites and scratches are preventable when people recognize the signs that an animal needs space. This campaign is about awareness — if you notice yellow on a pet, it's a signal to give them space." Animals need space for various reasons including age, health issues, nervousness, aggression, or training.

The Yellow Ribbon Campaign is supported by a number of local partners, including pet stores, groomers, veterinarians and animal hospitals, municipalities, OSPCA, and other community organizations. Yellow ribbons are available for pick up at the RCDHU Pembroke office and participating partner locations. For a list of participating locations, visit: [Yellow Ribbon Campaign – Animal Bite Awareness](#).

Bite Prevention

Most animal bites and scratches are preventable. The following tips can help reduce risk and promote safer interactions with animals:

- Always ask the pet owner before petting – never assume an animal is friendly
- Avoid approaching stray, loose, or unfamiliar animals
- Give pets space when they show signs of stress, fear, or discomfort

- Never disturb animals that are sleeping, eating, caring for their young, or showing signs of illness
- Supervise children when around animals, even familiar pets
- Teach children not to pull ears or tails, give hugs, or get close to an animal's face
- Know the signs of changing pet behaviours, like stiffening, raised fur, wide eyes, backing away, baring teeth, or growling
- Keep dogs on a leash while in public unless in designated off-leash dog parks
- Keep your pets healthy and ensure rabies vaccinations are up to date
- If an animal is wearing a yellow ribbon or marker, give them space!

Reporting Animal Bites

If you have been bitten or scratched by an animal, please follow the steps below:

- If possible, collect animal owner/custodian information (name, address and phone number).
- Wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water for at least 15 minutes.
- Seek medical attention (see a health care provider) as soon as possible.
- Call (613-732-3629 ext. 505) and report the incident to [RCDHU](#). If you seek medical attention, they will ask you to complete a [Contact with Suspected Rabid Animal Reporting Form](#), which will be sent to RCDHU for follow-up. Public health inspectors investigate all animal bites and scratches to prevent and control the transmission of rabies.

Stay connected on social media by following [@RCDHealthUnit](#) for campaign-related messaging and bite prevention tips. To learn more about the Yellow Ribbon Campaign and animal bite prevention, contact RCDHU at 1-800-267-1097 or visit: [Yellow Ribbon Campaign – Animal Bite Awareness](#).

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April 23, 2026

In This Issue:

- Call for Nominations to the 2026-2028 AMO Board of Directors.
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- MMAH 2026 Election Guides.
- Now Open: Delegation meeting requests at AMO 2026.
- Apply for the 2026 PJ Marshall Awards before May 22.
- Learn about best practices in Opportunities for Local Reconciliation at OSUM 2026 next week.
- New Dates - AMO Candidate Support Workshops.
- Preventing Escalated Behaviours Workshop: Practical Strategies for Safer Municipal Workplaces.
- Make smooth your rough roads.
- Bring your building permit process and planning applications online.
- Streamline Your Document Signing Process.
- One more week to submit applications for the All Risk Municipal Grant.
- OGA26: Turning the Shift into Results - May 20, 2026.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

Nominations are now open for the 2026-2028 AMO Board of Directors Election. If you're considering running or want to encourage someone else to step forward, [visit the AMO Elections Webpage](#) for more information on offices open for election, eligibility requirements, and nomination requirements. The nomination ends Monday, June 22, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (ET). Email questions to amoelections@amo.on.ca.

Through its [Healthy Democracy Project](#), AMO has launched a candidate attraction and voter turnout campaign: If You Believe. They Believe. In the Get Started section of the website you can view a first-of-its-kind catalogue of candidate resources for every phase of the campaign journey. [Please explore the resources and share with your networks!](#)

[Register for two upcoming webinars](#) from AMO's CCBF team to learn how to leverage existing data to support housing growth and affordability.

Through its Healthy Democracy and Workforce Development Projects, AMO has developed practical tools to help councils and staff manage conflict and foster a culture of civility. Our [Leading with Respect Handguides](#) offer resources over a series of seven key municipal areas of leadership. This week, we are

profiling the [Professional Development and Education Handguide](#), which highlights professional development and education as key strategies to ensure good governance and organizational stability.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing have released their [guidance materials for the 2026 municipal elections](#) including the Voter's Guide, Candidate's Guide and Third-Party Advertiser's Guide.

Education Opportunities

Want to request a 1:1 with The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)? The [Municipal Delegation Request Form](#) for this year's AMO Conference is now available! Note that the deadline to submit your request is May 21 at 5 pm EST, and you must be registered for the [AMO 2026 Conference](#) to participate in your delegation meeting. Questions about the process? Email delegations@ontario.ca.

The PJ Marshall Awards recognize Ontario municipalities that have found smarter, creative or more cost-effective ways to deliver public services with tangible results. Applications are due by Friday, May 22, 2026 and the awards will be announced at the AMO 2026 Conference, held August 16 -19, 2026, in the City of Ottawa. For [more information and to apply, click here](#).

Learn how [AMO's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan](#) provides a framework for local reconciliation, and hear directly from First Nations and municipal leaders about a best-practice case study on how they built trust, achieved significant wins, and established a roadmap for collaboration at the [OSUM 2026 Conference April 29 – May 1](#).

Through its [Healthy Democracy Project](#), AMO is offering a dynamic lineup of information sessions to support aspiring candidates and current elected officials in their journey toward municipal office. Whether you're planning your first campaign, seeking re-election, representing an underrepresented community, or stepping forward as a young candidate, these programs are designed to meet you where you are—and help you move forward with confidence. [Register for one of these free workshops today](#).

In partnership with the Public Services Health & Safety Association, AMO is pleased to offer its members an interactive workshop focused on Preventing Escalated Behaviours. This session introduces practical, person-centred strategies to help recognize early signs of escalation, strengthen communication, and confidently and professionally respond to difficult situations. [Register for the two-part May 7 and May 28 workshop now](#).

LAS

The winter has been long and cold, and your roads show the effects. The LAS [Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) and [Work Order Software](#) are just to the ticket to get you back in shape. [Contact Tanner](#) for more info.

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](#).

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

The All Risk Municipal Grant – Investing in Municipal Risk Resiliency recognizes and supports innovative risk management practices within Ontario municipalities. [Submit your ideas by May 1](#) for a chance to receive \$10,000 towards your project.

Municipal Wire*

Ontario's premier geothermal conference featuring expert insights, emerging technologies, and collaborative networking. Learn best practices, connect with industry leaders, and find what drives results. [AMO members save 20% off registration.](#)

Careers

[Program Specialist, Employment Service System - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: April 27, 2026.

[Project Management Coordinator / Coordonnateur de la gestion des projets; coordonnatrice de la gestion des projets - Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming / Ministère du Tourisme, de la Culture et des Jeux](#). Closing Date: May 6, 2026.

[Bilingual \(French/English\) Court Clerk/Monitor-Transcriber - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: May 16, 2026.

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AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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Step Up, Stand Out: Your Journey to Municipal Office Starts Here.

AMO's Free Campaign Readiness Workshops

As Ontario prepares for the October 2026 municipal elections, AMO is offering a dynamic lineup of information sessions and workshops to support aspiring candidates and current elected officials.

Whether you're planning your first campaign, seeking re-election, representing an underrepresented community, or stepping forward as a young candidate, these programs are designed to meet you where you are—and help you move forward with confidence.

[Find the right workshop for you](#)

Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities

New June 2026 session dates have been added—don't miss your chance to participate.

Dates:

- Session 1 - June 16 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)
- Session 2 - June 23 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)
- Session 3 - June 25 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)
- Session 4 - June 30 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)

This engaging four-part online series is designed **for first-time candidates** preparing to run in the 2026 municipal elections.

Participants will build the skills, resilience, and confidence needed to lead in today's municipal environment through sessions focused on finding your purpose, managing conflict and building effective relationships, prioritizing mental health and wellbeing, and turning values into action through movement-building.

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

Workshop for Underrepresented Candidates

Additional June 2026 workshop date now available.

Date: June 9 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)

Led by former municipal leaders, this session provide practical guidance and insider perspectives for those from underrepresented communities, while remaining open to all participants.

The workshop explore what it takes to become a candidate, key strategies for running a successful campaign, how to develop effective messaging, and ways to use community engagement to build visibility and support.

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

Youth Information Sessions

New June 2026 session date just announced.

Date: June 2 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)

Facilitated by currently elected officials, these sessions are designed to empower young people considering public office.

Participants will gain insight into what it's like to run for office as a young candidate, learn how to build a strong campaign, understand candidate requirements, and explore effective approaches to voter engagement.

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

Urban Indigenous Peoples' Information Sessions

Facilitated by Indigenous leaders with firsthand electoral experience, 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 municipal office as an urban Indigenous leader, explore key strategies for building a strong campaign, understand the requirements to

become a candidate, and learn approaches to lead with cultural integrity and community connection.

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

How to Register

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

We encourage you to share this opportunity with your networks and with anyone who may benefit from learning more about running for municipal office.

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

Invest in Your Leadership Journey: Register Today!
This workshop series is part of AMO's Healthy Democracy Project

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Preventing Escalated Behaviours: Practical Strategies for Safer Municipal Workplaces

Hello AMO Member,

Municipal leaders and staff are increasingly navigating complex and, at times, challenging interactions. Having the tools to respond effectively—and prevent situations from escalating—is more important than ever.

Supporting the work through our [Healthy Democracy Project](#), AMO has partnered with [Public Services Health & Safety Association \(PSHSA\)](#) to offer education and skills development to support understanding and addressing incivility.

The ***Preventing Escalated Behaviours: Practical Strategies for Safer Municipal Workplaces*** workshop is a **two-part, interactive series** that introduces practical, person-centered strategies to help you recognize early signs of escalation, strengthen communication, and respond to difficult situations with confidence and professionalism.

In this session, you will:

- Identify common triggers and early warning signs of escalated behaviours
- Explore how communication styles, bias, and behaviour influence interactions
- Learn practical de-escalation techniques you can apply right away
- Build confidence in managing challenging conversations with empathy and clarity

Through real-world scenarios and guided discussion, you'll gain tools to foster a more respectful, psychologically safe, and resilient workplace.

Dates:

- 1st session: May 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 2nd session: May 28, 2026, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Format: Virtual session

Registration Fees:

- \$375 + HST (one registration fee covers both Part 1 and Part 2 sessions)
- \$75+ HST cancellation fee

Register Here

Feel free to share this opportunity with your colleagues and networks.

We look forward to seeing you at this important workshop.

Questions? Reach out to events@amo.on.ca.

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AMO Policy Update – OMERS Amendments, Proposed WSIB Benefit Changes, Public Corporation Service Delivery Model, and Build Canada Homes Updates

Top Insights

- AMO continues to actively represent the interests of municipal employers and the long-term interests of the OMERS plan. The next AMO Webinar on the OMERS transition is May 25 from 12-1pm EST – save the date!
- The provincial government introduced amendments to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act to increase the WSIB loss of earnings (LOE) benefit and extend LOE beyond the age of 65. Changes are anticipated to increase costs for employers, including municipalities.
- Advice for municipalities in responding to the province’s expression of interest regarding the water and wastewater public corporation service delivery model.
- AMO advocated to the federal government’s parliamentary committee on Build Canada Homes. We recommend municipalities engage with their regional Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing office to strengthen their Build Canada Homes applications and enhance their prospects for funding.

OMERS Transition Process Continues

Recent provincial amendments to the OMERS Act have fundamentally changed the governance and oversight of the OMERS pension plan. AMO, as a plan sponsor, represents nearly 40% of active OMERS members. Municipalities need to continue having a strong voice in the oversight of the plan.

AMO is actively involved with other plan sponsors to establish the new governance structure. Nearly 100 municipalities have passed resolutions supporting AMO's advocacy on this issue — thank you. Your vocal support has been critical in strengthening AMO's ability to influence this new model.

This is more than just a governance issue. OMERS contributions make up a significant share of municipal staff compensation and are likely to grow. AMO needs you to stay engaged on this important issue because your collective municipal voice may be needed again. Stay tuned for a registration link for the next AMO Webinar on OMERS transition taking place on Monday, May 25 from 12-1pm EST.

Province Proposes Changes to Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Benefits

The province [introduced](#) amendments to the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act* (WSIA) through Bill 105, *Protecting Ontario's Workers and Economic Resilience Act, 2026*. The amendments, if passed, would increase WSIB Loss-of-Earnings (LOE) benefits to 90% of a worker's take-home pay. The amount is up from the current 85%. The proposed changes would also update the WSIA to allow eligible workers to continue to receive LOE benefits through WSIB beyond the age of 65, if they plan to continue working. AMO looks forward to working with the province to better understand the cost implications on premium rates for municipal employers.

Water and Wastewater Public Corporation Model

The province issued an [open call](#) for expressions of interest regarding the water and wastewater public corporation service delivery model, currently planned for Peel Region's implementation. The August 13, 2026, deadline presents a timing challenge for municipalities as councils' major decisions are frequently not carried past June during an election year.

AMO recommends that interested municipalities submit a response to the call. If council approval is not feasible before the deadline, AMO recommends municipal staff submit a response noting that the response is preliminary and

request the opportunity to engage with new council this winter to finalize the municipality's official position.

[AMO and LAS have undertaken analysis](#) on water and wastewater public corporation service delivery models which can support local analysis and decisions. These models are also called water and wastewater “municipal service corporations” or “utilities”.

Bill C-20 to Establish Build Canada Homes (BCH)

AMO [provided a submission](#) to the federal government's parliamentary committee considering [Bill C-20: An act respecting the establishment of Build Canada Homes](#). AMO supports the establishment of Build Canada Homes as a central actor to help address the homelessness and housing affordability crisis.

To strengthen the legislation, AMO is recommending aligning Build Canada Homes with the *National Housing Strategy Act* and commit it through its mandate to act in appropriate ways to advance the progressive right to housing in Canada.

AMO has a series of operational recommendations for the successful implementation of BCH in Ontario, including:

- Working in collaboration with municipalities, District Social Service Administration Boards and the provincial government
- Providing funding contributions (i.e. grants) rather than low-cost financing
- Shift toward portfolio approaches instead of project-based applications
- Increasing supply in communities across Ontario – big and small, rural and urban, northern and southern – in a flexible manner adapted to local needs and circumstances

AMO is also calling on the federal government to work collaboratively with the province to ensure comprehensive capital and operating funding is provided for new supportive and transitional housing units.

BCH is off to a promising start by collaborating to understand proposals and open to pursuing portfolio approaches. AMO members are encouraged to reach out to [Build Canada Homes](#) to submit proposals on their [portal](#). Further, AMO recommends members connect with their Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing [regional office](#) throughout the applications process to strengthen submissions and enhance potential access to provincial funding and endorsement.

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

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Subject: AMO Policy Update - Bill 100 Regional Governance Changes, Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build Development Charges Reduction Initiative, Building Communities Strong Fund, and Federal Spring Economic Statement



AMO Policy Update – Bill 100 Regional Governance Changes, Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build Development Charges Reduction Initiative, Building Communities Strong Fund, and Federal Spring Economic Statement

Top Insights

- AMO is advancing advocacy calling for changes to Bill 100 to ensure decisions to select the head of council, set council size, and use weighted voting stay local, not in the hands of provincial officials. AMO also reiterates the call for the province to pass code of conduct reform legislation which Minister Flack recently announced would be finalized before the municipal election
- AMO wrote Minister Flack outlining the sector’s concerns and recommendations for the Canada Ontario Partnership to Build Development Charge Reduction Initiative program design
- The Federal government launched the \$51 Billion Build Communities Strong Fund and is seeking municipal proposals for the \$6 billion direct delivery stream

- The 2026 Federal Spring Economic Statement included several new programs and extension to existing programs aimed at homelessness, housing construction and affordability, workforce development and community safety

Bill 100: AMO Calls for the Province to Protect Democracy and Local Governance

[Yesterday, AMO delivered remarks](#) to a legislative standing committee on Bill 100, *Better Regional Governance Act*, 2026, which if passed would make changes to:

- Allow the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint or remove the heads of councils for regional municipalities and Simcoe County with “strong chair” powers
- Change the composition of Niagara Region and Simcoe County councils to be made up of the mayors of each lower-tier, and require other regional councils to review their compositions following the 2026 election
- Allow the Minister to make regulations that would require the use of weighted voting, set the number of votes for each member, and determine when weighted voting could be used

AMO was clear that Bill 100 cannot be considered in isolation. These proposed changes are the latest in a series of provincial actions in areas of municipal jurisdiction that undermine municipal authority and centralize decision making at the province.

AMO is united with municipalities and the province in wanting all orders of government to work efficiently and effectively in the best interests of their residents. Some targeted governance changes may help further this goal, but only if they are designed with local voice. A successful path forward relies on the province setting clear objectives, providing the right implementation supports, and conducting the local consultation necessary to make changes successful.

In this context, AMO is [advancing four recommendations](#) to help the government meet its goals of strong municipal governance without undermining local democracy:

1. Keep the selection of regional chairs and county wardens local

The combination of provincially appointed heads of council with “strong chair” powers is fundamentally undemocratic. It erodes the ability for local residents to hold their elected officials to account and elect people who care about their priorities.

Instead, we urge the province to require all regional council members – including the chair – be directly elected by their communities, keeping heads of council directly accountable to local voters. If the province moves forward with appointed heads of council, we urge them to allow councils to select their own chair or warden from among their current members. Locally selected chairs and wardens are best positioned to work effectively with peers and advance shared community priorities.

2. Empower municipalities to determine their own composition

At a ratio of almost 4,000 residents per councillor, Ontario’s municipal elected officials already represent more residents than councillors in every other province except for British Columbia – triple the national average. Arbitrarily reducing the number of council members without local input or consent only serves to undermine the important work councils are already doing to deliver efficient, effective decision making.

For these reasons, AMO supports a requirement for regional councils to review their composition following an election. This keeps decisions about governance and representation local.

3. Structure the proposed weighted voting around representation by population

AMO believes that local councils are best positioned to determine how and when to use weighed voting. In fact, many upper-tier councils already use this mechanism to balance the varied needs and priorities of their lower-tier municipalities. If the province chooses to move forward with a mandatory weighted voting framework, it is essential that open and transparent engagement occur with each community. This will ensure community understanding and buy-in.

4. Pass Bill 9 reforming municipal code of conduct legislation

AMO continues to call for the passage of measures included in Bill 9 which was introduced almost a year ago following years of advocacy from municipalities. All Ontarians also expect to work in a safe and respectful environment, including members of council when they agree to take office. The current tools available to municipal councils to ensure ethical behaviour

are inadequate and do not meet public expectations. We are encouraged that Minister Flack recently committed to passing this important legislation before October's municipal elections.

Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build Development Charges (DC) Reduction Initiative

AMO [wrote to Minister Flack](#) sharing the sector's concerns and advice to help drive program uptake and mitigate 'social license' risks for the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build DC reduction initiative. AMO is calling for a program design that's centred on demonstrated benefits to existing residents, fairness and flexibility, fiscal sustainability, simplicity, and certainty.

- **Clear Benefits to Existing Residents:** The program framework needs to have measurable outcomes, such as number of affordable housing unit created, or mechanisms to ensure that DC cost savings are passed on to homebuyers. Additionally, program design needs to keep capital plans intact by avoiding forced trade-offs between housing enabling and non-housing enabling infrastructure projects.
- **Fairness and Flexibility:** Eligibility criteria need to reflect relevant differences across municipalities, such as differences in growth patterns or capital budgeting practices to enable participation from all municipalities.
- **Fiscal Sustainability:** Program design shall not undermine long-term municipal fiscal sustainability for short-term benefits. Unintended fiscal impacts on municipal budgets such as reduced revenues, additional property tax burden, mismatched cash flows and additional debt burden must be considered.
- **Simplicity:** Streamlining administration to enable funds to flow quickly.
- **Certainty:** Provide regulatory certainty by signalling an end to additional DC policy changes.

Build Communities Strong Fund Launched

Prime Minister Carney officially launched the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) after first announcing his government's intention in its fall budget. BCSF provides infrastructure and housing funding through three streams:

- **A provincial and territorial stream:** Of the total \$17.2 billion available, Ontario will receive \$6 billion of federal funding over 10 years, with \$4.4 billion for the Development Charge (DC) reduction initiative as part of the Canada Ontario Partnership to Build. (Advocacy on this program in the

next section.) The provincial government will be required to cost-match the \$4.4 billion federal funding for the DC reduction initiative. Out of Ontario's \$6 billion share of the federal funding, \$1.6 billion is for health infrastructure. At least 20% of all funding under this stream must go to rural, northern, and Indigenous communities.

- **A direct delivery stream:** \$6 billion over 10 years nationally for regionally significant projects, such as building retrofits, climate adaptation, and community infrastructure. The first tranche of funded projects were announced on April 7 and a new application window was opened for shovel-ready projects. Projects of regional significance will need to consider private sector investment, including investments from the Canada Infrastructure Bank.
- **A community stream:** \$27.8 billion over 10 years for the construction and rehabilitation of local infrastructure. This is a rebrand of the Canada Community Building Fund with no changes to the existing agreement or allocation model.

AMO has long called for federal and provincial infrastructure investments to support growth, build more homes, and provide economic stimulus. The BCSF does not adequately provide sustainable, predictable and long-term funding streams required by municipalities. Instead, the existing infrastructure funding is mostly repackaged under new titles and frameworks and will be largely used to offset DC reductions rather than supporting new investment into municipal infrastructure.

Federal Spring Economic Statement 2026

The Canadian economy has shown resilience against the backdrop of rising trade uncertainties, geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and a softening labour market. Real GDP is expected to grow at a marginally slower rate of 1.1%, compared to 1.2% that was projected in Budget 2025. While the Spring Economic Statement re-profiled many programs announced in Budget 2025, including the Build Communities Strong Fund, extended and new measures aimed at homelessness, housing construction and housing affordability were introduced:

- Extension of the Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampments Initiative by one year by providing \$125 million in 2026-27 to Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada

- Accelerating more than \$7 billion in loans to speed up the construction of up to 16,500 new rental homes through CMHC’s Apartment Construction Loan Program
- Creation of the Canada Rental Protection Fund to preserve existing affordable housing stock. The program, which sits within the Build Canada Homes initiative will launch this spring
- Amending mortgage insurance rules to encourage greater competition and more product choices for borrowers seeking to build “missing middle” housing.
- Extending the 5-year repayment grace period for Home Buyers Plan withdrawals from a Registered Retirement Savings Plan.

Two new programs that may benefit some local communities are:

- **Team Canada Strong:** An initiative to recruit, train, and hire 80,000 to 100,000 new Red Seal skilled trade workers by 2031. The aim of this program is two-fold. First, to encourage more young Canadians to enter the skilled trades and secure paid employment. The second aim is to address a looming skilled labour shortage in the housing, infrastructure, and defence sectors.
- **Canada Community Security Program:** \$75 million over five years for eligible organizations including places of worship, schools and community centres to enhance security measures.

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

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April 30, 2026

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AMO Matters

Nominations are open for the 2026–2028 AMO Board of Directors Election and will close on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (ET). If you are considering running, or wish to encourage a colleague to step forward, please visit the [AMO Board Elections webpage](#) for details on positions open for election, eligibility criteria, and nomination requirements. Questions can be directed to amoelections@amo.on.ca.

The PJ Marshall Awards recognize Ontario municipalities that have found smarter, creative or more cost-effective ways to deliver public services with tangible results. Applications are due by Friday, May 22, 2026 and the awards will be announced at the [AMO 2026 Conference](#), held August 16 -19, 2026, in the City of Ottawa. [For more information and to apply, click here.](#)

AMO's [If You Believe. They Believe.](#) candidate attraction and voter turnout [campaign video](#) has reached more than 70,000 views across multiple platforms. Don't miss out - help spread the word about this Healthy Democracy Project campaign, [use our Campaign Toolkit](#) to keep the momentum rolling.

Helping people understand the roles of local government and elected officials has never been more important. Through AMO's Healthy Democracy Project, AMO members and educators can access a [suite of civic education resources](#), including a [guide for how to coordinate an excellent classroom visit](#).

Our classroom surveys show that 75% of students who met with their elected officials agreed that the visit improved their understanding of municipal government.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is inviting municipalities to express interest in implementing the [water and wastewater public corporation service model](#) by August 13.

Less than two months until the [annual BPS energy reporting deadline](#). Be sure to report your annual energy use and greenhouse gas emissions to the province by July 1.

Education Opportunities

Newly elected councillors face big decisions, legal obligations and a steep learning curve from day one. AMO and public sector education experts, Institute on Governance, are building a new, highly practical learning program to give Ontario's municipal elected officials the strongest possible start to the upcoming term. [For more information, join the waitlist](#).

Want to request a 1:1 with a provincial ministry at the AMO Conference? The [Municipal Delegation Request Form](#) for this year's AMO Conference is now available! Note that the deadline to submit your request is May 21 at 5 pm EST, and you must be registered for the AMO [2026 Conference](#) to participate in your delegation meeting. Questions about the process? Email delegations@ontario.ca.

Through its [Healthy Democracy Project](#), AMO is offering a dynamic lineup of information sessions to support aspiring candidates and current elected officials in their journey toward municipal office. Whether you're planning your first campaign, seeking re-election, representing an underrepresented community, or stepping forward as a young candidate, these programs are designed to meet you where you are—and help you move forward with confidence. [Register for one of these free workshops today](#).

In partnership with the Public Services Health & Safety Association, AMO is pleased to offer its members an interactive workshop focused on Preventing Escalated Behaviours. This session introduces practical, person-centred strategies to help recognize early signs of escalation, strengthen communication, and confidently and professionally respond to difficult situations. [Register for the two-part May 7 and May 28 workshop now](#).

Join AMO's CCBF team on May 7th from 1-3 pm for a webinar on how to write a Housing Needs Assessment. Read more [here](#), and [click here to register](#).

LAS

LAS offers an easy way to identify energy savings and reduce costs in your buildings. Check out our [Energy Workshops](#) featuring Stephen Dixon. [Book your session](#) for the summer. Eligible for IESO incentives.

[Federal regulations](#) require a gradual phase-out of linear fluorescent lamps. LAS's [Facility Lighting Service](#) provides a complete turn-key solution for your lighting upgrades. [Contact us today](#) for a free budget proposal.

Municipal Wire*

The Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant awards up to \$60,000 for small capital projects for people with disabilities and older adults. Applications are open until May 7 at Ontario.ca/EaseGrant.

The deadline to apply for the next intake of the AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program - is next Friday, May 8, 2026. This program offers municipalities a cost-effective way to identify, advance,

and address innovation or research challenges by partnering with a post-secondary student interested in a career in local government. To learn more or to submit an application, [Click Here](#).

Careers

[Director of Development Services - Township of South Frontenac](#). Closing Date: May 17, 2026.

[Manager, Community Planning - Municipality of Lakeshore](#). Closing Date: May 17, 2026.

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AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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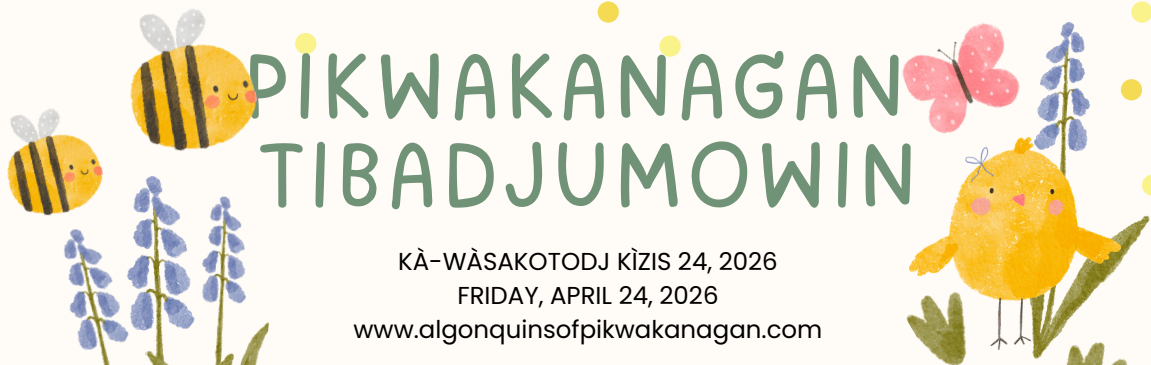
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Contact - Curtus Jahn at 613-625-2800 ext. 231
e-mail - coordinator.lem@pikwakanagan.ca

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Don't forget that you can access the newsletter under the "Our Community" drop down menu, select, "Newsletter"

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A reminder! We have switched to voIP phone system so if your call is dropped or disconnected please call us back or email us.

Important!

Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation does not condone & will not tolerate acts of violence, harassment, or sexual harassment against or by any company employee. Anyone abusing employees will be refused service &/or will be asked to leave the premises.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Resolution # RC26077	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—including roads, bridges, 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, material, 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 Municipality of Wawa 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 Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa 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.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- 2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics, and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to five percent (5%) 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 Municipality of Wawa supports the April 15, 2026 resolution of the Township of Shuniah regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Table with 4 columns: Resolution Result, Recorded Vote, Yes, No. Rows include CARRIED, DEFEATED, TABLED, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and WITHDRAWN.

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: _____

Table with 2 columns: Mayor - Melanie Pilon, Clerk - Maury O'Neill. Includes handwritten signatures for both roles.



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

April 23, 2026

Sent via Email:

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, pm@pm.gc.ca
Senator Robert Black, robert.black@sen.parl.gc.ca
The Honourable Steve MacKinnon, Minister of Transportation, steven.mackinnon@parl.gc.ca
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
M.P. Emma Harrison, Emma.Harrison@parl.gc.ca
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Rural Ontario Municipal Association, roma@roma.on.ca
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, info@eowc.org
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan Resolution - ALTO High Speed Rail

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, at its meeting on April 20th, 2026 passed the following resolution:

R83-2026

The council of the Township of Otonabee South Monaghan wishes to formally register opposition to the ALTO High Speed rail project as it is currently proposed. We find the first round of consultation to be inadequate, and critical information is lacking. This includes but is not limited to:

- the location of the route and the social and economic impact that will divide communities,
- how landowners directly and indirectly affected by this route will be compensated,
- how much agricultural land will be taken out of production,
- how environmental impact will be mitigated,
- how municipalities will be compensated for land assessment loss,
- how many rural roads will be dead ended at the tracks,
- where overpasses will be constructed,

- how municipalities will be compensated for increased road maintenance and emergency response costs due to these closures,
- how a project which travels through a small section of Canada and benefits a very small percentage of our urban population can be considered “Nation Building”,
- a very weak and extremely long-term business case with no unknown long term financial impact,
- a project that will add substantially to an already crippling national debt load of approximately \$1.4 trillion, which currently costs Canadians about \$75 million/day to service.

Moved by: Nick Powers; seconded by: Bonnie Clark

Yes: Bonnie Clark, Joe Taylor, Mark Allen, Terry Holmes, and Nick Powers

Carried 5-0

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan



Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk



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April 24, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario;
MP Emma Harrison;
Paul Thompson, Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Rob Wright, Deputy Minister of Labour and Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Cliff Groen, Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
MPP Dave Smith;
Daniele Zanotti, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services;
Cordelia Clarke Julien, Assistant Deputy Minister Social Assistance Program Branch;
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and
All Ontario Municipalities

Subject: Guaranteed Basic Income Resolution

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 30, 2026, is forwarded for your consideration.

WHEREAS:

- 1. Poverty and income insecurity continue to negatively impact the health and well-being of residents in Peterborough and across Ontario;**
- 2. Municipal governments bear significant costs from the downstream effects of poverty, including increased demand for social services, emergency shelters, and community programs;**
- 3. Evidence from the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (2017–2019) and comparable programs demonstrated meaningful improvements in health, housing stability, and food security among participants;**



City of
Peterborough

4. A Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) requires collaboration between the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to design, fund, and implement effectively; and
5. Municipalities, as the order of government closest to residents, are well-positioned to advocate for income security policies that reflect local needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council urges the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to collaborate on the design, funding, and implementation of a Guaranteed Basic Income for all Canadian residents;
2. Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to reinstate a basic income pilot with a view to province-wide implementation; and
3. The Clerk be directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, our local MPP and MP, relevant federal and provincial Ministers, AMO and FCM, and to share it with all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kennedy".

John Kennedy
City Clerk

April 28, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Protecting Students – School Bus Stop-Arm Camera

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday April 20, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0070 regarding Protecting Students – School Bus Stop-Arm Camera.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0070.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Joseph Racinsky, MPP Wellington – Halton Hills
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Halton District School Board
Halton Catholic District School Board
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THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0070
Title: Protecting Students – School Bus Stop-Arm Camera
Date: April 20, 2026
Moved by: Councillor J. Brass
Seconded by: Councillor M. Kindbom

Item No. 12.1

WHEREAS the safety of children travelling to and from school is a fundamental priority for the Town of Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS illegal passing of stopped school buses continues to occur in Ontario, placing children at serious and preventable risk;

AND WHEREAS stop-arm camera systems improve driver compliance, support enforcement, and enhance accountability through reliable video evidence;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills has consistently advocated for stronger school bus safety measures, including Council support in 2017 for a pilot initiative with Halton Regional Police to collect data on stop-arm violations, a March 25, 2019 resolution supporting the continued placement of school bus cameras, and a July 10, 2023 resolution, calling for provincial action to require stop-arm cameras on school buses and fund their implementation;

AND WHEREAS despite this longstanding advocacy, illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a persistent safety concern, demonstrating the need for stronger and more consistent province-wide action;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and school boards require modern enforcement tools, clear provincial rules, and equitable access to safety technology in order to protect students in communities of all sizes;

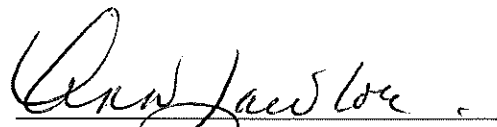
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Halton Hills reaffirms its longstanding support for enhanced school bus safety measures, including stop-arm camera systems;

AND FURTHER THAT Council reiterates and strengthens its previous requests to the Province of Ontario to take decisive action on this matter;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to:

- a. mandate the installation of stop-arm camera systems on all school buses operating in Ontario;
- b. provide full or substantial funding support, together with a standardized provincial implementation framework, to enable municipalities and school boards to deploy this technology effectively and consistently; and
- c. fully implement and standardize enforcement mechanisms, including the administrative monetary penalty framework and related regulations, to support compliance and effective enforcement across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, MPP Joseph Racinsky, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, local school boards, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



Municipality of Huron Shores
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May 1, 2026

Subject: *Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal for 2026 Provincial Budget*

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #26-08-15 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the resolution of the Town of Saugeen Shores endorsing the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) proposal to include \$10 million per year in the 2026 Provincial Budget for the Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant program;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk
NR/KN

Cc: Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities



Town of Saugeen Shores
600 Tomlinson Drive, P.O. Box 820
Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C0

March 23, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance
minister.fin@ontario.ca

The Honourable Graham McGregor, MPP
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
graham.mcgregor@pc.ola.org

RE: Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding

At the March 23, 2026, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, the attached motion was passed endorsing the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding.

Sincerely,

Hailey Leigh-Mossley
Deputy Clerk
Encl.

cc. MPP Lisa Thompson
All Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SAUGEEN SHORES

MOVED BY: C. Grace

RESOLUTION NO: 096-2026

SECONDED BY: M. Myatt

DATE: March 23, 2026

Whereas older buildings have inherent sustainability and provide economic, environmental and social benefits for Ontario communities; and,

Whereas re-use of existing buildings reduces the need for increased infrastructure that accompanies new builds such as sewer and water services, new roads and sidewalks; and,

Whereas re-use of existing building can reduce construction waste and extend the life expectancy of landfills; and,

Whereas keeping older buildings helps a community remain visually richer and enhances identity while building its tourism brand and appeal; and,

Whereas creating a new, application-based, matching grant program of \$10M/year, modelled on an existing Alberta program would incentivize owners and smaller developers to keep, fix and reuse heritage buildings to create new housing; and,

Whereas such a grant program would provide an alternative to the Ontario heritage property tax relief program, which has limited impact on developers and reduces municipal revenues; and,

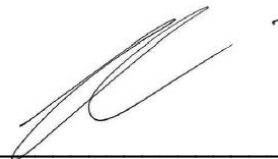
Whereas such a grant program would provide a simpler and more direct way for heritage building owners to fund renovations or conservation; and,

Whereas Ontario developers surveyed by the National Trust for Canada in 2014 ranked a heritage-revolving fund as their top incentive to encourage heritage development if:

- the grants are simple to apply for and to administer; and,
- the fund is large enough to meet at least 33% of the demand so that applicants have a reasonable chance of recovering the cost and effort of applying.

Therefore, be it Resolved That the Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores endorse the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding, and that this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and MPP Lisa Thompson, and be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

- Carried
- Carried, as amended
- Defeated
- Deferred
- Referred
- Tabled
- Withdrawn



Mayor



Municipality of Huron Shores
7 Bridge Street, PO Box 460
Iron Bridge, ON P0R 1H0
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May 1, 2026

Subject: *Tar and Chip*

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #26-08-16 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the request of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider the use of lighter-grade oils for chip-and-tar surface treatment, or develop a suitable alternative, in recognition of the reduced durability and increased maintenance costs experienced by municipalities;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Good Roads, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk
NR/KN

Cc: Ministry of the Environment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Good Roads, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities



Box 608, Little Current, POP 1K0
705-368-3500

Please see below a Resolution passed by the Council of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

If your Council supports this motion please share with the appropriate Ministries and Organizations.

Thank You

Resolution No. 75-03-2026

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: P. Aelick

Whereas the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, like many municipalities, utilizes chip-and-tar surface treatment on a significant portion of its road network; and

Whereas the Town has observed a substantial decrease in the length of time these treated roads remain in acceptable condition; and

Whereas the quality and durability of the oil used in the surface treatment appears to be a contributing factor; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment amended its regulations several years ago, permitting only lighter-grade oils for environmental considerations; and

Whereas the reduced durability of the lighter-grade product has resulted in more frequent resurfacing cycles and has consequently led to increasing maintenance costs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands respectfully requests that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil, taking into account the increased number of applications required, as well as the associated additional time, energy, and financial burden placed on municipalities or develops a better alternative oil.

And Further that this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, AMO, Good Roads, FONOM, MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all other municipalities.

Carried

Sent by Email

May 1, 2026

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
MPP Pickering-Uxbridge
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Pickering, ON L1V 1C3
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Subject: Corr. 06-26
Tracy Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees, Durham District School Board
Re: Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on April 27, 2026 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 06-26, from Tracy Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees, Durham District School Board, dated March 26, 2026, regarding a Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region MP's, Durham Region MPP's, John Henry, Regional Chair, The Regional Municipality of Durham, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), all Ontario Municipalities, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, and all Durham District School Board Trustees.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your information.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: Juanita Nathan, MP Pickering-Brooklin
Jennifer McKelvie, MP Ajax
Ryan Turnbull, MP Whitby
Rhonda Kirkland, MP Oshawa
Jamil Jivani, MP Bowmanville-Oshawa North
Jacob Mantle, MP York-Durham
Hon. Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham
Rob Cerjanec, MPP Ajax
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby
Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
John Henry, Regional Chair, The Regional Municipality of Durham
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Chief Administrative Officer



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March 26, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Premier's Office
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

And

The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
Ministry of Education
315 Front Street West, 14th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 0B8

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca; minister.edu@ontario.ca

Re: Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board, I am writing to request that a province-wide consultation process take place before making any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees.

The potential elimination of trustees is concerning and represents a significant shift in Ontario's education governance. Trustees serve as a longstanding, essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system. Any change of this magnitude should not be considered without seeking input through evidence-based research and meaningful public engagement.

It is essential that communities have an opportunity to fully understand and respond to the implications of a proposal that would remove school board trustees, which may have unintended negative consequences on the communities that we are elected to serve. We understand you have recently heard from a number of other boards across the province, and we strongly agree with the statement from our colleagues at Avon Maitland DSB that *"transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of this proposal is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue."*

Durham Region includes diverse, urban, suburban, and rural communities, all with vastly varying histories and needs. Local representation ensures the unique needs of each of our communities are considered and met. As a Board of Trustees, we are firmly and proudly



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committed to promoting meaningful learning, connected communities, and well-being, being responsive to the priorities of the local community in carrying out our duties and responsibilities.

In parallel to this letter, we are also writing to the Ombudsman's Office to request an immediate review of the potential impacts of removing school board trustees with respect to fairness, openness, transparency, and accountability.

We thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Tracy Brown
Chair, Board of Trustees
Durham District School Board

cc.

Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) for Durham Region
Members of Parliament (MPs) for Durham Region
Regional Chair, Mayors and Council for Durham Region Municipalities
Ontario Public School Boards' Association and Members Board
DDSB Board of Trustees

April 28, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday April 20, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0071 regarding Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0071.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- cc. The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Region of Halton MPPs
Region of Halton
City of Burlington
Town of Milton
Town of Oakville
All Ontario municipalities



TOWN OF
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THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0071

Title: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Date: April 20, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS municipalities, including the Town of Halton Hills, play a critical role in delivering essential services and infrastructure that support growing and evolving communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are increasingly contributing to areas that intersect with provincial responsibilities, such as housing, social services, and certain capital obligations, placing additional pressure on property tax-based revenue systems;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenue tools, particularly property taxes, are limited in their ability to keep pace with growth, inflation, and the expanding expectations placed on local governments;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills continues to invest in critical infrastructure, including roads, water, stormwater, emergency services, and recreation, to support both existing residents and future growth;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have identified opportunities to better align municipal funding tools with the realities of modern service delivery and growth pressures;

AND WHEREAS ensuring long-term financial sustainability for municipalities is essential to maintaining service levels, supporting housing targets, and protecting affordability for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Halton Hills respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, in collaboration with AMO, FCM and other municipal partners, undertake a comprehensive review of the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, with a view to strengthening long-term sustainability and alignment of responsibilities;

AND FURTHER THAT this review considers opportunities to:

- better align funding responsibilities with service delivery expectations;
- explore sustainable, growth-related revenue tools that reflect the demands placed on municipalities; and
- support a funding framework that enables municipalities to accommodate growth while protecting affordability for residents;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to continue working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that funding frameworks become responsive to community needs and evolving growth pressures;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; The Region of Halton MPP's and MP's; Halton area Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Ann Lawlor