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**Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: May 25th, 2026
Correspondence Package No. I-26-MAY-10**

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-26-MAY-10 be received as information and filed accordingly.

General Information Items:

- 1. Correspondence from the Government of Ontario**
 - a) Ontario Reducing Wait Times for Police Records Checks
 - b) Province Welcomes Uber Canada to Ontario Corps
 - c) New Affordable and Supportive Housing Coming to Renfrew County
- 2. Correspondence from the County of Renfrew**
 - a) Construction Update – May 2026
 - b) County of Renfrew Celebrates Early Years and Child Care Workforce 13th Annual May Day Event
- 3. Correspondence from the Town of Arnprior**
 - a) Notice of Public Meeting: ZBL-2-26
- 4. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
 - a) AMO's Free Campaign Readiness Workshops
 - b) Watchfile – May 7, 2026
 - c) AMO Conference 2026
 - d) What to Watch: The New Watchfile
 - e) Policy Update – Advocacy on Bill 98 and Potential Amendments to the Police Record Checks Reform Act

5. Correspondence from the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan

- a) Newsletter – May 8, 2026
- b) Newsletter – May 15, 2026

6. Correspondence from Other Municipalities

- a) Town of Petawawa – Protecting Municipal Public Works Staff and Contractors
- b) Town of Bruce Mines – Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026 – Schedule 7
- c) City of Richmond Hill – Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- d) County of Prince Edward – Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax
- e) County of Prince Edward – Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- f) County of Prince Edward – Ontario Heritage Act
- g) Township of Woolwich – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties
- h) Township of Stone Mills – Opposition of Changes to FIPPA

7. Correspondence from Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus

- a) Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle
- b) Eastern Ontario Municipal Leaders Bring Unified Voice to Queen's Park

8. Correspondence from Corridor Train Alliance

- a) Dedicated track modern passenger rail line in the 401-corridor area

9. Correspondence from Arnprior McNab Braeside Archives

- a) Thank you from Janis Hernández

Ontario Reducing Wait Times for Police Record Checks

Proposed changes would support people seeking employment and volunteer roles

May 07, 2026

[Solicitor General](#)

BARRIE — As part of an upcoming legislative package, the Ontario government is proposing to amend the [Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015](#) to reduce wait times for police record checks for people working or volunteering with vulnerable populations such as children, seniors and people with disabilities. The proposed changes would support efficient screening of potential employees and volunteers while maintaining robust standards that will protect those in the vulnerable sector.

“Delays in getting a vulnerable sector check should never stand in the way of someone getting a job or giving back to their community,” said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. “That’s why we are taking action to reduce wait times and improve how checks are being processed while ensuring the strongest safeguards remain in place.”

Vulnerable sector checks require more detailed screening than other police record checks, which can lead to longer processing times. The proposed amendments would allow designated police services to support periods of high demand by processing vulnerable sector checks for applicants who live outside their jurisdiction. This added flexibility is expected to reduce delays for applicants and improve overall efficiency.

Implementation of these changes would involve coordination with federal partners, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Public Safety Canada, to give designated police services access to federal databases.

Modernizing police record checks is part of the government’s ongoing work to keep streets and communities safe, strengthen enforcement, crack down on crime and protect victims and vulnerable people across Ontario.

Quick Facts

- A police record check is a tool that helps organizations assess an individual's suitability for employment, volunteer work, or licensing.
 - Police services in Ontario process over one million police record checks annually, with more than 70 per cent being vulnerable sector checks.
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Quotes

"In 2025, the Barrie Police Service provided just under 14,000 criminal record checks, of which 11,354 were vulnerable sector checks (VSC). These numbers have been increasing year after year. Our Records and Information Management Services Unit strives to complete all record checks, including vulnerable sector checks as soon as possible, however the proposed changes would make it even easier for applicants to apply for and receive their VSC in a convenient and timely manner. We look forward to being able to help more applicants give back and support their communities."

- Rich Johnston
Chief of Barrie Police Service

"As one of the region's largest employers and a hospital that relies heavily on vulnerable sector checks, modernizing police record checks will have a meaningful impact on our ability to hire and onboard staff quickly and safely. Shorter wait times and more predictable processing will help hospitals like ours avoid staffing delays, reduce stress for new hires, and ensure the safeguards that protect patients remain strong. These changes support both public safety and timely access to care, which is essential for the communities we serve."

- Gail Hunt
President and CEO, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre

Additional Resources

- [Police record checks](#)
 - [Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015](#)
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Related Topics

Courts, justice and law

Ontario's laws and related information about our legal system, emergency services, the Ontario Provincial Police and victim services. [Learn more](#)

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Province Welcomes Uber Canada to Ontario Corps

Ontario building network of partners and volunteers to help protect communities during emergencies and natural disasters

May 07, 2026

[Emergency Preparedness and Response](#)

TORONTO — The government is continuing to expand Ontario Corps by welcoming its latest partner [Uber Canada](#) to provide safe and reliable transportation for supplies and people during emergencies. Through Ontario Corps, the province is delivering on its plan to protect Ontario by creating a network of partners and dedicated volunteers ready to respond to local emergencies and deploy critical resources at a moment's notice.

"We are thrilled to welcome Uber into our Ontario Corps network to expand our emergency transportation resources to ensure our communities receive help quickly and efficiently," said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response. "When time is of the essence, delivering life-saving supplies across Ontario can make all the difference during emergencies."

Wherever Uber Canada operates, they can provide safe and reliable transportation to evacuation and reception centres, medical centres and other critical destinations by offering vouchers to community members and first responders for free or discounted rides. They can also deliver essential supplies including meals and hygiene products, move donated goods between warehouses and donation centres, and help coordinate large shipments of relief supplies to communities in need.

The Ontario Corps network can be mobilized within 24 to 72 hours to help communities hit hard by emergencies, deploying resources such as personnel, debris removal tools and machinery, supplies, flood barriers and drones.

People of all skill levels and professional backgrounds are encouraged to [volunteer for Ontario Corps](#) to help their communities during emergencies. Volunteers will be provided with training and matched with partner organizations based on their skill levels, interests and availability.

Quick Facts

- Ontario Corps was successfully deployed on several occasions, including during the 2026 spring flooding and the 2025 ice storm and wildland fire response.
 - During 2026 spring flooding, Ontario Corps partners and volunteers helped with filling and placing sandbags, supporting an evacuation centre and providing mental health supports.
 - 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

"Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is making historic investments in transportation infrastructure to keep people and goods moving safely across Ontario. When emergencies happen, communities need transportation options they can count on. Welcoming Uber Canada to Ontario Corps will help move evacuees, first responders and essential supplies quickly and safely when it matters most."

**- Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation**

"In emergencies, access to reliable transportation and logistics can make a real difference in keeping people safe and communities connected. This partnership with Ontario Corps reflects Uber Canada's commitment to showing up for communities across the province, helping people get to safety and supporting the movement of essential goods and services when they are needed most. By working alongside the Government of Ontario and emergency response partners, we can help strengthen preparedness, improve coordination, and support communities as they respond to and recover from disasters."

**- Laura Miller
Head of Public Policy and Communications, Uber Canada**

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Corps](#)
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New Affordable and Supportive Housing Coming to Renfrew County

May 19, 2026

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

Renfrew, Ontario – To provide Canadians with increased access to affordable and sustainable housing, the Governments of Canada and Ontario jointly invested \$613,355 through the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) to build 3 supportive housing units in the County of Renfrew.

Located at 135 Francis Street in the Town of Renfrew, the Francis Street Triplex was completed in February 2026 and is expected to welcome residents beginning in June 2026. This project is designed to foster an inclusive and supportive community, with wheelchair-accessible units ensuring barrier-free living for all residents. Priority will be given to individuals with medical and accessibility needs, with tenants selected through the centralized waitlist to promote fairness and transparency. Residents will have access to individualized supports tailored to their unique needs, helping them maintain housing stability.

In March 2026, the Governments of Canada and Ontario signed the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build in support of the shared goals of boosting housing supply, advancing key transit projects, and strengthening economic growth. Under this new partnership, the federal government and the Province of Ontario will cost-match a total of \$8.8 billion over 10 years to support housing-enabling infrastructure projects in Ontario, and the funding will be prioritized for municipalities that reduce and maintain reductions on development charges. This marks the federal government's first partnership through the Build Communities Strong Fund.

Solving Canada's housing crisis requires immediate action to bring down costs. Central to this work, the Government of Canada has launched Build Canada Homes, which is helping increase the pace of affordable homebuilding. Build Canada Homes is also helping fight homelessness by building transitional and supportive housing — working with provinces, territories, municipalities, and Indigenous communities. It is building deeply affordable and community housing

for low-income households and partnering with private market developers to build affordable homes for the Canadian middle class. As part of the Government of Canada's broader efforts to respond to the housing crisis, investments are being made across the housing continuum to meet the needs of communities across Canada.

Quick Facts

- The **National Housing Strategy (NHS)** is a 10 year, \$115+ billion plan to give more Canadians a place to call home. Progress on programs and initiatives is updated quarterly on the [Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada \(HICC\) website](#). The [Housing and Infrastructure Project Map](#) shows affordable housing projects that have been developed.
 - As of December 2025, the federal government has committed \$76.13 billion to support the creation of over 195,800 units and the repair of over 359,400 units. These measures prioritize those in greatest need, including seniors, Indigenous Peoples, people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and women and children fleeing violence.
 - NHS (National Housing Strategy) is built on strong partnerships between the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, and continuous engagement with others, including municipalities, Indigenous governments and organizations, and the social and private housing sectors. This includes consultations with Canadians from all walks of life, and people with lived experience of housing need.
 - The **Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI)** is a funding initiative delivered as part of the Canada-Ontario Bilateral Agreement under the National Housing Strategy.
 - Designed to protect affordability for households in social housing, funding can be used to help repair, regenerate and expand community housing,
 - Funding can also be used to provide rental assistance to those living in social and affordable housing, and to support community housing providers whose original program arrangements are expiring.
 - Funding provided for the Francis Street Triplex is as follows:
 - \$613,355 from the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) for the construction of 3 supportive housing units.
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Quotes

"Our Government is committed to providing communities the support they need to build capacity to develop local solutions to their housing needs. Access to adequate, affordable housing is the foundation for socio-economic success. It supports better education and health outcomes, better employment prospects and better community engagement and cohesion, not to mention economic growth and financial security."

**- The Honourable Gregor Robertson
Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific
Economic Development Canada**

"By cutting red tape, investing in housing and critical infrastructure, and collaborating with all our partners, Ontario is creating the conditions to build more homes faster across the province. Today's announcement displays our commitment to making sure people can access safe and affordable housing that meets their needs, and what can be achieved when we work together to protect Ontario and our communities."

**- The Honourable Rob Flack
Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

"Projects like the Francis Street Triplex are making a real difference here in Renfrew County. By investing in supportive housing, we are helping ensure that some of our most vulnerable residents have access to safe, stable housing and the supports they need to live with dignity."

**- Billy Denault
Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke**

"In Renfrew County, we know that strong communities are built by working together. This project is a great example of what can be achieved through collaboration, and we're thankful for the support of our provincial and federal partners in making it a reality. Every new unit we open represents a real difference in someone's life – whether it's a fresh start, a safe place to live, or the ability to stay in the community they call home. That's why this work matters, and why we will keep moving forward, one project at a time."

- Jennifer Murphy
Warden, County of Renfrew

Additional Resources

- Visit canada.ca/housing for the most-requested Government of Canada housing information.
 - Build Canada Homes is ready to partner with organizations committed to increasing the supply of affordable housing across Canada. [Learn more](#) about the portal and the Investment Policy Framework.
 - [CMHC \(Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation\)](#) plays a critical role as a national convenor to promote stability and sustainability in Canada's housing finance system. [CMHC's \(Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's\)](#) mortgage insurance products support access to home ownership and the creation and maintenance of rental supply. [CMHC \(Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation\)](#) research and data help inform housing policy. By facilitating cooperation between all levels of government, private and non-profit sectors, [CMHC \(Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation\)](#) contributes to advancing housing affordability, equity, and climate compatibility. [CMHC \(Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation\)](#) actively supports the Government of Canada in delivering on its commitment to make housing more affordable. Follow [CMHC \(Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation\)](#) on [X](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).
 - Ontario recently passed the [Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026](#), building on the [Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025](#), which helps speed up the construction of new homes and infrastructure by streamlining development processes, modernizing planning rules, and reducing costs, in partnership with municipalities.
 - For more information on affordable housing in Ontario, visit ontario.ca/affordablehousing or follow us on [X](#).
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Related Topics

Family and social services

Services for children, youth, families and individuals who need support, and advancing the interests of women across Ontario. Includes information on major life events and care options, including marriage, births and child care. [Learn more](#)

Home and housing

Information about housing in Ontario and planning resources for municipalities. [Learn more](#)

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Construction Update - May 2026

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County Road 69 (Siberia Road), Township of Madawaska Valley

Construction Update – May 6, 2026

The Department of Public Works and Engineering provides monthly updates on construction projects within the County of Renfrew. Please share this notice to keep everyone informed of upcoming construction projects. Please contact our office should you have any questions or concerns about County construction or general operations.

To review details and maps of all of the County's 2026 construction plans, please visit the 2026 Construction Story Map at <https://arcg.is/1K5Hnu1>.

For up-to-date information on active projects and their traffic impacts, please visit Municipal511 at <https://www.municipal511.ca/>.

Upcoming Projects

County Road 66 (Wilno South Road) – Townships of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards and Madawaska Valley

Construction on Wilno South Road, from Highway 60 to Inukshuk Road, is expected to start May 11, 2026 and finish mid-July. During construction, parts of Wilno South

Road will be reduced to a single lane with lights or workers directing traffic, and some work will also require a temporary road closure.

County Road 68 (Rockingham Road) – Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

Construction on Rockingham Road, from Guiney Road to Letterkenny Road, is expected to start May 19, 2026 and finish late-June. During construction, parts of Rockingham Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

Ongoing Projects

County Road 4 (Storyland Road) – Township of Horton

Construction on County Road 4, from Eady Road to Alex Lane is carry-over work from last season. Construction is anticipated to begin mid-to-late May and is anticipated to be completed early June. During construction, parts of Storyland Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Road 69 (Siberia Road) – Township of Madawaska Valley

Construction on Siberia Road, from Sunny Hill Road to Pipedream Lane, started May 4, 2026, and is expected to finish early-July. During construction, parts of Siberia Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Road 71 (Matawatchan Road) – Township of Greater Madawaska

Construction on County Road 71, from 700m east of Milty Lake Road to County Road 65 (Centennial Lake Road) is carry-over work from last season. Construction is anticipated to began May 4, 2026, and is anticipated to be completed the week of May 11, 2026. During construction, parts of Matawatchan Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Road 508 (Calabogie Road) – Townships of Greater Madawaska and McNab/Braeside

Brushing along County Road 508 (Calabogie Road), from Fleming Road to County Road 52 (Burnstown Road), started April 27, 2026, and is expected to finish mid-May. During brushing, parts of Calabogie Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic. The replacement of culverts along this section of Calabogie Road is expected to start early-June and be completed early-July. During construction for culvert replacements, parts of Calabogie Road will be fully closed temporarily, with a detour in place, while other parts of Calabogie Road will be partially closed with only one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic. The remaining rehabilitation of this section of Calabogie Road is expected to start mid-August and be completed late-October.

County Road 512 (Foymount Road) – Township of Bonnechere Valley along County Road 512, from Silver Lake Road to Highway 41 is carry-over work from last

season. Construction is anticipated to begin mid-to late May and be completed by mid-June. During construction, parts of Foymount Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Structure C201 (Broomes Creek Culvert & Dam) – Township of Whitewater Region

Construction on Broomes Creek Culvert and Dam, located on County Road 7 (Foresters Falls Road), about 0.1 kilometres east of Foresters Falls, resumed May 4, 2026, and is expected to be completed in early August. During construction, the road at this location will remain closed to all traffic, with a signed detour using Kohlsmith Road and Queens Line in place. There will be no pedestrian access during the project.

For the safety of all, please use extra caution when travelling through construction zones.



County Structure C201 (Broomes Creek Culvert and Dam), Township of Whitewater Region

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County of Renfrew Celebrates Early Years and Child Care Workforce at 13th Annual May Day Event

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On May 8, hundreds of early years and child care professionals from across Renfrew County, along with Ministry of Education and Community Services staff, gathered at the Petawawa Civic Centre for the 13th annual May Day, a full day of connection, recognition, and professional learning. The morning session featured Erin Curtis, Director and Caregiver Educator at Dragonfly Family and Learning Services, who spoke on "Understanding Autism, ADHD, and Functions of Behaviour."

More than 500 take part in full day of connection, recognition and professional learning

RELEASE DATE:

May 8, 2026

The County of Renfrew's Community Services Department welcomed early years and child care professionals from across the region to the 13th Annual May Day Early Years and Child Care Conference at the Petawawa Civic Centre on Friday, May 8, 2026.

This annual event brings together approximately 550 educators, home child care providers, EarlyON professionals, Early Childhood Education students, Ministry of Education and Community Services staff for a full day of connection, recognition, and professional learning.

“May Day is an opportunity to come together as a sector to recognize the incredible work happening every day in our communities. It is also a time to invest in the people who are at the heart of supporting children and families during some of the most important years of development,” said County of Renfrew Warden Jennifer Murphy.

The morning session featured Erin Curtis, who spoke on “Understanding Autism, ADHD, and Functions of Behaviour.” Ms. Curtis, Director and Parent Educator at Dragonfly Family and Learning Services, brings years of experience supporting neurodivergent children and families.

The afternoon session featured Michelle Hillier, founder of *Breath & Fire*, presenting “Awaken Your Flame.” Ms. Hillier’s work blends mindfulness, resilience-building, and reflective practice to help professionals reconnect with their passion and purpose. Her session provided practical strategies for sustaining energy, enhancing well-being, and nurturing the emotional strength needed to thrive in the early years and child care field.

The event also celebrated the incredible contributions of local early years and child care professionals, with awards recognizing leadership, dedication, and innovation across the sector. These awards acknowledged the outstanding impact individuals and teams have made in supporting children, families, and the broader Renfrew County community.

As the Service System Manager for child care and early years, the County of Renfrew plays a key role in supporting a strong, accessible, and high-quality system for children and families. Events like May Day reflect an ongoing commitment to strengthening the workforce and fostering collaboration across the sector.

“The early years workforce plays a critical role not only in supporting children and families, but in building strong, healthy communities. This event is an important way to recognize that impact and to show our appreciation for the dedication and professionalism of those working in the field,” added Councillor Anne Giardini, Chair of the County’s Community Services Committee.

In addition to recognition and professional learning, the event reflects the sector’s ongoing commitment to community care. Each year, attendees are invited to bring donations in support of a local organization. In 2026, contributions will be directed to the Renfrew County Mesa HART Hub, supporting individuals and families in need across the region.

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**The Corporation of the Town of Arnprior
Notice of Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment
ZBL-2-26 and Notice of Public Meeting**

Take Notice that pursuant to the requirements of the Planning Act, the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior advises that an application for amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 6875-18, as amended, has been received and was deemed a complete application.

And Further, Take Notice that an in-person public meeting giving the public an opportunity to make representations in respect of the zoning amendment will be held on **Monday, June 8, 2026**, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior.

Subject Lands:

The lands subject to the application are 4, 8, 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, 55, 59 and 63 Leo Moskos St. (lots 1- 2, and 99-109 on Plan 49M-75) Arnprior, ON (see key map).

Purpose & Effect of the Amendment:

The proposed amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 6875-18 is

to amend the zoning of 4, 59, and 63 Leo Moskos St. (lots 1, 99 and 100 on Plan 49M-75) from Residential Three exception eleven (R3*11) to Residential Three exception fifty-two (R3*52) to increase the maximum driveway width from “50% of the frontage of the lot up to a maximum of 7.0 meters” to “50% of the frontage of the lot up to a maximum of 9.15 meters”, and;

to amend the zoning of 8, 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, and 55 Leo Moskos St. (lots 2, and 101-109 on Plan 49M-75) from Residential Three exception eleven (R3*11) to Residential Three exception fifty-three (R3*53) to increase the maximum driveway width from “50% of the frontage of the lot up to a maximum of 7.0 meters” to “60% of the frontage of the lot up to a maximum of 9.15 meters”

More Information:

Copies of the proposed amendment, material provided under Section 34 of the Planning Act and any additional information relating to the proposal, are available for inspection at 105 Elgin St. W. by contacting the Planning office at 613-623-4231 ext. 1816 during regular office hours or by emailing planning@arnprior.ca.

Any person may participate in the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the amendment.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Arnprior to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Arnprior before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Arnprior before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Town of Arnprior on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Town of Arnprior c/o Planning, Town of Arnprior, 105 Elgin St. W., Arnprior ON K7S 0A8.

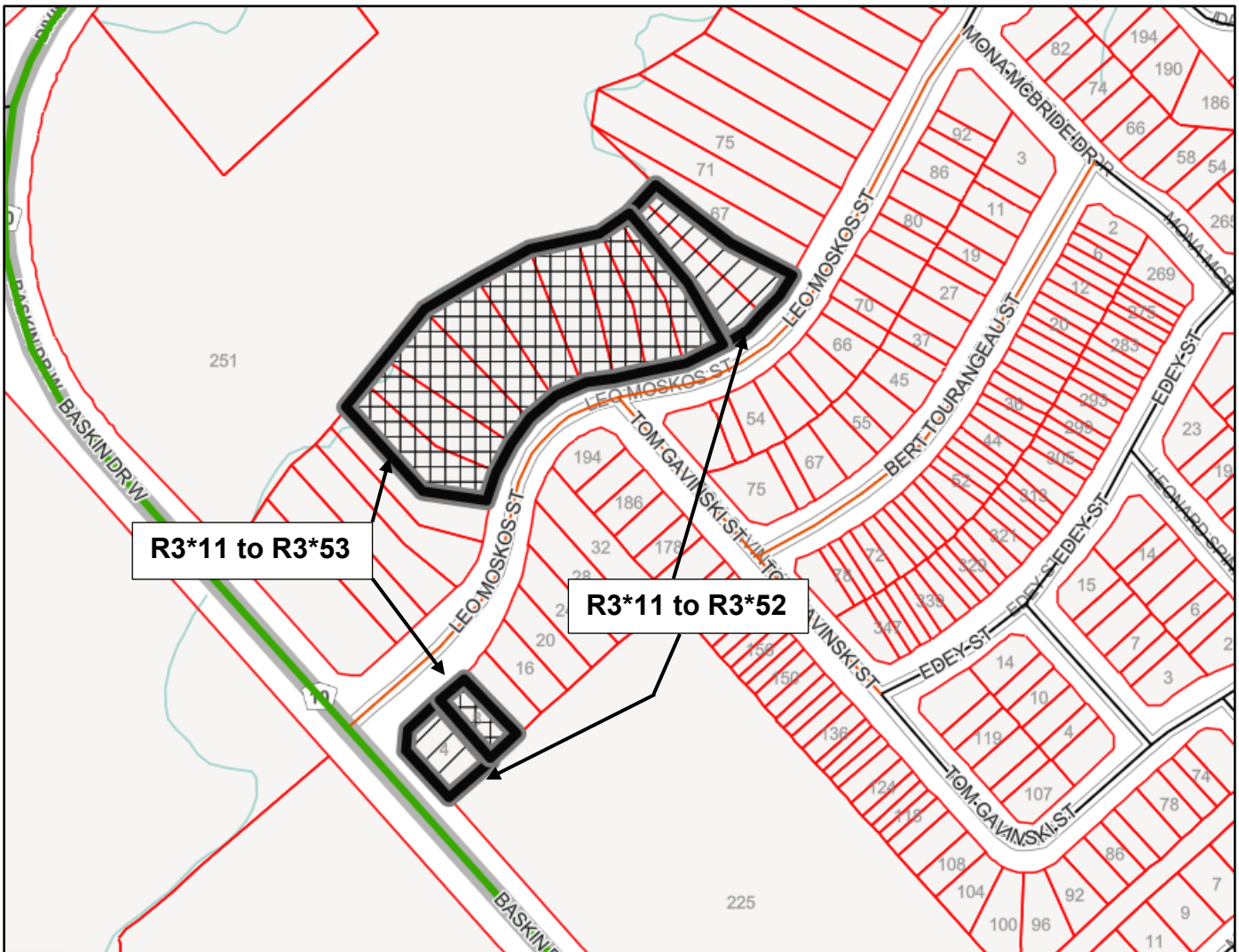
If you are receiving this notice because you are the owner of property in the area of the amendment that contains seven or more residential units, you must also post this notice in a location that is visible to all of the residents of your property.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record. The Town will disclose/make this information available as the Town deems appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Town with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

Dated at the Town of Arnprior this 15th day of May 2026.

Kaila Zamojski, Clerk
Town of Arnprior
105 Elgin Street West
Arnprior, ON, K7S 0A8

Key Map:



Kaitlyn Wendland

From: AMO Education <events@amo.on.ca>
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Subject: AMO's Free Campaign Readiness Workshops



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

Inquires: events@amo.on.ca

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AMO Matters

Nominations for the 2026–2028 AMO Board of Directors Election are open until Monday, June 22, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (ET). If you are thinking of running, or want to encourage someone else to step forward, visit the [AMO Board Elections Webpage](#) for information on open positions, eligibility criteria, and nomination requirements. Questions can be directed to amoelections@amo.on.ca.

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Federal Matters

Environment and Climate Change Canada are seeking feedback on their Sustainable Development Strategy by May 12. [Provide your feedback](#) through online questionnaire, by e-mail, or through participating in an upcoming webinar.

Education Opportunities

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.](#)

Newly elected municipal officials 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.](#)

Join AMO's CCBF team on May 14th from 1-3 pm for a webinar on how to use your Housing Needs Assessment. [Read more](#) here, and [click here to register.](#)

LAS

LAS has a bright solution to your lighting needs as the government phases out mercury lamps this year. Our [Facility Lighting Service](#) provides complete turn-key upgrades for your lighting systems. [Contact us today](#) for a free budget proposal.

When aging private water and sewer lines fail, homeowners can face severe financial stress. They often turn to the municipality for answers. Our latest blog explains how you can support local homeowner education and a positive economic impact by offering a sewer and water line warranty service through SLWC. [Read it here.](#)

Municipal Wire*

The deadline to apply for the next intake of the AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program - is tomorrow 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.](#)

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Careers

[Ombudsman - Legislative Assembly of Ontario / l'Assemblée législative de l'Ontario](#). Closing Date: May 22, 2026.

[Fleet Specialist - Intact Public Entities](#). Closing Date: June 6, 2026.

[Chief Wastewater Treatment Operator - City of Windsor](#). Closing Date: May 29, 2026.

[Parks Operator, Horticulture - Town of Orangeville](#). Closing Date: May 13, 2026.

[Deputy Clerk and Community Engagement - Town of Parry Sound](#). Closing Date: May 15, 2026.

[Manager, Strategic Partnerships & Government Relations - Town of Caledon](#). Closing Date: May 21, 2026.

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3 Months Until the AMO Conference

August 16-19 – Ottawa

Hello AMO Member,

We are officially three months away from the AMO 2026 annual conference! As provincial priorities evolve, a strong and united municipal voice needs to be clearly represented now more than ever.

The AMO conference is where this advocacy becomes direct engagement with face-to-face conversations, delegation meetings and the Ministers' Forum.

Your attendance matters.

[Register Now](#)

Don't forget - delegation meeting requests are closing next Thursday, May 21, 2026. If you haven't already, [complete the municipal delegation request form](#) for an opportunity to bring your community's concerns directly to provincial ministers. You'll need to register to attend the conference to participate in these meetings.

Regardless of what lies ahead, AMO's commitment to advocating for its members does not waver. And the AMO conference is where this advocacy comes to life.

See you in Ottawa.

Choose a caucus when registering for the AMO Conference.

If you are registering for someone else, please ensure that you choose the right caucus! The caucus selection determines your eligibility to vote for AMO Board members within that caucus and grants you access to that caucus lunch on Monday, Aug 17.

Elected officials must select one caucus, and all other delegates, including municipal staff, will be assigned to the "non-voting lunch".

The deadline to change caucus selection is July 31, 2026, and will not be accommodated onsite at the conference. Changes must be submitted in writing before the deadline to events@amo.on.ca.

Visit the [conference page](#) for more information.

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May 14, 2026

Welcome to the new AMO Watchfile!

Today, more than 16 years and 853 issues after its launch in January 2010, we're pleased to introduce a refreshed design for AMO's weekly Watchfile.

It's built to be clear and easy to read, while maintaining the familiarity and key resources, events, and information you've come to expect.

2026-2028 AMO Board of Directors Nominations

Are you interested in running for the AMO Board of Directors? Visit our website for the Board elections guide and nomination form.

[Submit Your Nomination](#)

Last Call: Delegation Meeting Requests Close May 21

Submit your request by Thursday, May 21, at 5 pm ET. Attendance at AMO Conference is required to participate in these meetings.

[Get the Request Form](#)

Provincial Matters

Last Chance to Share Input on OMPF Funding! Survey Closes May 19

Please complete a short 5-minute survey from the Ministry of Finance on how your municipality uses the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) funding. The survey was **emailed to municipal finance staff** from the OMPF team. Email subject: "Survey on Use of 2025 OMPF Funding | Sondage sur l'utilisation du FPMO 2025". The survey closes on May 19, 2026

Events & Education

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JUN 2 - Preparing for Bill 97 Changes Webinar, hosted by Vayle and AMO

Municipalities and Ontario public sector institutions are seeking clarity on how amendments to MFIPPA and FIPPA will impact FOI processes, timelines, and privacy obligations. [Register for the three-hour in-person or online session on June 2: Preparing for Bill 97 FOI & Privacy Changes.](#)

Watch the Recording - Mayor-CAO Relationship Series Webinar

Last week's session of the Mayor-CAO Relationship Series explored Upper Tier Leadership Dynamics, focusing on the political and administrative dimensions of the Warden-CAO relationship. You can [watch the recorded session here.](#)

[See the Full Event Calendar](#)

LAS AMO Business Services

New Road Patrol Simplifies Maintenance

Introducing [Road Patrol](#): better monitoring to catch problems sooner. Using video capture and AI detection, a device in your vehicle continuously evaluates assets as you drive. MMS compliance made easy. [Contact Tanner to learn more.](#)

New Invoicing Process for Canoe Purchases

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Streamline your Risk and Claim Management Process

AMO/LAS Business Services, in partnership with ClearRisk Inc., offers a Risk and Claim Management System that is an accessible, agile, cloud-based solution that automates risk and claims data processing and informs enterprise-wide decision-making for your municipality. [Learn more](#).

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Nominate your project for an FCM Sustainable Communities Award

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Careers

[Housing Program Specialist - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: May 22, 2026.

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AMO Policy Update – Advocacy on Bill 98 and Potential Amendments to the *Police Record Checks Reform Act*

Top Insights

- AMO supports measures in Bill 98 that enable more consistent and timely development approvals, and enshrine in legislation that municipal water and wastewater corporations must remain publicly owned.
- AMO welcomes provincial changes to help reduce wait times for police record checks, including vulnerable sector checks, in direct response to AMO's advocacy.

Bill 98: AMO Delivers Remarks to Standing Committee

Last week, AMO's Director of Policy and Government Relations [delivered remarks](#) to a legislative standing committee on Bill 98, *Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026*, which [if passed](#) would:

- Streamline land-use planning by standardizing official plans, restricting the use of enhanced development standards, and set minimum lot sizes to support more urban density.
- Introduce a regulatory framework for communal water and wastewater systems and enshrine in legislation the public ownership of municipal water and wastewater corporations.

- Extend the One Fare program into Hamilton and Halton Region, and develop a framework for the Northlander Rideshare Pilot.

The province consulted on many of these measures before introducing the Bill, and many reflect [AMO's feedback](#), [including](#) ensuring water and wastewater corporations remain publicly owned. We are also pleased to see the province work with willing municipalities to test and refine standardized Official Plans before mandatory roll-out across the sector.

At Standing Committee, AMO made recommendations to the province about Bill 98 including:

1. Listening to technical feedback from municipal planners about how to implement and balance streamlined planning with flexible tools for municipalities to effectively manage growth and meet local needs. This will ensure changes to rules like minimum lot size and development standards do not undermine important considerations like stormwater mitigation and emergency responder access to homes.
2. Ensuring the communal servicing framework provides clarity and consistency without creating unfair advantages for private systems or long-term liabilities to municipalities. This will help make sure that private systems do not undermine long-term infrastructure planning and financing.
3. Offsetting any municipal transit fare revenue lost through fare and service integration.

Province Speeding Up Police Record Checks

The provincial government announced it will [introduce](#) legislation to amend the *Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015*, to help reduce the wait times for vulnerable sector checks.

In December, AMO submitted [comments](#) to the province encouraging the government to consider standards that would improve timeframes and processing times for record checks, especially vulnerable sector checks. AMO will review the legislation in more detail, but welcomes the province's proposed changes and is encouraged that the government is acting in response to AMO's advocacy to help address some of the operational challenges that municipalities have been experiencing.

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

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Important!

Ever wonder what April showers
bring?

Other than May flowers, muddy
boots!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Click here to read
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Important!

What did the flower say when he found out it was allergy season?

...You've got to be pollen my leg!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month



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May 6, 2026

RE: Protecting Municipal Public Works Staff and Contractors

Dear Honourable Doug Ford, Honourable David Piccini, and Honourable Rob Flack:

Please be advised that at its meeting of April 13, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa adopted the following motion in support of municipal public works staff and contractors:

Council-In-Committee Meeting – April 13, 2026

Moved by James Carmody

Seconded by Karen Donovan

Whereas municipal public works employees and contracted service providers are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure including roads, sidewalks, bridges, drainage systems, and winter maintenance operations that are essential to public safety and emergency response; and

Whereas during significant weather events and emergencies, these workers act as frontline responders, ensuring routes remain open for ambulances, fire services, police, school transportation, and the travelling public; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are reporting an increase in harassment, threats, intimidation, and dangerous interference from members of the public directed at municipal workers and subcontractors while they perform their duties; and

Whereas these behaviours have included verbal abuse, threats of violence, obstruction of equipment, and actions that delay or disrupt winter maintenance and emergency response operations, placing workers and the broader public at risk; and

Whereas interference with municipal operations during storms and emergencies jeopardizes service levels, delays critical response times, and creates significant occupational health and safety risks; and

Whereas the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) has formally called on the Province of Ontario to strengthen legislative protections, enforcement support, and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal public works staff and contractors;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa supports the calls to action advanced by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to improve protections for municipal public works workers and subcontractors; and

Be it further resolved that the Province of Ontario be requested to introduce legislative and enforcement measures that:

- Recognize municipal public works workers and contractors as essential service providers during declared significant weather events and emergencies;
- Deter and penalize interference, threats, harassment, or obstruction of municipal operations; and
- Provide clear direction and support to police services to proactively respond to these incidents;

And be it further resolved that a letter conveying Council's support for these measures be sent to:

- The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Billy Denault, MPP, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and neighbouring municipalities for their consideration.

Carried

The Town of Petawawa respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario introduces legislative and enforcement measures to protect municipal public works staff and contractors. We look forward to your favourable reply.

Sincerely,



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Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026 – Schedule 7

At its Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2026, the Council of the Town of Bruce Mines reviewed the changes introduced through Schedule 7 of Bill 97, which amends the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

At that meeting, Council adopted a resolution expressing concern regarding these amendments and their impact on transparency and public access to information.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution supported by Bruce Mines Council.

Sincerely,

Tarra Lapensee
Deputy Clerk
info@brucemines.ca
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cc:

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
The Honourable Bill Rosenberg, Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Patricia Kosseim
All Ontario Municipalities

WHEREAS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (FIPPA) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT IN 1987, COMING INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1988; AND

WHEREAS THE MUNICIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (MFIPPA) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT IN 1990, COMING INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1991; AND

WHEREAS BOTH ACTS PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH A LEGAL RIGHT OF ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT-HELD INFORMATION, REFLECTING THE PRINCIPLE THAT SUCH INFORMATION BELONGS TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THERE IS A VALID REASON TO WITHHOLD IT; AND

WHEREAS THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO HAS REINFORCED THAT ACCESS TO INFORMATION IS “ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTHY FUNCTIONING OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY” AND TO TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE; AND

WHEREAS BILL 97 (2026): PLAN TO PROTECT ONTARIO ACT (BUDGET MEASURES) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT ON APRIL 24, 2026, INTRODUCING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RULES, INCLUDING NEW EXEMPTIONS FOR MINISTERS’ OFFICES; AND

WHEREAS RECORDS HELD BY THE PREMIER, CABINET MINISTERS, PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS, AND THEIR OFFICES ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS AND ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED FOI-ELIGIBLE RECORDS; AND

WHEREAS COUNCIL IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE PASSAGE OF BILL 97 REPRESENTS A STEP BACKWARD FROM LONG-STANDING PROVINCIAL COMMITMENTS TO OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES FORMALLY EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN WITH THE PASSAGE OF BILL 97 (2026) AND FINDS THAT IT CONSTITUTES A REGRESSION FROM ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES OF TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO REPEAL THIS PROVISION OF THE LEGISLATION; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO, DOUG FORD; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ONTARIO, DOUG DOWNEY; THE MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, BILL ROSENBERG; THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO); THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES (FONOM); AND THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO, PATRICIA KOSSEIM, AND THAT IT BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN ONTARIO.



16. Other Business

16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Thompson - Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

Whereas individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities often experience a significant reduction in structured supports and programming upon reaching adulthood, particularly after the age of 21; and

Whereas many of these individuals remain reliant on aging parents or caregivers, creating growing concern among families regarding long-term housing, care, and quality of life; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has, over time, transitioned away from large institutional models of care toward more community-based and inclusive approaches for individuals with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas while these changes have improved opportunities for inclusion and independence, the current system of supports is often delivered across multiple programs and providers and may not fully address the long-term need for integrated living environments that combine housing, supports, and meaningful daily participation; and

Whereas there is an increasing need for innovative, sustainable, and inclusive models of care that support independence, dignity, and community integration for adults with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas opportunities may exist to explore models that provide safe and supportive living environments for adults with developmental disabilities while also offering structured, voluntary, and supported participation in day-to-day activities that foster a sense of purpose, skill development, and social connection; and

Whereas such models, if thoughtfully designed, could complement existing care environments and contribute positively to the overall well-being of both participants and residents; and

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Extracts from Council Meeting
C#08-26 held May 13, 2026
Confirmatory By-law 54-26

Whereas the Regional Municipality of York is responsible for a range of human services including housing, community services, and the operation of long-term care homes, and is therefore well-positioned to explore integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to care.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Richmond Hill request that the Regional Municipality of York consider exploring innovative models of housing and support for adults with developmental disabilities, including the potential for an “Integrated Living and Participation Model”; and

That such consideration includes opportunities for co-location or partnership with existing regional services, including long-term care and community housing, where appropriate; and

That this model emphasizes voluntary, supported, and meaningful participation in activities that enhance quality of life, social inclusion, and community engagement, without displacing existing workforce roles; and

That Council request that the Region engage with relevant stakeholders, including developmental service organizations, families, and advocacy groups, in considering such approaches; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- York Region Council
- Daisy Wai, MPP – Richmond Hill; Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
- Michael Parsa, MPP – Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- Natalia Kuzendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Ontario municipalities for information

Carried Unanimously

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary

May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding exploring the feasibility of a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-207

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Braney**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Engelsdorfer**

WHEREAS the vitality of Prince Edward County's main streets is essential to the economic, social, and cultural health of our community;

WHEREAS there are numerous long-term vacant commercial storefronts, which detracts from the character of the community, reduces pedestrian traffic, discourages business investment, and negatively impacts the viability of surrounding small businesses;

WHEREAS the current Municipal Act, 2001 does not provide municipalities with the explicit legal authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax," although other jurisdictions are actively advocating for such tools to address similar challenges;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward:

- 1. THAT** staff be directed to report back to Council on the feasibility of implementing a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax, including an analysis of the necessary provincial legislative changes required, recommendations for stakeholder consultation, and to concurrently explore potential enforceable mechanisms available under current legislation;
- 2. THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward hereby requests that the Government of Ontario amend the Municipal Act, 2001 to grant Ontario municipalities the permissive authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax" or similar levy to encourage the productive use of long-term vacant retail properties;
- 3. THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Premier of Ontario, and the Member of Provincial Parliament representing the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward for their immediate consideration; and

4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Braney, Councillor Engelsdorfer



May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding reinstating the requirements for compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. **2026-208**

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Branderhorst**

WHEREAS all residents of Ontario have the right to fair, open and democratic government; and,

WHEREAS all elected representatives, municipal and provincial alike, in Ontario have a duty to faithfully execute the powers and trust placed in them and willingly swear an oath to this effect and are subject to fair public scrutiny; and,

WHEREAS the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) are essential tools to protect Ontarians against privacy breaches, and abuses of power; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 97, the Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026, which received Royal Assent on April 24, 2026, and introduced significant amendments to both FIPPA and MFIPPA to alter statutory timelines and privacy governance frameworks;

WHEREAS the amendments introduced via Bill 97 have created a jurisdictional imbalance by excluding records held by provincial Ministers, their offices, and staff from the application of FIPPA, while maintaining the statutory responsibilities and administrative burdens for municipal elected officials and staff under MFIPPA, thereby establishing higher standards for transparency and personal record accountability for municipal governments;

WHEREAS excluding members of the highest offices and their staff from reasonable public access requests and records retention creates security concerns, reinforces the appearance of self-dealing and is contrary to the public interest,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Prince Edward County Council call on the Province to reinstate requirements for compliance with FIPPA to ensure that the Premier, Ministers, and their staff are subject to proper and fair public scrutiny like all other elected representatives in Ontario; and



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THAT the Government of Ontario implement recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to increase and ensure proper security, record keeping and democratic accountability; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Bethlenfalvy, Bay of Quinte MPP Tyler Allsopp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the 444 municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catalina Blumenberg".

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton, Councillor Branderhorst



May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding improved accessibility to home insurance for owners of properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. **2026-209**

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Pennell**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

WHEREAS the historic built and cultural heritage of Prince Edward County is recognized as a fundamental part of its community character and identity, and is a driver of the local tourism economy;

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act encourages municipalities in Ontario to designate and protect properties that meet provincial criteria related to design, historical and contextual value;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated, and continues to encourage owners of heritage properties to protect those attributes which exemplify design, historical, and contextual value and interest by consenting to designation of those properties as being of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated properties of heritage value and interest in the Picton Heritage Conservation District and Wellington Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS homeowners require insurance to protect their homes, which is often their most significant investment, and can be required to maintain a mortgage; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has stated that a heritage designation does not place additional requirements on insurers and that insurance premiums should not go up because of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS some owners of designated properties have reported that their premiums have gone up as a result of a heritage designation or they have been denied an insurance policy as a result of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS as a result of insurance concerns, some homeowners have objected to proposed heritage designation on their property; and

WHEREAS this directly threatens the unique and irreplaceable heritage character of Prince Edward County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward calls on the Provincial Government to:

1. Investigate why some insurers are raising premiums on heritage designated properties or are denying insurance policies as a result of a heritage designation in contravention of provincial guidance;
2. Bring insurance regulators, insurance industry representatives and heritage professionals together to find solutions that enable the continued protection of heritage properties without unwarranted financial burden on homeowners;
3. Regulate the impact of heritage designation on insurance premiums through enforcement, education and new solutions; and

THAT the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee be directed to continue exploring ways to educate homeowners regarding insurance for heritage designated properties; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Bay of Quinte M.P.P. Tyler Allsopp; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Financial Services Regulatory Authority; the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators, and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Pennell, Councillor Hirsch





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April 28, 2026

Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Legislative Building
Toronto, Ontario
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RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on April 28, 2026:

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering a resolution passed by the Town of Lincoln regarding extending the deadlines for notices of intention to designate listed heritage properties, endorse the resolution:

WHEREAS amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

WHEREAS municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS many municipalities, including the Town of Lincoln, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Town of Lincoln endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and
2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and
3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Should you have any questions, please contact Julia Wushke, by email at jwushke@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

C.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mike Harris, MPP
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May 14, 2026

Sent Via Email Only

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

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Township of Stone Mills opposition to the changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of April 13, 2026, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 30-706-2026

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet ministers and their staff from public access requests;

AND Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records related to matters of public interest;

AND Whereas the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario has warned that these changes would reduce transparency and accountability, Freedom of Information laws are an essential to the public trust and democratic accountability;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Stone Mills Township oppose the proposed changes to FIPPA;

1. Call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public;
2. Urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding;
3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Moved By Councillor Woodcock

Seconded By Councillor Milligan

Carried

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

B Teeple

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cc. All Ontario Municipalities
All MPP's

**Resolution 2026-03: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in
Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle**

Date: May 8, 2026

Moved by: Warden Jennifer Murphy, County of Renfrew

Seconded by: Warden Robert Mullin, County of Hastings

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) serves over 1.1 million residents across 13 upper-tier and single-tier municipalities, encompassing a total of 103 municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario are currently required to calculate property taxes based on property valuations from 2016, over a decade ago;

AND WHEREAS all other provinces in Canada have continued regular reassessment cycles, resulting in properties being reassessed multiple times since 2016, making Ontario the most outdated in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the prolonged pause in the reassessment cycle has created significant distortions in assessed values, resulting in inequities among property classes; and

AND WHEREAS outdated assessments negatively impact investment decisions, economic competitiveness, municipal planning, and disproportionately affect independent small businesses; and

AND WHEREAS the continued pause on property tax reassessment in Ontario creates uncertainty for municipalities, property owners, and investors regarding future tax liabilities;

AND WHEREAS a current and predictable assessment system is essential to supporting strong communities, maintaining fairness in taxation, and encouraging economic investment consistent with the Ontario government's objective of being "Open for Business";

AND WHEREAS the lack of clarity regarding the timing of the next reassessment is contributing to delayed or deferred investment decisions, thereby impacting economic competitiveness across the province;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments, particularly in rural and small-urban communities, rely on a stable and updated assessment system to address financial pressures including inflation, rising labour costs, and increasing service demands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the EOWC formally requests that the Government of Ontario commit to a clear and prompt return to the property tax reassessment cycle;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province provide a defined timeline and transparent plan for implementing future reassessments on a regular and predictable basis;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario work in coordination with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to ensure properties are reassessed in an accurate and timely manner;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; the Ontario Big City Mayors; the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus; the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and all EOWC municipalities.”

Carried

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Clark".

EOWC Chair Bonnie Clark

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Kaitlyn Wendland

Subject: FW: News Release: Eastern Ontario Municipal Leaders Bring Unified Voice to Queen's Park

From: Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus <eowc@eowc.ccsend.com>

Sent: May 12, 2026 3:30 PM

To: Robin Paquette <rpaquette@arnprior.ca>

Subject: News Release: Eastern Ontario Municipal Leaders Bring Unified Voice to Queen's Park



News Release: Eastern Ontario Municipal Leaders Bring Unified Voice to Queen's Park



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Toronto, ON — The [Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus](#) concluded a highly successful advocacy day at Queen's Park.

The advocacy day culminated in a packed reception attended by municipal leaders, provincial officials, and business partners. The event featured remarks from:

- Premier Doug Ford
- Hon. Rob Flack
- Hon. Steve Clark
- MPP Stephen Blais
- MPP Mike Schreiner

Representing 103 municipalities from across the region, EOWC members participated in a full day of strategic meetings with provincial decision-makers, including 16 meetings with Ministers, Parliamentary Assistants, and Members of Provincial Parliament, reflecting the Province's continued engagement with eastern Ontario municipalities and the importance of the region's priorities.

These meetings included Minister Rob Flack (Municipal Affairs and Housing), Minister Lisa Thompson (Rural Affairs), Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria (Transportation), Minister Nolan Quinn (Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security), Minister Michael Kerzner (Solicitor General), Minister David Piccini (Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development), Associate Minister Graydon Smith (Municipal Affairs and Housing), House Leader Steve Clark, Parliamentary Assistant Michelle Cooper (Finance), Parliamentary Assistant Dave Smith (Finance), Parliamentary Assistant Silvia Gualtieri (Solicitor General), MPP Ted Hsu, as well as staff

from the Premier's Office, Ministry of Red Tape Reduction and the Ministry of Health.

Eastern Ontario is a critical partner in building Ontario's economic future, and the advocacy day emphasized this fact. Turnout and level of engagement throughout the day was strong, and suggest a growing recognition of Eastern Ontario as a region ready to support housing, infrastructure investment, healthcare innovation, and long-term economic growth.

"Eastern Ontario is not waiting on the sidelines — our municipalities are ready to build, ready to grow, and ready to partner," said EOWC Bonnie Clark. "Today's conversations demonstrated that the Province recognizes the importance of working collaboratively with municipalities to deliver meaningful results for communities across Ontario."

Throughout the day, the EOWC advanced key priorities from its 2026 Queen's Park advocacy platform, focused on strengthening municipal capacity, modernizing infrastructure investment, and supporting sustainable regional growth.

Key priorities included:

- Reinvesting the 1.76% non-refundable municipal HST portion directly back into municipal infrastructure;
- Establishing a province-wide standardized asset management system to support smarter infrastructure planning and investment decisions;
- Advancing the Eastern Ontario Transformation Action Plan to drive economic competitiveness, workforce development, and regional growth;
- Returning Ontario to a regular property tax reassessment cycle;
- Making community paramedicine funding permanent; and
- Supporting the establishment of a regulated paramedic college in Ontario.

Eastern Ontario offers a unique opportunity for growth, with abundant land, coordinated regional leadership, expanding workforce potential, and municipalities prepared to support provincial priorities.

“We are grateful to Premier Ford, Ministers, MPPs, and government staff for the time, collaboration, and commitment shown throughout the day. The momentum and engagement we experienced at Queen’s Park demonstrates a shared commitment to building stronger communities and a stronger Ontario,” Chair Clark added.

The EOWC also extends sincere thanks to its valued business and community partners — Miranda Water Technologies, Valley Bio/Stone Farms, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, Plaintiff Systems, Haliburton Forest, Lodestar Structures and Anchor Concrete, Picton Terminals, and Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority — organizations that reflect the region’s innovation and economic strength.

The EOWC will continue working alongside the Province to advance practical, forward-looking solutions that support infrastructure renewal, economic resilience, healthcare access, and responsible growth throughout eastern Ontario.



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The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC Inc.) is a non-profit organization representing 103 small-urban and rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario. Spanning 50,000 square kilometres and serving over 1.1 million residents, the EOWC has been a united regional voice for more than 20 years.

It advocates for municipal priorities and collaborates with all orders of government, businesses, non-profits, Indigenous leaders, the media, and the public to drive positive change for Eastern Ontario.

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Dear municipal elected officials,

Thank you for your leadership on all the issues surrounding the proposal for a high speed rail project through Eastern Ontario. We see this as a defining issue of our time, for the rural communities who do not want to be divided by this type of at grade infrastructure, and for the urban areas along the existing 401 corridor where industry, businesses, and institutions have developed and are investing in ongoing economic development, and which need reliable regional transportation. The decision of where to locate a future modern high speed passenger train could have an intergenerational impact on our region, and it is incumbent on current leaders across our communities to find our voice to speak up for what is best for the communities of Eastern Ontario.

It is the Corridor Train Alliance's (CTA) observation that the Government of Canada is resolved in its plans to build a high speed rail system connecting Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal, clearly stating that the route will be determined in 2026. CTA sees it of urgent and critical importance to influence route selection at the highest levels of decision making as soon as possible, as there may only be a narrow window of opportunity to do so. If a northern or southern route is announced, it will be politically difficult or impossible to change it. Intercepting this decision is now or never. It is now a matter of urgency that decision makers give sober second thought to whether the Alto proposed routes are truly best for Canada.

CTA was formed by volunteer community leaders to try to find a common denominator message that as many people as possible can agree on, and to strategically take this message to the highest levels of Ottawa in the most strategic and impactful way possible. CTA is a federal not-for-profit corporation incorporated in early 2026 under the *Canada not-for-profit Corporations Act* formed for the sole purpose of advocating for a

dedicated track modern passenger rail line in the 401 corridor area.

CTA believes this deserves serious and immediate attention, and feasibility study by the Government of Canada. CTA's goal is to cause the Government of Canada to study the 401 corridor before making any high speed rail (HSR) routing decision elsewhere. The Government of Canada is committed to a policy of corridors to speed up approvals and consolidate impact in a least impact approach. Energy corridors policy has been announced, and most recently a policy approach of transportation corridors was announced. The existing 401 corridor is the most important existing **transportation corridor** in Canada. The 401 corridor is already an understood and designed transportation corridor which already divides land use and should be utilized as a safe and reliable transportation corridor for people as well as freight. Utilizing this corridor as much as possible is more aligned with current federal policy, fast-tracking projects where they can be accepted and best serve Canadians and will be met with less resistance than all other routes which are proving highly controversial.

CTA's mission is to reorient federal decision makers to a solution which serves and does not neglect the corridor transportation needs where cities and health care, education, military and industry have been built for over 100 years. CTA believes that is best done through a **coalition approach**; an amplified united message which gets the attention of the Prime Minister and invokes strategic sensibilities.

At CTA our focus is on the mindset for the current Government of Canada leadership, at the highest levels where a decision of this magnitude will need to be made. It's worth noting that the Alto contract award, scope, terms of reference and budget were decided and approved by the former Government of Canada leadership, could not be changed by Alto, and remain to be evaluated by the current Government of Canada leadership.

CTA is not taking a position on exact speed or alignment but is calling on the Government of Canada to **properly study the 401 corridor vicinity** and allow engineers to inform what is possible. A greatest good least harm route should be selected. Ridership economics and maximizing public good should dictate the stops.

According to publicly available information, which has been confirmed in meetings CTA has participated in, financial investment decision (FID) for a high speed rail project will not be made until late 2029. FID is the go or no-go decision for the money that will be required to be spent. It will require more detailed information on project cost, ridership, and other fundamentals which inform the economic decision.

That said, late 2029 is not the timeline of concern for Eastern Ontario. The timeline of concern for Eastern Ontario is right now. It is now a matter of urgency that decision makers give sober second thought to whether the Alto proposed routes (northern route and southern route) are really best for Canada.

We know that route selection in 2026 is critical path timing, in order for more detailed study and engineering/design work to occur over 2-3 more years in order to cost out the capital cost and modelled operating cost for the project in order to inform FID in 2029 and how the Government of Canada would approach tendering the work if it proceeds. In other words, the route selection will happen this year if the Government of Canada is intent on proceeding to continue to evaluate and cost this project.

The Alto public consultation has ended, and Alto officials are preparing a report to the Minister, but there is high risk that the voices in communities across Eastern Ontario who expressed concerns and objections will be outnumbered by the voices of support from the major cities. However, many of the urban supporters do not understand the problematic impact for the Alto northern and southern routes and of the unwelcome environmental, indigenous, and rural community implications. The urban polling and consultation did not include meaningful details on the cost or route impacts, skewing the result towards conceptual support.

The timing is now for this coalition message to be brought at the level of the Prime Minister of Canada and key Ministers who are deciding the policies and giving the speeches about Canadian values and priorities. This issue now transcends the Minister of Transportation and impacts many aspects of national policies and priorities, because the deterioration and failure of reliable regional passenger rail transportation for millions of people in Eastern Ontario over the next decade is the issue.

We believe the timing is now because of the convergence of the following:

- Politically it is possible for the current Government of Canada to distinguish itself from the scope and mandate of the Alto consultation, which was not their decision, and to characterize any pivot as anchored in the current reality and current national priorities which emerged in 2025.
- Nation building projects should unite, not divide.
- The northern and southern routes studied do not have social license.
- The Port of Montreal expansion (a major project in process) will require more freight rail capacity. The freight pressures on the existing shared freight line have compromised VIA service, and the 401 is busier every year. People need safe reliable transportation.
- 401 corridor cities, particularly Kingston, have high growth economic development and housing, which helps relieve housing pressures from Toronto and Ottawa and offers affordability.

Kaitlyn Wendland

Subject: FW: Thank you!

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Dear Board Members,

I would like to sincerely thank all the Board members for all your support, encouragement, and trust. Receiving the AAO Emerging Leader Award was a very meaningful and emotional moment for me, and I truly appreciate having the opportunity to be part of such a supportive organization and community.

I would especially like to thank Sara for making this possible and for taking the time and effort to prepare and submit the nomination. I honestly would not have been able to achieve this recognition without your support, trust, and belief in my work.

As an immigrant to Canada, this recognition means a great deal to me personally and professionally. It reminds me how important community support, mentorship, and teamwork are, and I feel very grateful to work with all of you.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to grow, contribute, and continue learning through AMBA. I feel very proud to share this recognition with all of you.





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