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## **HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, in the Esquering Room at Town Hall, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON.

**Members Present:** Councillor C. Somerville, Chair, C. Donaldson, L. Quinlan, M. Rowe, R. Denny, A. Walker, Councillor M. Kindbom

**Regrets:** T. Brown

**Staff Present:** L. Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning, C. MacPherson, Heritage and Development Review Planner;  
N. Brady, Senior Administrative Heritage Planning Coordinator

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor C. Somerville, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### **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 April 16, 2025.**

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0024

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on April 16, 2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

##### **4.a Research and Evaluation Report - 10421 Fourth Line (Waterloo School)**

C. MacPherson provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 10421 Fourth Line. It meets 7 of 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a 1891 Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse in the Italianate architectural style in the community of Scotch Block. It is associated with early education in Scotch Block and associated with local builders Messrs Hume & Steel and Acton based architect John Cameron. It is contextually significant. The owners are in support of designation. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0025

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue Notice of Intention to Designate for the Property at 10421 Fourth Line for Designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

##### **4.b Research and Evaluation Report - 13029 Steeles Avenue (Hornby School)**

C. Macpherson provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 13029 Steeles Ave. The property meets 6 of 9 criteria for designation. It is a rare, unique, and representative example of 1870 Ontario rural one-room schoolhouse in Gothic Revival Architectural style in the community of Hornby. The property is associated with the early educational system in the community of Hornby and pupils such as Dr. Frank Oliveer Gilbert. The property is contextually significant. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0026

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue Notice of Intention to Designate for the Property at 13029 Steeles Avenue for Designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**4.c Research and Evaluation Report - 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard (Miller-McLaughlin House)**

L. Lonely provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 9118 Winston Churchill Blvd., named Miller-McLaughlin House c. 1862. The property meets 5 of the 9 criteria for designation. It is located next to the Croatian Church. The property is a representative example of an early L-Shaped Gothic Revival style agricultural residence. The property is associated with the prominent Miller and McLaughlin families and is contextually significant. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0027

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue Notice of Intention to Designate for the Property at 9118 Winston Churchill Boulevard for Designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**CARRIED**

**4.d Research and Evaluation Report - 9476 Tenth Line (Menzies-Early Farm)**

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0028

THAT Heritage Halton Hills receives the Research and Evaluation Report for 9476 Tenth Line for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Report be brought forward at the June Heritage Halton Hills Meeting for a recommendation from the committee.

**CARRIED**

**4.e Research and Evaluation Report - 30 Park Avenue (Prospect Park and Fairy Lake)**

L. Lonely provided an overview of Prospect Park and Fairy Lake. Early European settlement, Fairy Lake was the Adams' former mill pond, renamed by Sarah Augusta Secord in the 1880s. In the 1880s it became a driving park and was purchased by the Village of Acton in 1889, becoming Prospect Park in 1890. Acton Fairgrounds as of 1892, permanent home in 1913. It has significant cultural Heritage Landscape. Attributes including: 1926 Bandstand (work needs to be done on the bandstand, including electrical), 1926 Entrance Pillars, 1867 Drill Shed, 1934 Cemetery Cairn, Fairy Lake, Drive Track, Mature Trees. Staff and Councillors had a meeting with the Acton Agricultural Society. The report

will be on the June Heritage Halton Hills Committee agenda for a Committee recommendation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2026-0029

THAT Heritage Halton Hills receive the Research and Evaluation Report for Prospect Park & Fairy Lake for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Report be brought forward at the June Heritage Halton Hills Meeting for a recommendation from the committee.

**CARRIED**

**4.f Extension Request for 2024 HPGP Application - 586 Main Street (Beaumont Knitting Mill)**

The owner is requesting to extend the grant for another year. The 2024 grant was for masonry work and urgently needed roof repairs. CIP/ Economic Development staff have been engaged to find ways to assist financially through their programs.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0030

THAT Heritage Halton Hills grant the property owner of 586 Main Street, Glen Williams a one-year extension the work relating to the 2024 Heritage Property Grant Program application;

AND FURTHER THAT the owner be permitted to apply for the 2025 Heritage Property Grant Program for additional work on the property, however that funds relating to any approved work through the 2025 Heritage Property Grant Program not be issued until the work related to the 2024 Heritage Property Grant Program has been completed.

**CARRIED**

**4.g 2025 Heritage Property Grant Program (HGP) Eligibility Review - 9920 Regional Road 25 (Towercliffe House)**

C. MacPherson provided an overview of the research for proposing a new wood double door to reintroduce the original double door design. The house currently features a single door flanked by sidelights and transom. The proposed doors follow a similar design to the original.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0031

THAT Heritage Halton Hills approves of the proposed door replacement being eligible for the Heritage Property Grant Program as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4.h Removal from the Heritage Registry – 10 McIntyre Cres.**

L. Loney provided a proposal for the demolition of 10 McIntyre Crescent. There was a fire that destroyed the top floor. The owners submitted an engineer's report in support of this request, and due to safety concerns and the fact that the owner has no obligation to re-construct, staff are in support of the removal.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0032

THAT Heritage Halton Hills remove the property from the Heritage Registry.

**CARRIED**

**5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Limehouse Memorial Hall
- Prospect Park / Fairy Lake
- Insurance for Halls

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

**Halton Hills Public Library Board Meeting**

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Georgetown Branch

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Betsy Cospers, Erica Daly, Christina da Rocha-Feeley (Chair), Councillor Bob Inglis, Jane Marshall, Keith Medenblik, Alice Strachan, Lisa Teggart

**Staff Present:** Andrea Arsenault, Clare Hanman, Beverley King, Lori Mazza Brenton (Recorder), Lee Puddephatt, Mary Querques

**Regrets:** Councillor Alex Hilson, Tamara Smith

**1.0 Call to Order**

C. da Rocha-Feeley declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

It was noted that C. da Rocha-Feeley chaired the meeting to better facilitate proceedings as A. Strachan attended virtually.

**2.0 Land Acknowledgement**

A. Strachan read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

**3.0 Approval of Agenda**

Moved By: B. Cospers

Seconded By: J. Marshall

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest**

NIL

**5.0 Minutes of Previous Library Board and Sub-Committees Meetings**

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded By: K. Medenblik

THAT the following minutes are hereby approved:

**5.1** Minutes of the Library Board meeting held on March 26, 2025

**5.2** Confidential Minutes of the Library Board meeting held on March 26, 2025

**CARRIED**

**6.0 Consent Agenda**  
NIL

**7.0 Correspondence**  
NIL

**8.0 Presentation/Delegations**

**8.1 Community-Led Philosophy**

- Community Librarian, A. Arsenault, presented HHPL's Community-led approach to librarianship, emphasizing the library's ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of Halton Hills residents.
- The library works collaboratively with its partners to make services available and accessible to the community.
- The number of partnerships fluctuates annually. There are approximately 80 partners at present.
- Dedicated library spaces are available for partners to meet with the community.
- As a member of Halton Information Providers, HHPL contributes to maintaining the Halton Community Services Directory.
- Staff raise awareness of the library through outreach activities at community spaces, residential buildings, community events, service providers, and schools, ensuring staff meet residents where they are.
- Programs and services are evaluated using Community-led principles before, during, and after implementation.
- Suggestions for future outreach include visiting the community centre on weekdays when seniors are most likely to attend and participate in opening days for local sports clubs.

**9.0 Business Arising**

**9.1 Report No. LBD-2025-013 re: Policy Review: Procedural By-law**

- Updates were made to the language throughout.
- Among the changes include clarification that 'pecuniary interest' is a subset of 'conflict of interest' and updates to the timeline and process for delegating to the Board.
- Staff will make minor housekeeping changes.

Moved By: E. Daly

Seconded By: B. Cospers

THAT Report No. LBD-2025-013 dated April 17, 2025, regarding the Policy Review: Procedural By-law be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board approves the Procedural By-law.

**CARRIED**



**9.2 Report No. LBD-2025-014 re: Policy Review: Internet Use – Second Review**

- The policy on Internet Use was expanded and renamed to Internet and Technology Access.
- Among the revisions is an updated reference to the Canadian Federation of Library Associations' Statement on Intellectual Freedom.

Moved By: K. Medenblik

Seconded By: J. Marshall

THAT Report No. LBD-2025-014 dated April 17, 2025, regarding the Policy Review: Internet Use – Second Review be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board approves the revised Internet and Technology Access Policy.

**CARRIED**

**10.0 Updates – including Sub-committees**

**10.1 Advocacy Committee**

- The Advocacy Committee met on April 22 to review their priorities in alignment with the Board's recently approved objectives.
- They discussed how the Committee and the Board can support the Halton Hills Public Library Foundation and future fundraising initiatives.
- The Committee will begin long-term planning for capital fundraising, recognizing the need to establish relationships early, as successful fundraising can take years.
- The Board will gather feedback organically from community connections on perceived needs for the library.

**10.2 Friends of the Library (FOL)**

- The Friends of the Library held their Annual General Meeting on April 17, followed by the April business meeting.
- The executive team remains the same.
- Membership currently stands at 98 members.
- Book sales have increased this year.
- Discussion on book pricing took place. The Friends continue to monitor prices at other community book sales; prices were raised in 2024.
- Some monetary donations are now being received through CanadaHelps.
- Expenses remain unchanged from last year.
- The next meeting is May 15.

**10.3 Council**

Councillor B. Inglis reported that:

- Council will participate in various upcoming Town events, including Earth Week, a Bike Swap at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, and National Volunteer Week.

- At the April 14 Council meeting:
  - An announcement was made about the library winning the Book Bash Grant.
  - Staff gave a presentation about the Town launching an account on Bluesky, an emerging social media platform.
  - A report on the Silver Creek Trail Feasibility Study was presented.

#### **10.4 Community Connections**

- A. Strachan attended FanFest and congratulated staff on a successful event. She was impressed by the costumes and the enthusiasm of both staff and patrons.
- L. Teggart reported receiving resident feedback about the library's 'wellness section' appearing sparse.
- B. King shared that in 2017, the library received a grant to support Indigenous programming, which received significant support from former Limehouse residents, who recently reached out to acknowledge the support HHPL provided and reconnect during an upcoming visit.
- L. Puddephatt spoke with a resident at the National Canadian Film Day screening of *Like Movies* at Acton Town Hall on April 16. Following their conversation, he emailed B. King to express his gratitude for the library and its role as a community connector. He also shared his concerns about potential funding cuts and their impact.

#### **10.5 Professional Associations**

NIL

### **11.0 Financial Report**

#### **11.1 Month End Report – March 2025**

As of March 2025:

- Total revenues are under budget by approximately 17%.
- Salaries, wages, and benefits are under budget by approximately 4.9%.
- Materials and supplies are ahead of budget by approximately 8%.
- The percentage remaining is 78.7%.

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis

Seconded By: B. Cospers

THAT the financial month end report for March 2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

### **12.0 New Business**

#### **12.1 Memo No. LBM-2025-001 re: Update to CELA Services**

- Staff informed the Board of upcoming changes in services from the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA), which will impact individuals who receive audiobooks on CD from CELA.
- Staff are investigating how they can support patrons who will be affected, recognizing that it will be an iterative process.

Moved By: J. Marshall  
Seconded By: A. Strachan

THAT Memo No: LBD-2025-001 dated April 17, 2025, regarding Update to CELA Services be received.

**12.2 Report No. LBD-2025-015 re: Chief Librarian & CEO Report – April 2025**

- Literacy North Halton will host a Scrabble fundraiser on April 25.
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) Gathering will take place April 29 – May 1 at the Ancaster Fairgrounds.
- In recognition of National Indigenous History month, a new resources kit featuring MCFN will launch in June.
- The Halton Hills Lecture Series presents “The Biking Lawer” on May 13, complementing the Bike it to the Market event on June 14.
- A successful Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) grant has secured funding for two Summer Student Event Coordinator positions.
- Wines and Spines tickets go on sale May 1; the event is on June 18.
- Effective May 1, access to hoopla® will be revised due to budget constraints.

Moved By: K. Medenblik  
Seconded By: A. Strachan

THAT Report No: LBD-2025-015 dated April 17, 2025, regarding the Chief Librarian & CEO’s Report – April 2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

**12.3 Report No. LBD-2025-017 re: Halton Hills Public Library Foundation 2024 Annual Report**

- This report provides the Board with an overview of the current status of the Halton Hills Public Library Foundation.
- Planning is underway for a small-scale capital campaign.

Moved By: Councillor B. Inglis  
Seconded By: L. Teggart

THAT Report No. LBD-2025-017 dated April 17, 2025, regarding the Halton Hills Public Library Foundation 2024 Annual Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**12.4 Report No. LBD-2025-018 re: Policy Review: Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation and Privacy – First Review**

- The policy on Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) will be rescinded as all its information has been incorporated into the Privacy Policy.
- Revisions to the Privacy Policy include updates to reflect current best practices and minor edits to improve clarity.

Moved By: A. Strachan

Seconded By: E. Daly

THAT Report No. LBD-2025-018 dated April 17, 2025, regarding the Policy Review: Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation and Privacy – First Review be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board direct staff to make any proposed changes and bring the revised policy back to the Board for a second review and approval.

**CARRIED**

**12.5 Report No. LBD-2025-019 re: Policy Review: Proctoring – First Review**

- Exam proctoring was more notable pre-pandemic; usage has decreased significantly in recent years now that more institutions offer digital exam proctoring.
- Revisions to the Proctoring Policy include updates to reflect current best practices and the addition of headers to improve clarity.
- Procedures will be updated to align with the revised policy.
- Potential student opposition to their school's proctoring requirements could result in a surge of requests for proctoring services at the library.

Moved By: B. Cospers

Seconded By: L. Teggart

THAT Report No. LBD-2025-019 dated April 17, 2025, regarding the Policy Review: Proctoring – First Review be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board direct staff to make any proposed changes and bring the revised policy back to the Board for a second review and approval.

**CARRIED**

**12.6 Report No. LBD-2025-020 re: Policy Review: Code of Conduct – First Review**

- The policy will be renamed Code of Conduct for Library Users.
- Among the revisions include updates to reflect current best practices and to align with the Town of Halton Hill's Public Conduct Policy and Restricted Activities Policy.
- Staff will make minor changes based on feedback from the Board and bring the policy back for a second review.

Moved By: A. Strachan

Seconded By: J. Marshall

THAT Report No. LBD-2025-020 dated April 17, 2025, regarding the Policy Review: Code of Conduct – First Review be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Halton Hills Public Library Board direct staff to make any proposed changes and bring the revised policy back to the Board for a second review

and approval.

**CARRIED**

**12.7 Report No. LBD-2025-021 re: 2025 Quarter 1 Metrics**

- Presented overview of first quarter metrics.
- System circulation experienced slight decrease while average active cardholders increased 3%.
- Program attendance increased 27% mainly due to March Break.
- Circulation of digital collections increased 15%.

Moved By: L. Teggart

Seconded By: B. Cospers

THAT Report No. LBD-2025-021 dated April 17, 2025, regarding the 2025 Quarter 1 Metrics be received.

**CARRIED**

**13.0 Health and Safety Report**  
NIL

**14.0 Next Meeting**  
May 28, 2025  
7:00 p.m.  
Georgetown Branch, Boardroom

**15.0 Adjournment**

Moved By: J. Marshall

Seconded By: L. Teggart

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Christina da Rocha-Feeley, Chair  
Halton Hills Public Library Board

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Beverley King, Chief Librarian & CEO  
Halton Hills Public Library

APPROVED: May 28, 2025

DATED: May 28, 2025



*Annette Groves*  
*Mayor*

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Her Worship, Mayor Annette Groves  
Office of the Mayor  
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June 4, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford,  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5  
[Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

Illegal land use, including unauthorized development, unapproved land alterations, and other non-compliant activities, poses significant threats to the Town's agricultural viability, water quality, and ecosystem health, in addition to decreasing adjacent land values and undermining public trust in land-use governance enforcement.

There have been approximately 1,300 properties investigated in Caledon for illegal land use since 2015, with the majority of instances being for the operation of illegal transportation depots.

Illegal transportation depots and parking lots undermine the success of Caledon's largest industry and employment sector. The prevalence of illegal transportation depots and parking lots, and their disregard for architectural and landscape standards, reduce the appeal for investment in prestige employment lands.

Penalties prescribed by the Planning Act are insufficient to deter violations, as they do not adequately reflect the economic gains derived from illegal land use activities and even maximum fines are difficult to obtain. The existing provisions in the Municipal Act specifically disallow municipalities from licensing transportation depots and truck parking.

In June 2023, the Town of Caledon wrote to your office requesting increased authority for municipalities to manage illegal land use including the ability to physically bar entry to properties and increase maximum penalty amounts for individuals and corporations. The Town has also made similar requests to the Honourable Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, the Ministry of the

Attorney General, the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

At the June 3, 2025 General Committee Meeting, Council expressed support for a motion to strengthen municipal authority to effectively manage illegal land use by:

1. Amending the Planning Act to allow for a municipality to:

- a. require a person to pay an administrative penalty if the municipality is satisfied that the person has contravened section 41, section 46, subsection 49 (4) or section 52 or who contravenes a by-law passed under section 34 or 38 or an order made under section 47; whereas municipalities cannot currently administer administrative penalty systems under the Act, unlike the Municipal Act and Building Code Act,
- b. issue orders to discontinue a contravening activity or perform work to correct a contravention under a by-law passed under section 34 of the Act, whereas the Act does not currently allow it.
- c. enable a matter or thing to be done at a person's expense in default of it being done in accordance with an order made under a by-law passed under section 34 of the Act; further, that the costs of such action taken by a municipality may be recovered by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes, whereas municipalities cannot currently perform remedial work under the Act, unlike the Municipal Act,
- d. register charges, fines, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions and court imposed fines in the proper land registry office, so any person acquiring any interest in the land subsequent to the registration of the order is deemed to have been served with the same order; whereas the Act does not currently allow it,
- e. increase the maximum penalty amounts to \$50,000 for an individual and \$100,000 for a corporation on a first conviction and \$25,000 for each day the contravention continues after a conviction for an individual and \$50,000 for a corporation, additionally, amending the Act to allow municipalities to establish minimum fines under Zoning and Site Plan Control by-laws and continuing offence penalties on a first conviction.

2. Amending the Municipal Act to allow for a municipality to:

- a. provide a system of licenses under a business licensing by-law for the local parking and storage operations of transportation businesses, including transportation depots and parking lots, whereas municipalities cannot currently regulate the minimum standards appropriate for the community through Ontario Regulation 583/06 (Licensing Powers),
- b. close a business operating without a license or engaged in egregious illegal land uses that significantly harm nearby residents, the environment, and public safety; whereas municipalities cannot currently close or prevent illegal land use or operations from continuing,
- c. physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations,

d. register charges, fines, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions and court imposed fines in the proper land registry office, so any person acquiring any interest in the land subsequent to the registration of the order is deemed to have been served with the same order; whereas the Act does not currently allow it

A copy of the notice of motion has been enclosed for your reference. For more information regarding this matter, please contact my Chief of Staff, Catherine Monast, directly by email at [catherine.monast@caledon.ca](mailto:catherine.monast@caledon.ca) or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

Town of Caledon

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Less than a month to go. Municipalities must report their 2024 energy consumption by July 1 under [O.Reg 25/23](#). Contact [bpssupport@ontario.ca](mailto:bpssupport@ontario.ca) for more information. If you are an [EPT subscriber](#), this information can be easily downloaded from our software and uploaded to the portal. If you also use our [natural gas](#) or [electricity programs](#), this data has been automatically imported into EPT - no data entry required.

### **Municipal Wire\***

The [Warrior Health](#) program to provide supports for public safety personnel is now open! Public Safety Organizations can also [apply for grants](#) to support fee-for-service programs until June 27.

OurCare is undertaking [a survey](#) to understand people's experiences of primary care. The survey is open until July 9 and elected officials are encouraged to share with their residents.

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[Licensed Mechanic A - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: June 12, 2025.

[Manager of Finance/Treasurer - Municipality of Brighton](#). Closing Date: July 4, 2025.

[Project Coordinator, Facilities Energy & Asset Management - City of Kingston](#). Closing Date: June 13, 2025.

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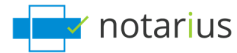
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## LAS

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ROMA in partnership with the Minister of Rural Affairs, are happy to share the 2025 Teeny Tiny Summit line-up. These compelling events are designed with innovation in mind for Ontario's rural communities. Registration and information is available for the Summit in [Strathroy-Caradoc - June 18](#).

### **ONE Investment**

In a time of market fluctuation and political uncertainty, municipal investors should have a thoughtful long-term investment strategy. [This timely update](#) from ONE Investment and PH&N Institutional will address these challenges/opportunities.

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[Water Resources Engineer - Lower Trent Conservation](#). Closing Date: June 13, 2025

[Assistant Deputy Minister, Customer Care - Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement](#). Closing Date: June 17, 2025.

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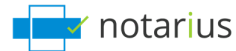
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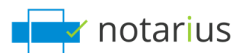
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**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago  
Council Meeting**

**Agenda Number:** 15.7.  
**Resolution Number** 25-086  
**Title:** Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025  
**Date:** Friday, May 23, 2025

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**Moved by:** Councillor Barton  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Manners

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes significant changes to environmental legislation, including the replacement of the Endangered Species Act, 2007 with the significantly weaker Species Conservation Act, 2025, and would grant the Premier and Cabinet unprecedented powers to override provincial and municipal laws – including laws that protect public health, farmland, and the natural systems that safeguard communities from extreme weather events; and

**WHEREAS** The Township of The Archipelago's strategic priorities include protecting and preserving our unique and high-quality natural environment, and delivering municipal services in a responsible, sustainable, cost-effective, and efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS** The Township of The Archipelago supports the goals of responsible economic growth and increased housing supply; and

**WHEREAS** nature is not red tape – it is the economic driver of our region, and is central to Canadian culture, identity, and economy; protecting nature is essential for building resilient communities and upholding the sovereignty and stewardship of Indigenous peoples; and

**WHEREAS** Bill 5 will undermine critical environmental, species, and heritage protection laws, introducing significant economic, environmental, social, and cultural uncertainty, endangering Ontario's 249 at-risk species, and potentially infringing on the legal and constitutional rights of the Ontario public – especially Indigenous communities that are disproportionately affected by such actions;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby

opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would undermine environmental safeguards, Indigenous rights, or local planning authority, and urge the Province to withdraw the Bill; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that Council urges the Province of Ontario to pursue housing and infrastructure development through policies that maintain robust environmental protections and respect local planning regimes; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier; The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); and all Ontario municipalities; Chief Adam Pawis, all Township of The Archipelago Ratepayer Associations; and to other environmental organizations.

**Carried**



May 13, 2025

To all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

Re: Bill 5 - Risks to your communities and support requested

As Mayor of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, I am sharing this motion to bring to your attention the potential risks to your communities and ask for your support to oppose this approach. The following motion was approved yesterday, May 12, 2025:

“Whereas 29831 Irish School Road in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is a property approximately 800 metres from the Town of Dresden;

And Whereas the property contain small fill areas used for historic local landfill purposes, and the property has never been properly studied or zoned for any significant landfilling use;

And Whereas the current property owners are attempting to create a new recycling and landfill facility for millions of tonnes of waste, which would result in hundreds of trucks travelling through towns and communities in the area;

And Whereas this approach has been strongly opposed by Council, the Community, neighbouring Indigenous Nations and many other voices, due to impacts to the environment, our homes, the safety of our families and children, and the fabric of our communities;

And Whereas the Provincial government has proposed Bill 5, which includes a section removing the obligation for a full Environmental Assessment for this new landfill and recycling facility;

And Whereas if this limited, historic local landfill use on the edge of Dresden can be expanded into a massive landfill and recycling facility, then this can happen anywhere;

And Whereas there are likely hundreds of properties across the Province that may have had limited, historic waste uses, which could also face this threat;

And Whereas Bill 197 established a veto for Municipalities within 3.5 kms of a new landfill, which reflected the need for local government and community approval of landfill sites;

And Whereas the approach being taken for this property disregards the importance of our rural communities, and local voices, in determining appropriate landfill sites within their communities:

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Now Therefore to ensure that other Municipal Councils and communities know about what is happening in Dresden, and the potential risk to their community if this approach is taken by the Province, Council requests that the Mayor's Office write a letter to all other Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

1. Advising them of this issue and the risks to their community if a similar approach is taken for other historic landfill properties; the possibility of the Ontario government setting a precedence and
2. Requesting their support in opposing this approach and ensuring that full Environmental Assessments are required for all landfills and that municipalities have a strong voice in determining appropriate locations for landfills in their communities."

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent



## The Town of The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council Special Meeting of Council

**Date:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025

**Time:** 4:28 PM

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**Moved by:** Councillor Ardiel

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Bordignon

WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountains boasts a robust agricultural sector and a thriving agritourism industry, with numerous local cideries contributing significantly to the local economy, employment, and tourism;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's craft cider industry is experiencing substantial growth, with over 60 craft cideries across the province, many of which are situated in rural communities and utilize 100% Ontario-grown apples and are 100% made in Ontario, thereby supporting local agriculture and local economies;

AND WHEREAS under the current provincial tax structure, cider is officially classified and taxed at the same rate as imported wine which results in higher markups and taxes compared to craft beer, despite cider's comparable production processes and market positioning;

AND WHEREAS this tax disparity places Ontario's craft cider producers at a competitive disadvantage compared to craft brewers, despite the fact that Ontario cider utilize 100% Ontario-grown apples and is 100% made in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Craft Cider Association (OCCA) has been actively advocating for a tax structure that levels the playing field between craft cider and craft beer, recognizing the potential for job creation, economic growth, and the promotion of local agriculture;

AND WHEREAS the Town acknowledges and appreciates the Province's investment in marketing and promotional support for the craft cider industry, but maintains that long-term sustainability and competitiveness for Ontario cider producers requires an adjustment to the underlying tax framework;

AND WHEREAS this motion is meant to support, not oppose, initiatives for fair taxation of the Ontario Craft Cider industry the Province of Ontario may be considering.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains:

1. Supports the efforts of the Ontario Craft Cider Association in advocating for a fair and equitable tax structure for Ontario-made craft cider.
2. Urges the Province of Ontario to review and amend the current tax regulations to align the tax rate of craft cider with that of craft beer, thereby fostering a more balanced and supportive environment for local cider producers.
3. Acknowledges the Province of Ontario's recent investment in marketing initiatives for the cider sector, while calling for complementary reform of the tax and markup structure that continues to disadvantage cider producers relative to other craft alcohol categories;

4. Directs the Mayor to forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, MPP Brian Saunderson, MPP Paul Vickers and MPP Nina Tangri and the County of Grey requesting their consideration and support.
5. Directs the Mayor to forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario, encourages other municipalities with vested interests in agriculture and agri-tourism to adopt similar resolutions, amplifying the collective voice advocating for the prosperity of Ontario's craft cider industry.

**YES: 5**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 2**

**The motion is Carried**

**YES: 5**

Deputy Mayor Bordignon   Councillor Ardiel  
Councillor Porter

Councillor Hope

Councillor Maxwell

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 2**

Mayor Matrosovs

Councillor McKinlay