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DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Board of Management Monthly Meeting

Wednesday April 23rd, 2025 - 7:00pm

DABIA Office: 25 Mill Street East, Acton Ontario L7J 1H1

Truth and Reconciliation Land Acknowledgement – Reading:

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

- 1.Chair's Welcome N/A
- 2. Call to Order N/A
- 3. Declaration of Pecuniary / Personal Conflict of Interest(s) N/A
- 4. Adoption of March 2025 Minutes N/A
- 5. Motion to Approve April 2025 Agenda N/A
- 6. Coordinator's Report and updates Matthew Galliford see attached below
- 7. Financial Reports Patricia Daleman N/A
- 8. New Business:
 - Review and Vote to approve the 2024 KPMG Annual Audit Monica to sign MRL document SEE NOTE BELOW
 - Set a date for the BIA / Town Walkaround (primarily to discuss 2026 projects): Monday April 28th 9:30 -11:30 or 1:30 – 3:30 Thursday May 1st 10:00-Noon, Friday May 2nd 10-Noon or 1:30-3:30 date / time selected
 - Matt requests a leave of absence (lieu time use) for Tuesday May 20, Thursday May 22, Friday May 23 to work for the Still Standing TV Series as the "Production Fixer" during the filming in Acton.
 Production Dates: May 17th to 23rd, 2025 Approved

9. Motion to Adjourn N/A

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday May 14, 2025 - 7:00 pm - DABIA Office 25 Mill St. E. Shop, Eat & Play Local – It's Worth the Drive!

NOTE: As we did not have a quorum, we were unable to hold a formal meeting. The Coordinator's Report was shared.

An emergency special vote was held to accept and sign off on the draft 2024 Financial Audit Report.

- Nicole had voted by email proxy in writing to support the document, Norman voted via text message in writing to support the document as well.

Call to order: 7:38 pm

In attendance: Monica Galway - Chairperson, Mike Albano - Ward 1 Council, Patricia Daleman - Doane Grant Thornton LLC, Matthew Galliford - BIA Coordinator, Kelly Fitzgerald - Bookkeeper. Absent with notice: Nicole Walker - Acton Optical, Norman Paulsen - Acton Motors.

Patricia Daleman put forth a motion to accept and approve the 2024 Financial Audit Report. 1st: Monica Galway, 2nd: Nicole Walker, All in Favor: Yes - Motion Passed.

The 2024 Financial Audit Report (Draft) was signed by Monica. Matthew is to email the signed document to the Auditor.

Motion to Adjourn: 7:45pm

DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AGENDA

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Wednesday April 23, 2025 - 7:00pm

Coordinator's Report

Board of Management – Sang Won Bak has expressed that would like to end his leave of absence from the Board and return sometime soon in the near future, likely May or June at the latest.

Easter Contest – We had 45 entries in all, the winners of \$20.00 BIA Bucks and chocolates are: Agnes Cain, Teagan Pecoskie-Schweir and Michelle Villante. 3 Golden Easter Eggs had to be found.

Flowers – Joanne Saliba from Meadowvale Garden Centre is coming on Thursday April 24, 1:00pm to consult about the flowers needed for the planters. We are also asking for a planting quote as we are at roughly half of the allotted floral budget. We plan to have all of the plants in place during the week of May 12th. Flowers cost approx. \$9000.00

Flags / Banners – On order from Flags Unlimited in Barrie. Single Flag mounts to place flags on new poles are being quoted TBD. The flags with the 3rd grommet added are approx. \$2000.00 + tax, s&h

- I will be purchasing the hardware from Leathertown Lumber to replicate the Flag hangers needed for adding more Canadian Flags to Mill and Main Streets. Other required hardware will be sourced locally as well.
- BANNERS: I am waiting to hear from Community Development about the Community Grant application to cover the banner expenses (purchase / install). The Grant provides up to \$2500.00, our application is for \$3550.00.

Outdoor Market

- We have now booked Allisons Farm Market, Weathered Rock Farms and Villante Farms to our list
 of vendors for the market. We are currently at 15 confirmed vendors, and I am waiting on a few
 more that I have contacted. We have live music booked for almost every week and I am bringing
 back the Market Loyalty Card program.
- The Outdoor Market is a part of the Halton Hills Discovery Pass program and Sticker Map tourism campaign as pickup and incentive locations.

The Market has a new website: https://sites.google.com/downtownacton.ca/acton-outdoor-market

Leathertown Festival

- Vendors are continuing to sign up almost daily. I have already reached capacity for Real Estate Agents and Hamburger / Hot Dog vendors, any incoming applications for these are being denied.

The main stage midday and closing bands are booked as well as the professional stage. I am getting quotes for audio equipment and tech support. I am waiting on Ambition Performing Arts to confirm attendance and potentially Special Olympics athletes to demonstrate as well. I went to Fanfest at the Georgetown Library on April 12^{th.} I have invited Star Wars Rebels with possibly an R2-D2 remote controlled robot and a Dr. Who Dalek to roam the festival street. A Knight School is also possible to attend Leathertown.

Other Business

- The Q2 issue of Halton Hill Now Chamber of Commerce should be out soon. Look for my Downtown Acton interview article.
- The CBC Still Standing TV Show will be filming in Acton in May. The finale comedy show is scheduled for Friday May 23rd at Acton High School. Doors open to the public at 6:45 pm for general admission seating.
- March 26, I met with Community Development, Parks and Economic Development upper staff to present and discuss the proposed Holiday Lights display pilot project at Prospect Park. Further discussion may take place at the annual "Walk Around" meeting (TBD).

-END OF REPORT-

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HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 Via Zoom.

Members Present:	C. Donaldson, L. Quinlan, M. Rowe (Acting Chair), R. Denny, T. Brown, Councillor M. Kindbom
Regrets:	Councillor C. Somerville, Chair, A. Walker
Staff Present:	L. Loney, Manager Heritage Planning, C. MacPherson, Heritage & Development Review Planner, N. Brady, Senior Administrative and Heritage Coordinator, R. Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration
Others Present:	G. Kler

1. CALL TO ORDER

M. Rowe, Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm.

1.a Introduction Councillor M. Kindbom

M. Rowe, Acting Chair introduced new Council Member and Heritage Committee Member, Matthew Kindbom to the committee.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or conflict of interest.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.a Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on March 19, 2025.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0022

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on March 19, 2025 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Heritage Impact Assessment - 11154 Winston Churchill Boulevard, Halton Hills

L. Loney advised the committee that the owners of 11154 Winston Churchill Boulevard, Halton Hills, requested the removal of the property from the Heritage Register. To have the property removed from the Heritage Register a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was requested. The owners hired a consultant to complete the HIA.

L. Loney reviewed the HIA provided with the committee, noting that the HIA indicates that the property has been altered and does not meet the criteria for designation. L. Loney expressed concerns about the quality of the HIA in comparison to the HIA's that have been prepared by staff and other consultants. L. Loney stated that the HIA is not fulsome as the full property has not been evaluated, the age of the building is incorrectly identified, and the description of the property is lacking. L. Loney noted for the HIA to be accepted the HIA should be revied and resubmitted.

Based on the information staff already know about the property and the information contained in the HIA, L. Loney agreed that the property would not be a good candidate for designation and therefore would support removal from the Heritage Register but would like to see the preservation of the trees as part of any future development of the property and that the revised HIA include this.

The committee upon review of the HIA and the pictures provided raised concerns about the state of the property and determined that enforcement staff should look at the property for property standards contraventions.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0023

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend that the Heritage Impact Assessment for 11154 Winston Churchill Boulevard, Halton Hills be updated to address staff's concerns regarding completeness of the evaluation;

AND FURTHER THAT the property located at 11154 Winston Churchill Boulevard, Halton Hills be removed from the Heritage Register;

AND FURTHER THAT Enforcement Staff follow up regarding the existing condition of the property located at 11154 Winston Churchill Boulevard, Halton Hills.

CARRIED

5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

File No:OP-2020-01-04Municipality:County of WellingtonSubject Lands:All lands within the municipal
boundary of the County of Wellington

Date of Adoption: April 24, 2025 Date of Notice: April 30, 2025

NOTICE OF ADOPTION With Respect to an Amendment to the County of Wellington Official Plan Section 17, 21 and 26 of the *Planning Act* (Re: OPA 126 - County of Wellington)

Take Notice that on **April 24, 2025** the Corporation of the County of Wellington passed **By-law No. 5928-25** to adopt **Official Plan Amendment No. 126** to the County of Wellington Official Plan under Section 17, 21 and 26 of the *Planning Act* R.S.O. 1990 c. P. 13, as amended.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment

Official Plan Amendment 126 revises the Official Plan as part of Urban Phase 3A of the County's Official Plan Review. The purpose of this amendment is to make sufficient urban area land available in Centre Wellington (Fergus and Elora/Salem) to accommodate an appropriate range and mix of land uses in Wellington County over the long-term. The amendment also supports intensification, increased densities and appropriate phasing of growth and development County-wide. This amendment applies to three different geographic areas: County-wide, Centre Wellington and the Greenbelt Plan Area and will:

County-wide

- Change policies related to intensification and density targets, add policies for phasing of new growth and agricultural impact mitigation.
- Make scoped 2024 Provincial Planning Statement updates to refer to the new policy document, specify a 20 to 30 year planning period and remove municipal comprehensive review references (a further PPS conformity exercise is pending).
- Make housekeeping changes to mapping and text to replace Sourcewater Protection Schedules and delete duplicate policies.
- Other minor changes.

Centre Wellington

- Expand the urban area boundaries of Fergus and Elora-Salem and identify new Designated Greenfield Area and Employment Area lands.
- Add greenfield area density targets for lands being added to Fergus and Elora-Salem.
- Add policies to support potential future expansion of livestock facilities near the Employment Area expansion lands south of Fergus and Elora-Salem.
- Remove local planning policy in Centre Wellington for Community Planning Study Area.
- Remove Fergus urban expansion lands and a 300 metre buffer from segments of the Mineral Aggregate Resource Overlay to the southeast of the current urban boundary.

Greenbelt Plan Area

- Make housekeeping changes to update mapping of the Provincially-expanded Greenbelt lands in Erin to reflect the in-effect Greenbelt Protected Countryside and Greenbelt Natural Heritage System and update text to refer to the Hamlet of Brisbane.
- Make a housekeeping change to add text to implement Provincial policy direction to maintain policy connections in the Greenbelt Plan to the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) and Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019).

Subject Lands

The lands subject to the proposed amendment are located within the Township of Centre Wellington. Housekeeping updates to Greenbelt Area mapping apply to the Town of Erin and housekeeping updates to Source Water Protection mapping apply to all local municipalities. Other policy changes apply broadly across the County of Wellington.

Effect of Written and Oral Submissions

Comments were received and considered throughout the development of OPA126 including Indigenous consultation. Written and oral submissions made during the statutory public meetings were considered by staff and County Council. A summary of all comments submitted, and staff responses can be found on the County's Official Plan Review page in Planning Committee Report PD2025-14 accessed here: www.wellington.ca/planwell

Public Access to Information

Copies of adopted OPA126 and additional information about the amendment are available for public inspection during regular office hours (8:30 - 4:00 p.m.) at the location below:

County of Wellington Planning and Development Department 74 Woolwich Street, 3rd Floor Guelph ON, N1H 3T9

Public access to the adopted OPA 126 is also available on the County Website at: www.wellington.ca/planwell

Provincial Approval Process

OPA126 has been forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for final approval. If you wish to be notified of the Ministry's decision in respect to the proposed amendment, you must make a written request to the Ministry at the following address. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the Ministry's decision if a written request to be notified of the decision is made directly to the Ministry as noted below.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Attention: Mr. Ian Kerr, Regional Director Western Municipal Services Office 659 Exeter Road, 2nd Floor London, ON N6E 1L3 Telephone: (519) 873-4026 Toll Free: 1-800-265-4736 Fax: (519) 873-4018

Dated April 30, 2025

Clerk, County of Wellington Administration Centre 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph ON N1H 3T9 Telephone: (519) 837-2600 Fax: (519) 837-1901



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ONE Investment

2025 is shaping up to be one for history books with our federal election and trade tensions with the US. Such developments inevitably feed into the financial markets, fostering an atmosphere of uncertainty. <u>Read our recent article *Investing in an Uncertain Market*</u> to learn more

LAS

Have you registered for LAS' virtual net zero workshop yet? Join us online on June 18 to learn how you can cut energy costs, boost savings and incorporate low carbon initiatives in your municipal buildings. <u>Register today</u>.

The BPS Reporting season is well underway. Municipalities must report their 2024 energy consumption by July 1 under <u>O.Reg 25/23</u>. Contact <u>bpssupport@ontario.ca</u> for more information. If you are an <u>EPT</u> <u>subscriber</u>, this information can be easily downloaded from our software and uploaded to the portal. If you also use our <u>natural gas</u> or <u>electricity</u> programs, this data has been automatically imported into EPT - no data entry required.

Interning at AMO/LAS is a great way for students to gain public sector knowledge while earning some school money. <u>Read the latest blog</u> about our winter intern's experience

Municipal Wire*

Every Second Counts is a province-wide education campaign launched this week to combat 9-1-1 call misuse. Please explore the <u>campaign and share broadly</u> with residents in your communities.

Join <u>Humber Polytechnic Broadcast-Broadband Convergence B²C Lab</u> in a one-day free informational symposium on June 6 to present emerging emergency communications technologies using the ATSC 3.0 broadcast communications system. There are new solutions using broadcast that can bolster risk mitigation strategies for municipalities while offering enhanced capabilities. <u>Register today</u>!

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Careers

<u>Senior Planner/Aménageur principal; aménageuse principale - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and</u> <u>Housing/Ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement</u>. Closing Date: May 23, 2025, 11:59 pm EDT.

<u>Team Lead/Chef d'équipe - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing/Ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement</u>. Closing Date: May 23, 2025, 11:59 pm EDT.

<u>Manager Court Operations/Chef de l'administration des tribunaux - Ministry of the Attorney</u> <u>General/Ministère du Procureur généra</u>l Closing Date: May 22, 2025 11:59 pm EDT.

Director of Human Resources - Kingston Police Service Board. Closing Date: June 5, 2025.

Licensed Mechanic A - Town of Oakville. Closing Date: May 14, 2025.

Economic Development Officer - City of Quinte West. Closing Date: May 19, 2025, 11:59 pm EDT.

Supervisor of Taxation, Revenue & Billing - City of Kawartha Lakes. Closing Date: May 23, 2025.

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April 25th, 2025

To whom is May Concern:

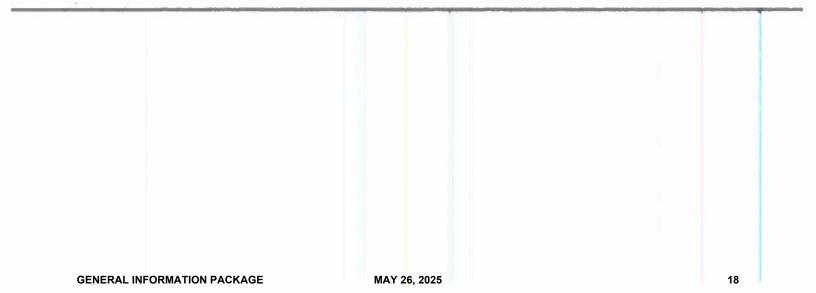
Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution: 5 Moved by: Councillor Armstrong Seconded by: Councillor Hull That Council supports item 6.3.1 of letters and communications from the Town of Fort Frances regarding the Sovereignty of Canada Carried

Sincerely,

Crystal Labbe CAO/ Clerk Treasurer

Enc. Fort Frances Resolution of Council Resolution of support Township of Larder Lake





FORTFRANCES

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2025 Oral Motion

"THAT Council supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding the Sovereignty of Canada."

Moved by Wendy Brunetta, Seconded by Steven Maki, Motion Carried by Council.

WHEREAS President Trump has suggested that with the use of "economic force" such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions, and by more than a century and a half of multicultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect, and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Fort Frances categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Fort and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE 69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



SECONDED BY:	Mo
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Patricia Hull	Da
[₩] / □ Paul Kelly	
Lynne Paquette	
	☐ Thomas Armstrong ☐ Patricia Hull ☐ Paul Kelly

Motion #: 5 Resolution #: 5 Date: April 8, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the township of Larder Lake supports the resolution from the Town of Fort Frances regarding the Sovereignty of Canada

Recorded vote requested			I declare this motion	
	For	Against	Carried	
Tom Armstrong	\checkmark		Lost / Defeated	
Patricia Hull	V		Deferred to:	(enter date)
Paul Kelly			Because:	
Lynne Paquette	V		Referred to:	(enter body)
Patty Quinn			Expected response:	(enter date)
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*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

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Town of Rainy River

RESOLUTION

MOVED BY DATE: February 10, 2024 RESOLUTION: 25-001 SECONDED BY

"That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding the sovereignty of Canada"

ABSTAIN_	
AYES	
NAYES	

D. ARMSTRONG _____ D. EWALD _____ J. HAGARTY _____ B. HELGESON _____ F. NEWMAN _____ M. KREGER _____ G. PROST ____

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in the heart of Ontario's Sunset Country

At the May 12, 2025, meeting of Shelburne Town Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Moved By: Councillor Lindsay Wegener

Seconded By: Councillor Len Guchardi

Whereas the Province announced expansion of Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities, which includes the Town of Shelburne to take effect May 1st 2025; and

Whereas the purpose of Strong Mayor Powers is to accelerate the delivery of key provincial priorities, building 1.5 million new homes by December 31, 2031, constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including, transit, roads, utilities and servicing and reduce red tape; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario has identified that no research exists to support the impact of housing development within municipalities having been granted the strong mayor's power; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers blurs the political-administrative authority between the roles of Head of Council and Chief Administration Officer; and

Whereas the Strong Mayor Powers is an erosion to the democratic process historical to the very fabric of Canadian municipal governance;

Now Therefore the Council of the Town of Shelburne hereby respectively rejects the Strong Mayor Powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offers as an option and the ability for a municipality to opt out of the legislation; and

That a copy this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Sylvia Jones, AMO, and all other Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Mayor Wade Mills

May 15, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Delivered Electronically to: <u>premier@ontario.ca</u>

Honourable Rob Flack Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Delivered Electronically to: <u>minister.mah@ontario.ca</u>

Dear Hon. Doug Ford and Hon. Rob Flack:

Council of the Town of Mattawa, at their Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025 approved a resolution on the Strong Mayor Powers, which stated:

Resolution Number 25-95

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario announced an expansion of strong mayor powers to an additional 169 municipalities that took effect May 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa was included in the additional 169 municipalities that gained such powers;

AND WHEREAS these powers allow mayors to unilaterally override council decisions, appoint senior municipal staff, and set budgets without majority council approval, undermining the principles of democratic governance;

AND WHEREAS municipal governance functions best through a collaborative decision-making process where elected councils, representing the collective voice of their communities, work alongside experienced municipal staff and the proposed powers has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS there is no evidence to suggest that strong mayor powers have increased housing starts, contrary to the provincial government's stated justification for their implementation;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has raised concerns that strong mayor powers blur the lines

between political leadership and administration expertise, threatening the neutrality of municipal public service;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Mattawa has a long history of collaborative, transparent and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council debated and shared decision-making;

AND WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the strong mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or appeal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa opposes the expansion of strong mayor powers and formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Town of Mattawa from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers under the designated legislation.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Council for the Town of Mattawa are formally requesting that the Strong Mayor Powers be removed from our municipality that was granted through the designated legislation.

Sincerely,

Amy Leclerc

Amy Leclerc Municipal Clerk Revenue Services Clerk

c.c. Association of Municipalities of Ontario All Ontario Municipalities



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Josh Machesney, City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

May 8, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Premier's Office, Room 281 Legislative Building Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M7A 1A1 Email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of Quinte West

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on May 7, 2025 Council supported the following resolution:

THAT Council receive item 12.8 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Letter Re: Strong Mayor Powers as information;

WHEREAS the Ontario government has proposed expanding the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities under the proposed legislation on May 1, 2025, which would grant mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets, planning and operational decisions;

AND WHEREAS this proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS the proposed expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminish the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised about the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors are given the ability to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Quinte West;

- 1. Does not support the proposed strong mayor powers as currently outlined;
- 2. Supports specific powers to mayors as it pertains to identifiable decisions regarding housing, development, infrastructure and transit to provide tools that reduce obstacles that can stand in the way of new housing and infrastructure developments;
- 3. Strongly suggests that free reign of decision-making regarding hiring, firing, committees and so forth be removed from the proposed authority;
- 4. Strongly suggests that members of current Council were duly elected officials by citizens with the awareness of one vote per council member and majority votes are the democratic process;
- 5. Requests that the Provincial Strong Mayor Powers proposed to take effect on May 1, 2025, be deferred to allow for greater clarity and that the Province seek collaborative input from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO);
- 6. Directs staff to forward this resolution immediately to Premier Ford, Minister Flack, Tyler Allsopp, MPP Bay of Quinte, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario Municipalities.

We hope that you give consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

Josh Machesney, City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – rob.flack@pc.ola.org Tyler Allsopp, MPP Bay of Quinte – tyler.allsopp@pc.ola.org Association of Municipalities of Ontario – resolutions@amo.on.ca Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) – roma@roma.on.ca



Honourable Premier Doug Ford Doug.Fordco@pc.ola.org Sent via electronic mail

May 8, 2025

Dear Honourable Premier Doug Ford

At its Regular meeting on May 7, 2025, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C195-2025 opposing Strong Mayor Powers.

Resolution C195-2025

Moved by: Cabral Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas the Ontario government has expanded the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities, which grants mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets and planning decisions; and,

Whereas this proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power; and,

Whereas the expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminishes the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community; and,

Whereas concerns have been raised about the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors are able to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Springwater opposes the Strong Mayor Powers; and

That the Council formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's expansion of the Strong Mayor Powers to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability.

Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Doug Downey, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for further action.

Carried

The Clerk's Department can be reached via email at <u>clerks@springwater.ca</u> or by phone at 705-728-4784, Ext. 2304.

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Regards,

Cayla Reimer Deputy Clerk, Township of Springwater

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. MPP Doug Downey All Ontario Municipalities Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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May 8, 2025

Hon. Rob Flack Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing 17th Floor, 777 Bay St. Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of North Perth

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their meeting on April 29, 2025:

Moved by Doug Kellum Seconded by Dave Johnston

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth expresses its desires to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reverse the grant of Strong Mayor Powers to the Municipality of North Perth;

AND THAT: The letter be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob flack, Perth Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, Association of Municipality of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of North Perth, please accept this letter as an official request to have strong mayor powers removed from the Municipality of North Perth.

Regards,

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Sarah Carter Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

Enclosure

CC: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Matthew Rae, Perth Wellington MPP Association of Municipalities of Ontario All Ontario Municipalities



April 28, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford Legislative Building Queens Park TORONTO ON M7A 1A4 <u>premier@ontario.ca</u>

Dear Premier Ford:

At the Municipality of Bluewater's regular Council meeting held on April 22, 2025, Council passed the following resolution:

MOVED: Councillor Whetstone **SECONDED**: Councillor Hessel WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to expand Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities across Ontario, including the Municipality of Bluewater, effective May 1, 2025;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Bluewater is in opposition to the addition of Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of Bluewater, and across the Province;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Ontario Municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support. **CARRIED**

Sincerely,

Chandra Alexander Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) All Ontario Municipalities April 30, 2025

Via email: rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 17th Floor 777 Bay Street Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Hon. Rob Flack,

Re: Proposed Amendments to O.Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

176-2025 Moved By: Jim Dietrich Seconded by: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt That South Huron Council supports the April 14, 2025 correspondence of Town of Saugeen Shores regarding opposition to Proposed Amendments to O.Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack, Lisa Thompson, MPP, Minister of Rural Affairs, AMO, Town of Saugeen Shores, and all municipalities in Ontario. Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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

cc: Minister of Rural Affairs, MPP Lisa Thompson, <u>lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org</u>; AMO, <u>resolutions@amo.on.ca</u>; Town of Saugeen Shores, <u>clerk@saugeenshores.ca</u>; and all municipalities in Ontario.

April 28, 2025

BY EMAIL

Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1 Email: <u>premier@ontario.ca</u> Honourable Rob Flack Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing 17th Floor, 777 Bay St. Toronto, ON M7A 2J3 Email: <u>rob.flack@ontario.ca</u>

Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers: Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22

At its Regular Council Meeting held on April 22, 2025, Council discussed their opposition to the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, as announced on April 9, 2025. Council of the Town of Essex requests that the proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to expand Strong Mayor Powers and duties to additional municipalities not include the Town of Essex.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R25-04-187

Moved By Mayor Bondy Seconded By Councillor Hammond

Whereas on April 9, 2025, the Government of Ontario (hereafter, the "**Province**"), led by Premier Doug Ford, announced a proposal to expand "Strong Mayor Powers" as provided for by Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, to the heads of council in 169 additional municipalities including the Town of Essex, effective May 1, 2025;

And whereas Strong Mayor Powers erode democratic process and have fundamentally altered the historic model of local governance which has existed for almost two centuries, by:

- Providing the head of council with the authority to give direction and make certain decisions without the usual consensus from a majority of the members of council; and,
- Creating a power imbalance by providing the head of council with special powers that other members do not generally have.

And whereas the Province is undermining the local governance model and municipal independence by attempting to advance its priorities through municipalities, and downloading its responsibilities to the same.

Now there be it resolved that:

- The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex ("**Council**") formally <u>opposes</u> the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, as announced on April 9, 2025;
- Council requests that the proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities not include the Town of Essex; and
- Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor Jone, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

We trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Joseph Malandruccolo Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk jmalandruccolo@essex.ca

cc: Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh Trevor Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington Association of Municipal Managers Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) All Ontario Municipalities At the May 12, 2025, meeting of Shelburne Town Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously

Moved By: Councillor Len Guchardi

Seconded By: Councillor Lindsay Wegener

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of "Special Economic Zones" that may override local planning authority;

And Whereas the Town of Shelburne supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes;

And Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario's natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council for the Town of Shelburne:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Urges the Province to support municipalities through ensuring responsible growth through infrastructure projects designed to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife and natural resources;

And Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
- Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin–Caledon,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
- All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration,

- All Conservation Authorities in Ontario,
- Conservation Ontario

CARRIED

Mayor Wade Mills



The Right Honourable Mark Carney pm@pm.gc.ca

Sent via electronic mail

May 8, 2025

Dear Right Honourable Mark Carney

At its Regular meeting on May 7, 2025, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C196-2025 Redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Resolution C196-2025

Moved by: Cabral Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

Further Be It Resolved That Township of Springwater calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

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Further Be It Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

Further Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Mark Carney, the Right Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Doug Shipley and MPP Doug Downey; and

Further Be It Resolved That copies of 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

The Clerk's Department can be reached via email at <u>clerks@springwater.ca</u> or by phone at 705-728-4784, Ext. 2304.

Regards,

Cayla Reimer Deputy Clerk, Township of Springwater

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
 Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
 Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Hon. MP Doug Shipley
 Hon. MPP Doug Downey
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The Corporation of the **Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan**

April 29, 2025

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Proposal to End Daylight Savings Time in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan at its meeting on April 28th, 2025 passed the following resolution:

R107-2025

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

Whereas Ontario already has the legislative framework to end the antiquated practice of Daylight Saving Time (DST), as per the Time Amendment Act of 2020: But New York has delayed us for over 4 long years.

And Whereas the Case for Ending DST immediately pertains to clear and present Health and Public Safety concerns: Clock shifts spike heart attacks, accidents, and stress, per the Canadian Society for Chronobiology. Kids lose focus, domestic violence rises, and vulnerable folks—mentally ill, homeless, addicts—face unnecessary strain and relapse risks. Indigenous health gaps deepen as DST clashes with traditions. Standard Time aligns with nature, easing healthcare burdens and healthcare costs.

And Whereas ending DST is a clear and permanent assertion of the economic independence of Ontario: Our new, post tariff economic reality exposes the reliance on New York for our internal policy as outdated. Ontario should look out for Ontarians, and

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our sovereignty must be asserted. Quebec already considers the change; so 15 million Ontarians should not continue to wait on NY. Businesses will adapt; citizens will gain stability. Over 100,000 petition voices and 70% of Ontarians agree. Ontario must take the lead, and hopefully NY can eventually follow our lead for the good of their own people.

Therefore be it resolved that we request staff to distribute this communication to all the Municipalities, Chiefs & Councils of Ontario in addition to the Premier of the Govt. of Ontario and urge the Premier to:

- 1. Amend the Time Amendment Act 2020 to drop New York's contingency, effective immediately.
- 2. Set permanent Standard Time (EST) from November 2, 2025.

CARRIED.

Yours truly, Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Liz Ross Deputy Clerk

Sent via Email: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, <u>premier@ontario.ca</u> Municipalities of Ontario

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Township of Champlain

Resolution Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number:	11.1.
Resolution Number	2025-120
Title:	Councillor Gerry Miner - Surveillance and Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario
Date:	April 24, 2025

Moved By:Gérard MinerSeconded By:Paul Burroughs

Whereas the Council of the Township of Champlain is of the opinion that additional surveillance and monitoring of heavy vehicles in Ontario is required to ensure the safety of other motorists, property owners, and pedestrians.

Be it resolved that the Township of Champlain calls upon the Government of Ontario to: increase surveillance and spot checks of all heavy vehicles travelling on Ontario roads; as well as monitoring the testing standards maintained by privately-owned heavy licensing facilities.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the MPP Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, the Ontario Provincial Police, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution

Alison Collard, Clerk Date:



Canton de Champlain Résolution Réunion régulière du Conseil

No. du point à l'ordre du jour:	11.1.
No. du point	2025-120
Titre:	Conseiller Gerry Miner - Surveillance et contrôle des véhicules lourds en Ontario
Date:	le 24 avril 2025

Proposée par:Gérard MinerAppuyée par:Paul Burroughs

Attendu que le Conseil du Canton de Champlain est de l'avis qu'une surveillance et un contrôle accrus des véhicules lourds en Ontario sont nécessaires pour assurer la sécurité des autres automobilistes, des propriétaires fonciers et des piétons.

Qu'il soit résolu que le Canton de Champlain demande au gouvernement de l'Ontario d'accroître la surveillance et les vérifications de tous les véhicules lourds circulant sur les routes de l'Ontario, et de contrôler les normes de vérification maintenues par les installations privées d'immatriculation des véhicules lourds; et

De plus, qu'il soit résolu que cette résolution soit transmise au ministre des Transports de l'Ontario, au ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement, au député provincial de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, à la Police provinciale de l'Ontario, à l'AMO et à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

Adoptée

Copie certifiée conforme

Alison Collard, greffière Date :

15. Committee and Staff Reports

- 15.1 Minutes Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#06-25 held April 16, 2025
 - 15.1.13 Member Motion Councillor Cilevitz Provincial regulations needed to restrict keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by:	Councillor Thompson
Seconded by:	Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and,

Whereas non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

Whereas the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

Whereas owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

Whereas municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non- native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

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Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

- That the City of Richmond Hill hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;
- That this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, and Richmond Hill MPP's, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEOA.

Carried



PROCLAMATION

MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

MAY 2025

WHEREAS It is imperative that communities across Canada be reminded of the importance of sun safety;

AND WHEREAS Over-exposure to UV radiation is one of the major causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers;

AND WHEREAS Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetimes;

AND WHEREAS Many people seek sun without taking the advisable precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin colour, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage;

AND WHEREAS Skin self-examinations should be performed on a monthly basis because skin cancers are highly treatable when detected early;

AND WHEREAS Save Your Skin Foundation is dedicated to the fight against non-melanoma skin cancers, melanoma and ocular melanoma through nationwide education, advocacy, and awareness initiatives;

THEREFORE, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim May 2025 as **Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month**.

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Ann Lawlor Mayor, Town of Halton Hills