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HERITAGE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee meeting held on Wednesday June 18, 2025 in the Esquering Room at Town Hall, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON.

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

Regrets: C. Donaldson

Staff Present: L. Loney, Manager of Heritage Planning, N. Brady, Senior Administrative and Heritage Planning Coordinator, R. Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration

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

Councillor M. Kindbom declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Item No. 4.e 537 Main Street - St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church (Glen Williams) as he is a member of the Church. He did not participate in any discussion or voting on this item.

Councillor M. Kindbom declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Item No. 4.f 5, 7, and 9 Tweedle Street (Glen Williams) due to his homes proximity to these properties. He did not participate in any discussion or voting on this item.

M. Rowe declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Item No. 4.f 5, 7, and 9 Tweedle Street (Glen Williams) as he is the owner of one of the properties. He did not participate in any discussion or voting on this item.

Councillor M. Kindbom declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Item No. 4.h (b) 25 Mountain Street - Barraclough House (Glen Williams) as he is the owner of the property. He did not participate in any discussion or voting on this item.

Councillor M. Kindbom declared a pecuniary/conflict of interest with respect to Item No. 4.h (d) 515 Main Street - Williams Mill (Glen Williams) as his children attend daycare at this property. He did not participate in any discussion or voting on this item.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.a Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2025.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0033

THAT the Minutes of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee Meeting held on May 21, 2025 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Research and Evaluation Report - 32 Stewarttown Road - Tracey House (Stewarttown)

L. Loney provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 32 Stewarttown Road. It meets 4 of 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of an 1848 Georgian with Neo-Classical influences. It is associated with the Tracey Family and the Township of Esquesing. It is contextually contributing to the area. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0034

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 32 Stewarttown Road for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.b Research and Evaluation Report - 3 Prince Street - Tost Blacksmith Shop and Schenk House (Glen Williams)

L. Loney provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 3 Prince Street. It meets 6 of 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a mid-19th Century industrial building with Edwardian influences. It is associated with Blacksmith William Tost who patented the Iron Beam Harrow as well as the Schenk Family who owned the Credit Valley Bottling Company and were involved with Council and the Community and the Glen Knitting Mill. It is contextually significant and a landmark. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0035

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 3 Prince Street for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.c Research and Evaluation Report - 13420 Fourth Line - Bannockburn School (Acton)

L. Loney provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 13420 Fourth Line. This property has historical and associative value however it has been significantly modified from the original schoolhouse design. For these reasons staff do not recommend Part IV designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0036

THAT Heritage Halton Hills does not recommend designation at this time for the property at 13420 Fourth Line.

CARRIED

4.d Research and Evaluation Report - 14021 Regional Road 25 - Lorne School (north of Acton)

L. Loney provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 14021 Regional Road 25. It meets 7 of 9 criteria for designation. It is a representative example of a rural one-room schoolhouse in the Gothic Revival style. It is associated with the early Ontario educational system. It is contextually significant. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0037

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 14021 Regional Road 25 for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.e Research and Evaluation Report - 537 Main Street - St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church (Glen Williams)

L. Loney provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the property located at 537 Main Street. It meets 5 of 9 criteria for designation. It is a rare and representative example of an early-twentieth century Gothic Revival church. It is associated with the early Anglican community and with prominent local residents, Sykes, Beaumont and Holdroyd. It is contextually significant and a landmark. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0038

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property at 537 Main Street for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.f Research and Evaluation Report - 5, 7 and 9 Tweedle Street - The Three Sisters (Glen Williams)

L. Loney provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for the properties located at 5,7 and 9 Tweedle Street. They meet 4 of 9 criteria for designation. The existing homes are representative of vernacular worker's housing with Gothic Revival influences. They are associated with the mill industry in the Glen, the Hill family and Sheridan Nurseries. They are contextually significant. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0039

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for the properties at 5, 7, and 9 Tweedle Street for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.g Research and Evaluation Report - Prospect Park and Fairy Lake (Acton)

L. Loney provided an overview of the research and evaluation report for Prospect Park and Fairy Lake. She highlighted all of the historical features and the fact that the area is contextually significant and a landmark. The Acton Agricultural Society is supportive of designation. For these reasons staff recommend designation.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0040

THAT Heritage Halton Hills recommend Council issue a Notice of Intention to Designate for Prospect Park and Fairy Lake in Acton for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4.h 2025 Heritage Property Grant Program Applications

L. Loney provided an overview of the applications and the financial requests per project. The program permits the committee to award 50% of the project cost up to a maximum of \$3000 per project.

L. Loney took separate votes on each of the applications to accommodate the pecuniary/conflict of interest declarations. The declarants did not participate in any discussion or vote on the items as noted in Item No. 2 of these minutes.

Recommendation No. HHH-2025-0041

THAT Heritage Halton Hills approve the following applications for the 2025 Heritage Property Grant Program, with any outstanding details to be confirmed by Town Staff:

- a. 10996 Trafalgar Road - St. John's Anglican Church (Stewarttown)
- b. 25 Mountain Street - Barraclough House (Glen Williams)
- c. 499 Guelph Street - St. Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church (Norval)
- d. 515 Main Street - Williams Mill (Glen Williams)
- e. 6 Queen Street - Bowman-Lane House (Georgetown)
- f. 76 Bower Street - McNiven-Elliott House (Acton)
- g. 77 Bower Street - Syndicate Housing (Acton)
- h. 9920 Regional Road 25 – Towercliffe House

CARRIED

4.i Prospect Park and Fairy Lake Walking Tours/Historic Places Days Update

L . Loney advised that Prospect Park and Fairy Lake have been registered to be part of Historic Places Days and Scott Brooks and Mark Rowe will be providing walking tours of the area.

5. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

Limehouse Memorial Hall

July and August Meetings will likely not be required.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment hearing held on **June 4, 2025**, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present: Todd Jenney (Chair), Jane Watson, Lloyd Hillier, Keith Medenblik, Jason Smith

Staff Present: Ruth Conard, Planner
Niloo Hodjati, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment & Consent Official

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
None.
3. **APPLICATIONS HEARD**
 - a) **Minor Variance D13VAR25.014H – 6 Overstone Road**

Location: 6 Overstone Road, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown), Regional Municipality of Halton

Purpose: Requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended,

1. To reduce the front yard soft landscaping from the minimum 40% (23.6 sq m) of the front yard area to permit 32.97% (19.49 sq m) of the front yard area.
2. To reduce the interior side yard setback for a driveway from the minimum 0.6 m to permit an interior side yard setback of 0.3 m to the driveway.

To accommodate proposed additional parking for an Accessory Residential Unit.

Owner(s): Prashant Sehgal & Aditi Sehgal, **Agent:** MEM Engineering, Harjinder Singh

The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The owner and agent (Raman Kumar) were present to speak to the application.

It was MOVED by Jason Smith, SECONDED, and CARRIED

THAT the application be approved, subject to condition.

The Committee considered the requested variance(s) to:

1. Meet the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
2. Meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
3. Be desirable for the appropriate use of the land, building or structure.
4. Be minor in nature.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

**DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES**

Board of Management Monthly Meeting

Wednesday May 28th, 2025 – 7:00pm

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

Attendance: Monica Galway – Chairperson / Profile Hair Studio, Norman Paulsen – Acton Motors, Nicole Walker – Acton Optical, Patricia Daleman – Doane Grant Thornton LLP, Kelly Fitzgerald – Bookkeeper (non-voting), Matthew Galliford – DABIA Coordinator (non-voting)

Absent with regrets: Councillor Mike Albano – attending Provincial Conference

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. [Read by Monica Galway](#)

1. Chair's Welcome

2. Call to Order [7:03pm](#)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary / Personal Conflict of Interest(s) [None](#)

4. Adoption of March 2025 Minutes & April 2025 Minutes (informal)

[March Minutes: 1st: Norm, 2nd: Nicole, All in favor: Yes](#)

[April Minutes: Reviewed, not required due to informal meeting w/o quorum](#)

5. Motion to Approve May 2025 Agenda [1st: Nicole, 2nd: Norm, All in favor: Yes](#)

6. Coordinator's Report and updates - Matthew Galliford [see attached](#)

7. Financial Reports – Patricia Daleman [All financial reports are balanced and up to date as of April 30, 2025](#)

8. New Business:

- Communication [A discussion was had to sort out communication between Board members regarding projects, timelines and responsibilities of annual flowers and planting.](#)
- Beautification
- 2026 Capital Plans: Planters UPDATE, etc. [Matthew & Mike had a meeting with Town Staff regarding the purchase of new floral street planters for 2026. Town Staff to provide approved vendor catalogues for product selection.](#)

9. Motion to Adjourn [8:06pm 1st: Nicole, 2nd: Norm, All in favor: Yes](#)

NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday June 18, 2025** - 7:00 pm - DABIA Office 25 Mill St. E.

Shop, Eat & Play Local – It's Worth the Drive!

[Coordinator's report attached below.](#)

**DOWNTOWN ACTON BIA
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AGENDA**

Board of Management Monthly Meeting

Wednesday May 28, 2025 – 7:00pm

Coordinator's Report

Flowers –Meadowvale Garden Centre planted all the Downtown on May 15 / 16. 20 of the purchased 40 hanging baskets were hung downtown. The remaining 20 baskets will arrive to be hung when I call for them. Final cost including supply, planting and landscaping labor, new soil, (all details shared in an internal Borad email) \$15,255.00 (\$13,500.00 + HST \$1755.00) BUDGETED: \$18000.00

The watering vehicle will be ready for us on: Coyote Carts to provide details TBA

Flags / Banners – Canadian Flags and new Acton 200th Banners were installed on May 15. More flags and banners still need to be installed on Main Street, Eastern Avenue and Mill Street. Some hardware is needed.

- **BANNERS:** We received the Community Development about the Community Grant to cover the banner expenses (purchase / install). The Grant provides \$2500.00, paid to us on May 15, 2025. After vendor issues and delays, we changed vendors to meet our deadline. Our application was for \$3550.00. Our final cost was \$3457.80 (\$3060.00 + HST \$397.80) We paid \$957.80 after funding. BUDGETED: \$1000.00 (miscellaneous beautification)
- **FLAGS:** 40 units with additional grommet added \$1076.28 (\$916.90 + HST \$123.82) BUDGETED: \$2200.00

Outdoor Market:

UPDATE: \$2550 AP so far – 9 Food / 17 Total

2025 Acton Outdoor Market

Vendor Company Name	Contact Name(s)	Accounts	Accounts
		Payable	Receivable
Villanti Farms	Rob Sapienza	\$300	\$0
Weathered Rock Farm	Mark Eastman	\$300	\$300
Ice Cream 4 U Inc.	Lylama Yousufzai	\$240	\$240
Allison's Farm Market	Christine Allison	\$170	\$170
Good Food Farms	Tina Gokstrop	\$190	\$0
Hex 1847 Cider	Doug Clark	\$300	\$0
Mandi's Breads, Bagels & Beyond	Amanda Purnell	\$330	\$330
MissyLi's Meats and Sweets	Lisa Alonzi	\$300	\$0
Sweet Rounds Mini Doughnuts	Melissa Arbuckle	\$150	\$0
Hermes' Barkery (Pet Cakes & Treats)	Randi Beiruti & David Urzua		
	Runyon	\$75	\$0
CARE Chiropractic & Rehabilitation Excellence	Dr. Methila Narayanamoorthy	\$75	\$75
Cynnful Scents	Cynthia Dorken	\$120	

Town of Halton Hills - Safe & Welcoming HH	Catherine McLeod	\$0	\$0
Halton Community Legal Services	Giulia Reinhardt	\$0	\$0
Vintage Acton (Display)	Scott Brooks	\$0	\$0
Town of Halton Hills - Plan Review & Mobility Master Plan	Ivan Drewnitski	\$0	\$0
		\$2,550	\$1,115

Pending:

Majestic Farm	Karen Mansfield
Jamie's Cracked Corn	Belinda & Andrew Tait

- 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. I have already reached capacity for Real Estate Agents and Hamburger / Hot Dog vendors, any incoming applications for these are being denied.
- A Children's Performer and a Solo Artist have been added to the entertainment: Matt Gerber (Milton) and Aynsley Saxe (Georgetown). Ambition Performing Arts will be featured as well. The Acton Citizens Band and Halton Special Olympics have not been confirmed yet.

Other Business

- The Q2 issue of Halton Hill Now – Chamber of Commerce is now available. Look for my Downtown Acton interview article. <https://www.haltonhillschamber.on.ca/halton-hills-now-magazine/>
- The CBC Still Standing TV Show filmed in Acton from May 18 to 23. The finale comedy show on Friday May 23rd at Acton High School was an enormous success. 600+ seats were available, 150 people were turned away. The episode will air September / October time.
- {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).}
- May 2, 1:30pm to 4:00pm – Monica and I attended the annual Town Walk around to meet with Town Staff and discuss our projects and 2026 plans. The proposed Holiday Lights event was a topic that was to have Town follow up with the next steps and compliances for us to respond to, no follow up as of yet, requests have been made by email.
- May 26, 10am – Mike Albano and I attended a TEAMS online meeting with Town Staff to discuss new floral planters and what options are available. Mark Taylor has provided vendor catalogues for us to review.
- I spoke at the Acton Active Living Men's Breakfast on May 27. We spoke about the BIA and our events.

-END OF REPORT



MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on
Tuesday May 27, 2025 in the Esqueuing Room, 1 Halton Hills Drive

Members Present: Councillor J. Fogal, Chair, Councillor A. Hilson, A. Sommer, R.
(EP – Electronic Hendry, N. Barros, B. Mandarino, C. Patten, J. Dougherty
Participation)

Regrets: C. Lenz, N. Barros, G. Price-Jones

Staff Present: I. Drewnitski, Transportation Planning Coordinator, M.
(E – Electronically Khashaypoor, Transportation Planning Technologist, M. Lawr,
Present) Deputy Clerk - Legislation

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor J. Fogal, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or conflict of interest.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Recommendation No. ACT-2025-005

THAT the Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee Meeting held on March 25, 2025 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Cycling Map

I. Drewnitski reviewed the QR code on the current cycling map and advised that it will be updated for the next printed batch.

The Committee discussed whether separate QR codes for each route would be beneficial. Councillor J. Fogal suggested that Bike It can ask cyclists during their survey at the Bike It to Market event.

The Committee reviewed what the current routes look like. Councillor J. Fogal suggested updating the maps to use lines for routes instead of dots to help make it clearer. I. Drewnitski to speak with GIS staff about having cycling routes uploaded to Google maps.

b. Mobility Master Plan

I. Drewnitski presented to the Committee on the Mobility Master Plan regarding:

- The opportunities that the MMP can provide to municipalities
- Outlining how the MMP works in alignment with the Town's Official Plan
- The study scope and schedule of the MMP
- Current statistics on travel patterns

The Committee discussed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges for the Town to consider during the MMP process which included:

- Strengths:
 - Multi-use pathways (ex. Eighth Line)
 - Trail network
- Weaknesses/Challenges:
 - Very minimal to no travel options currently in the Town
 - ActiVan is only public transit option
 - Current Active Transportation road infrastructure setup/development – certain roads not safe for cycling options
 - Costs of new or updated infrastructure
 - Old sidewalk infrastructure not safe
 - New developments connecting to the rest of the Town
 - Highway 7 running through Town with MTO having authority
 - Train tracks (Acton) at both main intersections – hard to navigate around Active Transportation
- Opportunities:
 - Signage – different phases of users of the infrastructure could be identified to consider how each age group may use the infrastructure, how can it be better landmarked for younger users?
 - Public transit options (I. Drewnitski briefly outlined the current Transit Implementation Plan)
 - EV options and infrastructure for public areas
 - Policy standards/recommendations
 - Improve winter maintenance

- Integration with GO bus for transportation between Acton and Georgetown
- Connections with main road network
- Youth training and education on public transportation (could include incentive)
- Education possibilities on both transit and active transportation infrastructure
- Ebike and bike sharing programs
- Trail promotion
- Keeping statistics on trail usage and other active transportation infrastructure

M. Khashaypoor presented to the Committee about the visioning of the MMP and reviewed values, themes and the draft vision which include:

- Safe, convenient, accessible, healthy and sustainable transportation options
- Freedom
- Quality of life, livability
- Cost effectiveness
- Innovative solutions
- Support growth within Halton Hills
- Safety and reliability

I. Drewnitski reviewed that targets will not currently be included in the MMP but that ways to identify baseline metrics will be looked into for the next part of this study.

The Committee discussed what values are important within the MMP, which included:

- Efficiency
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Aspects related to the Town's Climate Change Adaptation Plan (adopted in 2020)
- Community
- Infrastructure
- Healthy (ex. active transportation infrastructure)
- Connectivity
- Livability

5. WORKING GROUPS

a. Bike It

Councillor J. Fogal provided updates on the following Bike It events:

- Used Bike Swap – recycled 92 bikes, raised \$3300 for food banks

- Birds and Bikes group ride – hosted it and went well
- Bike it to the Market coming up on June 14th – advertised through schools and will be advertised through socials
 - Survey will be held during that event to receive information and feedback from the community on the cycling map and Bike It led events and to learn more about resident cycling activity
- Bike Repair Café event being held in conjunction with the library doing workshops on bike repair
- Started using new marketing material at events (feather banner) and handing out bike tattoos and stickers

I. Drewnitski provided an update on Bike Month which will include a scavenger to be held in the summer, Bike to School week with 5 schools in Halton Hills participating.

6. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

Continued discussion of the Cycling Map – I. Drewnitski

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES

Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment hearing held on **May 7, 2025**, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present: Todd Jenney (Chair), Jane Watson, Lloyd Hillier, Keith Medenblik, Jason Smith

Staff Present: Jessica Rahim, Senior Planner
Ruth Conard, Planner
Niloo Hodjati, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment & Consent Official

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPLICATIONS HEARD

The order of the listed applications as shown on the agenda was altered to address attendance.

c) Minor Variance D13VAR25.011H – 10 Ann Street

Location: 10 Ann Street, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown), Regional Municipality of Halton

Purpose: Requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended,

- 1.** To reduce the rear yard setback from the minimum 7.5 m to permit a rear yard setback of 4.48 m.
- 2.** To increase the encroachment of the roof overhang from the maximum 50% of the side yard setback (0.6 m from the side lot line) to permit a roof overhang encroachment of 75% (0.3 m from the north side lot line).

3. To increase the encroachment of the roof overhang from the maximum 50% of the side yard setback (0.6 m from the side lot line) to permit a roof overhang encroachment of 69% (0.37 m from the west side lot line).

To accommodate a proposed two-storey dwelling and attached garage on the existing foundations.

Owner(s): Alejandro Mora, **Agent:** Alana + Kelly Design, Alana Nielsen

Deferral: the Secretary-Treasurer noted that a hydrogeological study is required, and staff have concerns about the proposal.

It was MOVED by Todd Jenney, SECONDED, and CARRIED

THAT the decision for the application be deferred.

a) Minor Variance D13VAR25.009H – 78 Prince Charles Drive

Location: 78 Prince Charles Drive, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown), Regional Municipality of Halton

Purpose: Requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended,

1. To reduce the interior side yard setback to the first floor from the minimum 1.2 m to permit an interior side yard setback of 0.94 m.
2. To increase the height of an accessory structure from the maximum 3.5 m to permit a height of 3.58 m.

To accommodate a proposed one-storey addition and relocation of an accessory structure (shed).

Owner(s): William & Jessica Lomker, **Agent:** Matthews Design & Drafting, Doug Matthews / Bethany VanRavens

The Town planner noted that the proposal was revised as Engineering expressed concerns regarding the parking stall width, and that the garage is now for storage purposes only (not considered a parking space). The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The agent was present to speak to the application.

It was MOVED by Todd Jenney, SECONDED, and CARRIED

THAT the application be approved, subject to conditions.

The Committee considered the requested variance(s) to:

1. Meet the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
2. Meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
3. Be desirable for the appropriate use of the land, building or structure.
4. Be minor in nature.

b) Minor Variance D13VAR25.010H – 8 Elgin Street

Location: 8 Elgin Street, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown), Regional Municipality of Halton

Purpose: Requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended,

1. To reduce the interior side yard setback to the first storey from the minimum 1.2 m to permit an interior side yard setback of 0.9 m (south).
2. To reduce the interior side yard setback to the second storey from the minimum 1.8 m to permit an interior side yard setback of 0.9 m (south).

To accommodate a proposed attached garage and second storey addition.

Owner(s): Alexander Fry & Jessica Beckett, **Agent:** Netta Design Inc., Jonathan Netta

The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The agent was present to speak to the application.

It was MOVED by Keith Medenblik, SECONDED, and CARRIED

THAT the application be approved, subject to condition.

The Committee considered the requested variance(s) to:

1. Meet the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
2. Meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
3. Be desirable for the appropriate use of the land, building or structure.
4. Be minor in nature.

d) Minor Variance D13VAR25.012H – 12 Mill Pond Drive

Location: 12 Mill Pond Drive, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown), Regional Municipality of Halton

Purpose: Requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended,

1. To increase the number of driveways from the maximum one per lot to permit two driveways.
2. To increase the floor area of an accessory structure from the maximum 40 sq m, to permit a floor area of 45.3 sq m.

3. To increase the height of an accessory structure from the maximum 4.5 m to permit a height of 4.84 m.
4. To permit an accessory structure (garage) to be built closer to the front lot line (1 m) than the main building (dwelling) from the front lot line (42.44 m).
5. To reduce the interior side yard setback from the minimum 1.5 m to permit an interior side yard setback of 1.2 m.

To accommodate a proposed detached garage.

Owner(s): John Babic

The Town Planner referenced received objections from 6 Mill Pond Drive, regarding zone changes and future amendments, and 10 Mill Pond Drive regarding lack of conformity with the Secondary Plan. The Town Planner responded that a detached garage will not be incompatible with the neighbourhood, the lot is on a private driveway, the location of the garage minimizes impact on treed areas, and Secondary Plan policies do not remove the right for landowners to file minor variance applications.

The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The owner was present to speak to the application, and noted that the location of the proposed garage was due to Credit Valley Conservation restrictions.

It was MOVED by Lloyd Hillier, SECONDED, and CARRIED

THAT the application be approved, subject to condition.

The Committee considered the requested variance(s) to:

1. Meet the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
2. Meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
3. Be desirable for the appropriate use of the land, building or structure.
4. Be minor in nature.

e) Minor Variance D13VAR25.013H – 13409 Highway 7

Location: 13409 Highway 7, Town of Halton Hills (Henderson's Corners), Regional Municipality of Halton

Purpose: Requesting relief from Zoning By-law 2010-0050, as amended,

1. To increase the floor area of an accessory structure from the maximum 40 sq m to permit a floor area of 209 sq m.
2. To increase the total floor area of all accessory structures from the maximum 60 sq m to permit a total floor area of 218.6 sq m.

To accommodate an existing two-storey addition and mezzanine to the accessory structure (garage).

Owner(s): Muhammed Naz & Ghazala Naz, **Agent:** Elen Abunahla

The Town Planner referenced received objections from 13423 Highway 7 and 13401 Highway 7, regarding an automotive workshop business operating from the property, noise pollution, neighbourhood character impacts, environmental concerns (hazardous materials near private wells), and the paved area on site going back to soft landscaping (a similar objection from 13389 Highway 7 was addressed in the report). The Town Planner responded that By-law Enforcement staff are aware of the concerns and are investigating the Zoning and Site Alteration violations, and that the Committee will only be dealing with the size of the building, and not the use. The Town Planner noted no staff objections to approval, subject to condition. The agent was present to speak to the application.

Rose Bosnjak (13423 Highway 7) was present and spoke against the application regarding matters related to use.

Duncan Stacey (13401 Highway 7) was present and spoke against the application regarding matters related to use.

Committee deliberations included the number of cars present on site, the By-law Enforcement investigation regarding violations, the previous Minor Variance decision, and the use of the property not being a matter under the Committee's jurisdiction.

It was MOVED by Todd Jenney, SECONDED, and CARRIED

THAT the application be approved, subject to condition.

The Committee considered the requested variance(s) to:

1. Meet the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
2. Meet the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
3. Be desirable for the appropriate use of the land, building or structure.
4. Be minor in nature.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

June 3, 2025

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON
M7A 2J3
Att: Minister Rob Flack

RE: Strong Mayor Powers – Town of Prescott Position

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott, we are writing regarding the Province's recent decision to expand Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities, including our own.

While we recognize the Province's stated intent to accelerate housing development across Ontario, Council remains unclear on how these powers—especially in the context of smaller municipalities—provide a practical or effective mechanism to build more homes, faster. We have identified some alternatives to the centralization of authority in the office of the Mayor to the complex housing challenges we face that would have a direct result in getting housing and infrastructure completed.

We would like to see the province and municipalities be fully aligned and develop a strong working relationship that addresses the barriers to housing development. These barriers are often beyond a municipalities control but are well within the provincial authority to reduce red tape and delays. Whether it be in planning approvals, environmental assessments, or infrastructure coordination, municipalities often face significant holdups not of their own making, but as a result of slow or opaque bureaucratic processes.

We would like to see the same concept of Strong Mayors be used at the provincial level to veto or override provincial-level bottlenecks that stall housing progress. By having conduit, through which municipalities can identify the issues they are facing on specific projects to the province, we would be able to get shovels in the ground quicker and projects completed within months and not years.

This Council remains firmly committed to addressing the housing crisis and to doing our part to enable more homes and more opportunity in Prescott and beyond our borders in neighbouring communities. We believe the path forward must be grounded in bi-lateral efforts, shared accountability, and a commitment to strengthening local governments to make decisions for their communities.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and would welcome further dialogue with the Province to develop housing solutions that are truly effective and locally appropriate by removing unnecessary and non-valued added steps to the process.

Kindly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gauri Shankar', written in a cursive style.

Mayor Gauri Shankar on behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott



June 26, 2025

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- Rural Ontario Development Program opens for applications.
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- Roundtable on Municipal Support Confirmations for Energy Projects.
- Pembina Institute Guide on Assessing Energy Projects.
- Warrior Health Digital Portal and Grant application open.
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- Careers.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Rural Affairs is accepting applications to the modernized Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Program. [Applications are being accepted](#) through four intakes with the first open from June 24 - September 24, 2025.

The provincial government is soliciting feedback on electricity transmission projects including the [Greenstone Line](#), [Windsor to Lakeshore Line](#), [Bowmanville to GTA Line](#), [Orangeville to Barrie Line](#), and [Barrie to Sudbury Lines](#).

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Worried about the security of your home and belongings while on vacation? Our home and auto insurance provider, Cowan Insurance, [explores how to achieve peace of mind](#) while you're away.

Deadline is less than a week away! Municipalities [must report](#) their 2024 energy consumption by July 1 under [O.Reg 25/23](#). Contact 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.

Out program partner for [Road & Sidewalk Assessments](#) and [Asset Management & Work Order Software](#) has rebranded from Streetscan to Citylogix. [Check out their new website](#) to see how they can help your municipality operate more efficiently, and [contact Tanner](#) to get started.

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Join the Pembina Institute's virtual roundtable on July 7 from 12-1 pm to discuss best practices for assessing energy development proposals and granting Municipal Support Confirmations. [To participate, please register online](#).

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[City Manager - City of Cambridge](#). Closing Date: July 27, 2025.

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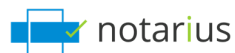
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[Director, Legal Services - City of Kingston](#). Closing Date: July 13, 2025

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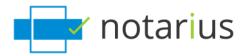
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Small and mid-sized Ontario municipalities are invited to [submit an expression of interest](#) to participate in Quest Canada's Net-Zero Communities Accelerator program by June 13.

Careers

[Director of Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion \(REDI\) - City of Kitchener](#). Closing Date: June 23, 2025 by 6:00pm.

[Supervisor, Facilities Management - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: June 24, 2025.

[Co-ordinator-Workplace Modernization Projects - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: June 23, 2025.

[Senior Financial Planning Analyst - City of Orillia](#). Closing Date: June 27, 2025.

[Chief of Staff to the Mayor - City of Cambridge](#). Closing Date: July 10, 2025.

[Manager of Community Safety - Sankofa Square](#). Closing Date: July 3, 2025

[Director of Finance/Deputy CAO - Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley](#). Closing Date: Friday, June 27.

[Senior Financial Analyst 2, Financial Services - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: June 27, 2025.

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RESOLUTION # 204/2025

DATE : June 10, 2025

WHEREAS Canada and the United States have a shared history of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

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 multi-cultural 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 coalition and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS newly elected President Donald trump has suggested that with the use of economics force such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States;

AND WHEREAS President Trump, has now imposed tariffs on imports from Canada that will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries;

AND WHEREAS federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian, at the same time as it seeks to remove inter-provincial trade barriers within Canada;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs and can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support Canadian businesses by their procurement of Canadian products and services;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry categorically rejects any efforts by President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of

Canada, and we stand united with our provincial and federal leaders for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government;

AND FURTHER that Council endorses the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian and therefore remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for products and services when appropriate and feasible;

AND FURTHER THAT Council encourages the provincial and federal governments to remove trade barriers between provinces in support of Canadian businesses;

AND FURTHER THAT the current purchasing policy be amended to integrate and address these concerns;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie Angus, Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal association, Ontario Good Roads Association, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Municipalities in the District of Temiskaming.

Recorded vote requested by _____

	For	Against
✓ Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
✓ Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *

Signature of Chair:

Bonita Culhane

* Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

June 6, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

At the regular meeting of Woodstock City Council held on June 5, 2025, the following resolution was passed:

“That Woodstock City Council support the resolution from the City of Kingston opposing all provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections and Ontario’s proud legacy of protections of Endangered Species, and that override the rule of law and that nullify municipal planning authority;

And further that City Council urge the Province of Ontario to support housing and infrastructure development in ways that align with sound environmental planning and wildlife protection and empower municipalities with appropriate planning tools;

And further that City Council call on the provincial government to rescind Bill 5 and return to consultation with the public, Ontario Municipalities, and First Nations;

And further that City Council voice opposition to the establishment of a Special Economic Zone within the City of Woodstock, as currently defined in Bill 5;”

And further that this resolution be circulated to The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; The Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development; Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Humphries', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Amy Humphries
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/City Clerk
City of Woodstock

Cc.

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The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development – vic.fedeli@pc.ola.org

Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP - ernie.hardemanco@pc.ola.org;

And all Ontario Municipalities



Office of the City Clerk

May 21, 2025

Via email

All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, May 20, 2025 – Resolution Number 2025-197; Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

At the regular Council meeting on May 20, 2025, Council approved Resolution Number 2025-197 with respect to Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 as follows:

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning policies, including replacing the Endangered Species Act with a new framework that reduces protections for at-risk species, and enabling the creation of Special Economic Zones that may override local planning authority and environmental oversight; and

Whereas the City of Kingston supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be done in a way that upholds environmental responsibility and maintains the integrity of local planning processes; and

Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, weakens safeguards for natural heritage systems, threatening biodiversity, and diminishing the authority of municipalities to manage growth in accordance with local needs and official plans; and

Whereas the Canadian Environmental Law Association submits that all of the Bill 5 schedules, with minor exceptions, should be withdrawn and not further considered by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario until they are substantially modified to ensure robust protection for the environment, human health, and vulnerable members of the Ontario public, including Indigenous peoples, who may otherwise be harmed by the amendments contained in the various schedules; and

Whereas the Canadian Civil Liberties Association finds that Schedule 9, in allowing the Minister of Economic Development to exempt “trusted proponents”

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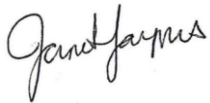
from compliance with municipal and provincial law within the special economic zones, promotes abandonment of the rule of law subjecting Ontario's lands and peoples to the possibility of arbitrary and non-transparent decision-making and effectively nullifying decades of legacy law-making in those zones;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of Kingston oppose all provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections and Ontario's proud legacy of protections of Endangered Species, that override the rule of law and that nullify municipal planning authority; and

That the Council of the City of Kingston urge the Province of Ontario to support housing and infrastructure development in ways that align with sound environmental planning and wildlife protection and empower municipalities with appropriate planning tools; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P. Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Stephen Lecce, M.P.P. Minister of Energy and Mines, The Honourable Rob Flack, M.P.P. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, M.P.P. Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ted Hsu, M.P.P., Kingston & the Islands, John Jordan, M.P.P., Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Janet Jaynes'.

Janet Jaynes
City Clerk
/nb



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June 02, 2025

To all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

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

Moved: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded: Mayor Grantham

THAT: Council support the Chatham-Kent Resolution for opposition of this section of Bill 5.

Result: Carried

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:

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Grantham'.

Colin Grantham, Mayor
Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc

June 4, 2025

Please be advised that, at their regular meeting on June 3, 2025, Council of the Municipality of North Grenville adopted the following resolution:

Title: Bill 5: Protecting Ontario By Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

Date: June 3, 2025

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced *Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning policies, including replacing the Endangered Species Act with a new framework that reduces protections for at-risk species, and enabling the creation of Special Economic Zones that may override local planning authority and environmental oversight;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of North Grenville supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be done in a way that upholds environmental responsibility and maintains the integrity of local planning processes;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5, as proposed, weakens safeguards for natural heritage systems, threatening biodiversity, and diminishing the authority of municipalities to manage growth in accordance with local needs and official plans;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of North Grenville urges the Government of Ontario to recommit to upholding the rights of Indigenous Peoples as affirmed in Canadian law through the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and engage in transparent inclusive consultations with Indigenous Nations and civil society before tabling new development legislation;

AND WHEREAS Special Economic Zones would allow the Province to unilaterally override municipal decision-making by exempting Special Economic Zones from Municipal By-laws;

AND WHEREAS the use of Special Economic Zones to bypass local deliberation on proposed projects may not deliver on the promise of supporting economic growth;

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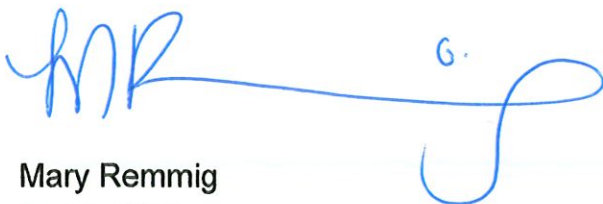
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of North Grenville:

1. Opposes all provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections and Ontario's proud legacy of protections of endangered species, that override the rule of law and that nullify Municipal planning authority;
2. Urges the Province of Ontario to support housing and infrastructure development in ways that align with sound environmental planning and wildlife protection and empower municipalities with appropriate planning tools;
3. Urges the Province of Ontario to conduct robust consultation on Bill 5: Protecting Ontario By Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025;
4. Urges the Province of Ontario not to use Special Economic Zones to exempt projects from By-laws that impacts revenue including development charge By-laws, property tax By-laws, or fees and charges By-law;
5. Requests the Province of Ontario consider the feedback submitted for Bill 5 by the Associations for Municipalities in Ontario (AMO) which highlights protecting Municipal autonomy and fiscal sustainability and Ontario's Environment and Indigenous Cultural Heritage; and,
6. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to:
 - o The Minister of Energy and Mines;
 - o The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - o The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
 - o The Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism;
 - o The Premier of Ontario;
 - o The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and,
 - o All Ontario Municipalities.

The above resolution, adopted by the Municipal Council, is forward for your information and action as required.

Thank you,

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Mary Remmig
Acting Clerk

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June 24, 2025

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

**RE: Resolution of Support – Municipality of Chatham-Kent re: Bill 5 – Protect
Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025**

At their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday June 4, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

“Resolution #2025-199

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that Council hereby receive and supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent’s Resolution “Bill 5 – Risks to your communities”;

And further that Council directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried”

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

Encl.

cc Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: June 4, 2025

Resolution No.: 2025- 199

Moved By: Joe Lumley Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that Council hereby receives and supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's Resolution "Bill 5 – Risks to your communities";

And further that Council directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried: ✓ Defeated:

Margaret Ann MacPhail
Margaret Ann MacPhail, **Acting Mayor**

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

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

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER
TO OUR FILE NO. _____

May 29, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Windsor City Council, at its meeting held April 28, 2025 adopted the following resolution:

Decision Number: CR182/2025

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through O. Reg. 530/22 under the *Municipal Act*, 2001, designated the City of Windsor as a "Strong Mayor" community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective July 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,

WHEREAS the City of Windsor has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council-debate and shared decision-making; and,

WHEREAS several members of Windsor City Council, as well as municipally elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concern regarding the imposition of these powers; and,

WHEREAS the City of Windsor did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; 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 repeal; and therefore,

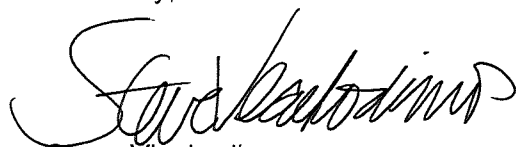
BE IT RESOLVED that Windsor City Council **FORMALLY REQUEST** that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately **REMOVE** the City of Windsor from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution **BE SENT** to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

Carried.

Your consideration to Windsor City Council's resolution would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Steve Vlachodimos
City Clerk/Licence Commissioner
SV/wf

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mr. Andrew Dowie, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh
Ms. Lisa Gretzky, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor West
Mr. Anthony Leardi, Member of Provincial Parliament, Essex
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



June 6, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queens Park
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premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

At the Municipality of Bluewater's regular Council meeting held on June 2, 2025, Council passed the following resolutions:

MOVED: Councillor Whetstone **SECONDED:** Councillor Hessel
WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has designated Municipality of Bluewater as a "Strong Mayor" community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective May 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bluewater did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; 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 repeal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bluewater Council formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Municipality of Bluewater from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron Bruce, all Ontario municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and the Association of Municipalities (AMO) for their awareness and support. **CARRIED**

Sincerely,

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Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc:

Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce MPP

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

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Delivered Electronically to: premier@ontario.ca

June 4, 2025

Dear Hon. Doug Ford and Hon. Rob Flack:

Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers

Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the May 27, 2025, Norfolk County Council meeting:

Resolution No. C-114

Moved By: Councillor Huffman

Seconded By: Councillor Veri

That Council direct staff to prepare and send correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Premier Doug Ford indicating that Norfolk County does not require Strong Mayor Powers to help achieve the provinces' goals; and

That Norfolk County request an exemption from the associated provincial directive; and

Further That a copy of this motion be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Tigert". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

W. Tigert
Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities



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June 6, 2025

The Honourable Minister Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
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RE: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers

Dear Minister Flack,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards.

Resolution No: 2025-05-04-06
Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards resolution regarding Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs Cheryl Gallant, MP Billy Denault, MPP AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) All Ontario Municipalities."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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April 16, 2025

The Honourable Minister Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers

Dear Minister Flack,

Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards wishes to formally express our strong opposition to the implementation of “strong mayor” powers as introduced through recent amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and related regulations.

Council has carefully reviewed the intent and implications of these powers, and we believe they are neither appropriate nor beneficial for the structure and scale of local government in our municipality. The Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards—like many rural and small-town communities across Ontario—has a longstanding tradition of cooperative governance, where all elected officials have an equal voice and decisions are made collectively, through open dialogue and democratic process.

The introduction of strong mayor powers, including the ability for mayors to unilaterally hire and dismiss senior staff, veto by-laws, and control budget processes, significantly undermines the fundamental principle of governance by council. This shift in authority creates an imbalance that risks eroding trust among council members, staff, and the public. It may also reduce transparency and accountability, which are cornerstones of effective and responsible municipal leadership.

The authority granted through strong mayor powers is primarily aimed at eliminating obstacles that hinder the construction of new housing. However, our municipal council is already making meaningful progress without relying on these powers. We are actively collaborating with two local non-profit organizations and the County of Renfrew to develop affordable and accessible housing units, demonstrating our commitment to inclusive housing solutions through partnership and community engagement.

Moreover, there is no demonstrated need for such powers in municipalities like ours. The current system—based on majority rule and consensus-building—has served our community well and reflects the values of fairness, representation, and collaboration that our residents expect from their local government. These powers may be intended for use in large urban centres facing unique governance challenges, but applying them more broadly to small and rural municipalities is both unnecessary and potentially disruptive.

We therefore respectfully request that your ministry reconsider the implementation of strong mayor powers across Ontario, particularly in municipalities that have not asked for, and do not require, such authority. We urge you to engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities of all sizes, and to recognize that one-size-fits-all approaches to governance often do more harm than good.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns further and to contribute to a broader conversation about how best to support good governance and municipal autonomy in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Council for Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards

cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
Cheryl Gallant, MP
Billy Denault, MPP
AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)
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D-Mayor Cathy Regier
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Connie Tabbert
Chris Olmstead
Micheal Moore
Joey Trimm

Honorable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th floor Toronto, Ontario
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June 4, 2025

RE: Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities

Dear Minister Flack,

Thank you for your letter dated April 9, 2025, regarding the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to the Township of Whitewater Region. Our Council discussed this issue in an open forum at our council meeting on May 22 and are firmly of the belief that this effort undermines the value of collaboration between the Mayor, Councillors, and Staff. Increasing the powers of the Mayor eliminates shared decision making, create divisiveness at the council table, and blurs the lines between administrative and political roles. Our council believes that this would result in an erosion of the democratic process at the Municipal level, especially in small municipalities like Whitewater Region.

Our council works as a cohesive unit, firmly focused on the goals of advancing and encouraging growth and making our community a wonderful place in which to live and invest. Each of member of council brings their own set of skills, knowledge, values and perspectives to achieve these goals, and has worked extremely well together.

Since it was sworn in, our Council has been collectively focused on advancing provincial priorities by delivering much needed housing, building infrastructure that supports community growth and the construction of new homes, including housing-enabling infrastructure such as water and wastewater. The Township of

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Whitewater Region has grown significantly over the last decade (the fourth fastest growing municipality in the County of Renfrew) and, as a rural municipality, we have added a large amount of new housing to meet market demands.

Whitewater Region has invested in our planning department with delegated planning authorities from the County of Renfrew. With a qualified planner, we can very quickly process most planning matters with the exception of plans of subdivisions. With our expanded building inspector staff, we have been able to reduce permit processing times. We do all of this while keeping permits and planning application fees suppressed, augmenting our planning and building department with general taxation revenues to support growth in our community and contribute to meeting Provincial priorities.

Whitewater Region averages approximately 30 new single family detached homes per year over the past 10 years. Although we only have one of our rural communities with both water and wastewater services, it is positioned well for additional development; with one subdivision partly built out and a second subdivision in its planning stages. This sizeable development is constrained by water and wastewater services, stormwater management and road access to the provincial highway.

Our challenge is not with the balance of power around our Council table or our relationship with staff, it is that we simply do not have the funds (or technical staff) needed to update or expand our infrastructure services to support development. Whitewater has implemented Development Charges as a means of raising additional funds, and have purposefully suppressed them to \$5,000/home in order to promote affordable development. Whitewater staff have applied to grants made available by the Province of Ontario, but with no success. Our Council has plans to use your governments' increases to our OCIF and OMPF but these only barely satisfy 20% of our existing Asset Management Program shortfall. This shortfall was further exasperated when OPP billing has increased at the same rate as our OMFP increases. Whitewater Region simply cannot afford to support additional development, let alone invest in our current infrastructure.

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In closing, our Council requests that the Ontario Government excludes the Township of Whitewater Region from its proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities, and work with us to identify funding to support expansion of its infrastructure systems to support existing and future residential and commercial growth. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Please feel free to contact me through our offices if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,



Mayor Neil Nicholson

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Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Re: Resolution - Strong Mayor Powers Update

At its meeting of May 21, 2025, the Council of the Township of
Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to designate the Township of Whitewater Region as a "Strong Mayor" community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective May 1, 2025; and,
WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,
WHEREAS the Township of Whitewater Region has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council-debate and shared decision-making; and,
WHEREAS many municipally elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concern regarding the imposition of these powers; and,
WHEREAS the Township of Whitewater Region did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; 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 repeal;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region formally request that the Premier of

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Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Township of Whitewater Region from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

Carried - Resolution #2025-5335

Sincerely,



Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC

**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Bill 6, Safer Municipalities Act, 2025
Date: May 20, 2025

WHEREAS:

1. A municipality's parks and open spaces are critical infrastructure that support a strong community, and the public's shared and safe use of the municipality's parks and open spaces is integral to ensuring that support.
2. Ontario's municipalities are struggling to maintain their parks and open spaces for their shared and safe use by the public as a result of the increasing proliferation of encampments and illicit activities related thereto.
3. Municipalities that enforce their standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in their parks and open spaces must have regard to the availability of shelter space for those who need shelter.
4. On January 27, 2023, Justice Valente of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice rendered his judgment in *Waterloo (Regional Municipality) v. Persons Unknown and to be Ascertained (2023)*, [2023] O.J. No. 417 (Waterloo Decision) which declared that the municipality's by-law violated section 7 of the Charter and was therefore inoperative insofar as it applied to prevent encampment residents from erecting temporary shelters on a site when the number of homeless individuals in the region exceeded the number of accessible shelter beds.
5. The Waterloo Decision's analysis of the adequacy of shelter beds suggests an unworkable and unclear standard that goes beyond the number of shelter spaces and that includes the requirement to provide shelter spaces that must accommodate illicit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk. The result is that municipalities are impaired in their enforcement of their standards and have lost or are losing control of their parks and open spaces.
6. On December 12, 2024, the provincial government introduced Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024. Among its various initiatives, Bill 242 proposed to amend section 2 of the Trespass to Property Act by adding aggravating factors that must be considered in the court's determination of a penalty under that section. However, the key challenge was that a municipality's exercise of its rights at common law and under section 9 of the Trespass to Property Act to remove encampments from the municipality's parks and open spaces remained potentially subject to the unworkable and unclear standard for the adequacy of shelter space suggested by the Waterloo Decision.
7. On January 13, 2025, Council of the City of Peterborough resolved to request the provincial government to amend Bill 242 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
8. Bill 242 died on the order paper as a result of the recent provincial election.
9. On April 30, 2025, the provincial Government re-introduced the legislation in the form of Bill 6, Safer Municipalities Act, 2025. Bill 6 is substantively the same as Bill 242.
10. In these circumstances, municipalities continue to need provincial legislation that clearly defines a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved:

1. That the provincial government be respectfully requested to amend Bill 6 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
2. That, without limitation, Bill 6 provide that a municipality will have met the standard for shelter space for the purposes of the municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces:
 - a) despite the establishment and enforcement of shelter rules including rules that prohibit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk; and
 - b) if an official designated by the municipality is satisfied that the number of available shelter spaces is at least equal to the aggregate of the number of individuals actually seeking shelter and the number of individuals against whom the municipality is planning to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to:
 - a) Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;
 - b) Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;
 - c) Honourable Robert Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - d) Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;
 - e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and to
 - f) Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required. Thank you.



John Kennedy, City Clerk

Sent by Email

June 4, 2025

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
MPP Pickering-Uxbridge
1550 Kingston Rd., Suite 213
Pickering, ON L1V 1C3
peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org

Subject: Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on May 26, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS individuals and families receiving income support through Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are facing increasing challenges in meeting basic needs due to rising costs of living;

And Whereas Statistics Canada notes that people with disabilities have a higher poverty rate and a lower rate of employment than the overall population;

And Whereas the annual income support for Ontario Works is currently \$8,796.00 and \$16,416.00 for Ontario Disability Support Program. These supports have not increased sufficiently to keep up with inflation and the cost of living. Such costs are anticipated to continue increasing;

And Whereas the low income measure for a single person in Greater Toronto Area is estimated to be approximately \$27,343 annually, and the deep income poverty threshold is determined to be \$20,508;

And Whereas Food Banks, including our local Food Banks, provide a necessary service with increasing demands in our communities;

And Whereas the Pickering Food Bank served 1,722 adults, and 1,054 children in February 2025;

And Whereas food banks are already reducing their distribution capacity; and it is anticipated that due to developing economic circumstances, such as the current tariff war, there will be increased unemployment, increased food prices, and a heightened demand for food distribution, while donations continue to decline;

And Whereas these economic trends will continue to erode the purchasing power of OW and ODSP recipients, increasing reliance on food banks and placing additional pressure on municipalities and community organizations;

Now therefore it be resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering directs through the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. That staff send a letter to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, to strongly urge that the Ontario Provincial Government significantly raise the payments of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program and the increases be reflected in the upcoming Provincial Budget and that the increased amount aligns with inflationary costs and thereby decrease the pressure on food banks and the reliance on municipalities and taxpayers to supplement the gap in financial need; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Regional Municipality of Durham, all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

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

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Copy: Robert Cerjanec, MPP Ajax
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby
Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa
Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock
Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, Region of Durham
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer

**Jon Pegg
Fire Marshal of Ontario
Office of the Fire Marshal
25 Morton Shulman Avenue
Toronto, ON M3M 0B1**

June 10, 2025

Via Email: Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg:

Subject: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the mandatory firefighter certification requirements under Ontario Regulation 343/22.

At its meeting held on June 10th, Council passed the attached resolution formally opposing the implementation of these requirements. While we recognize and support the importance of firefighter training and safety, the regulation as it stands does not adequately reflect the operational realities of small, rural, and northern municipalities.

Communities such as ours rely heavily on volunteer and composite fire departments that already face critical challenges in recruitment, training accessibility, and financial capacity.

Specifically, we are burdened by:

- Geographic barriers and long travel distances to accredited training centres,
- Inconsistent access to instructors and scheduling options,
- Limited budgets and competing capital demands,
- Difficulty in retaining and replacing volunteers due to increased regulatory pressures.

Without additional support, flexibility, or exemption mechanisms, the implementation of O. Reg. 343/22 will severely compromise our ability to provide consistent, timely, and effective fire protection to our residents.

Accordingly, the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson respectfully requests that the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Ministry of the Solicitor General:

1. Defer full implementation of the certification regulation for rural and northern municipalities,
2. Provide exemptions or alternative compliance pathways tailored to the needs and limitations of small, remote fire services,
3. Increase funding and training supports for municipalities outside major urban centres.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all regulatory model will disproportionately and unfairly affect communities like ours. A more flexible, consultative approach is urgently needed. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would welcome further discussion and are open to participating in any future consultations or working groups aimed at resolving these challenges collaboratively.

Sincerely,

Dave Dymont, Mayor

/hjl

On behalf of the Council of Black River-Matheson

Encl.: Resolution No.2025-214 – Council Opposition to O. Reg. 343/22

CC:

The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General – michael.kerzner@ontario.ca

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

John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming—Cochrane – jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – amo@amo.on.ca

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – admin@fonom.org

All Ontario Municipalities



Corporation of the Township of Black River - Matheson
367 Fourth Avenue
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Matheson, Ontario
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ITEM # 2025-10.b)
RESOLUTION

DATE: June 10, 2025

2025-214

Moved by Councillor Steve Campsall
Seconded by Councillor Alain Bouchard

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Black River-Matheson acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety;

AND WHEREAS these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Black River-Matheson formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Vanthof, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, and all Ontario municipalities

☒ CARRIED ☐ DEFEATED

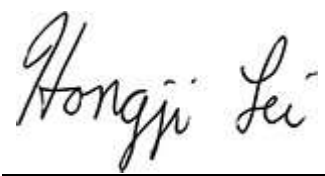
CHAIR SIGNATURE

☐ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Refer ☐ Defer ☐ Reconsider ☐ Withdrawn

Recorded Vote-TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK ONLY

	YEAS	NAYS
Mayor Dave Dymant		
Councillor Allen		
Councillor Charbonneau		
Councillor Campsall		

Councillor McCutcheon		
Councillor Gadoury		
Councillor Bouchard		



Hong Ji Lei
Town Manager/Clerk

June 13, 2025

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of June 10, 2025 the following resolution regarding support of advocacy to the Federal Government for 'disability without poverty' was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-345

DATE: June 10, 2025

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst

WHEREAS one in four Ontarians lives with a disability; and

WHEREAS the median household income in Prince Edward County (\$75K) is already well below both the Basic Living Income and the Ontario Median Household Income (\$84K); and

WHEREAS persons with disabilities are twice as likely to live in poverty and would already require an average of 30% more income just to reach the poverty line; and

WHEREAS the new federal benefit for people with disabilities (about \$200/month) and called the Canada Disability Benefit) is about to be rolled out; and

WHEREAS the Federal government has yet to exempt this new federal benefit from being considered income for federal tax purposes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Mayor be requested to communicate with Prime Minister Carney that the Council of the County of Prince Edward calls on the Government of Canada to commit to exempting the Canada Disability Benefit from income tax and work towards supporting Canadians with a disability to live without poverty;

THAT Prime Minister Carney be requested to publicly confirm his government's commitment to making that legislative change as soon as possible; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the federal Minister of Finance, the federal Minister of Health, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Victoria Leskie, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Branderhorst, and Adam Goheen, Interim CAO



Municipality of *Bluewater*

June 6, 2025

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

Dear Premier Ford:

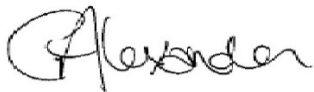
At the Municipality of Bluewater's regular Council meeting held on June 2, 2025, Council received a resolution distributed by the Town of LaSalle regarding the Northern Health Travel Grant Program. Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution:

MOVED: Councillor Bailey **SECONDED:** Councillor Walden
THAT the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater supports the resolution passed by the Town of LaSalle regarding the Northern Health Travel Grant Program; and

THAT this resolution of support be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, Premier Doug Ford, Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron Bruce, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Ms. Sylvia Jones.
CARRIED.

Attached is the resolution passed by the Town of LaSalle.

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc:

Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce MPP
Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier
Jennifer Astrologo, Director of Council Services/Clerk
Ontario Municipalities



February 4, 2025

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

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Northern Health Travel Grant Program

Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 28, 2025, passed the following resolution:

14/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata
Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

Whereas the Northern Health Travel Grant program (the "Program") offers financial assistance to Northern Ontario residents who need to travel long distances for specialized medical services or procedures at a ministry funded health care facility;

And Whereas, the grants for this Program are based on the distance residents must travel to reach the nearest medical specialist or ministry funded healthcare facility;

And Whereas, residents must travel at least 100 kilometers one-way to access the nearest medical specialist or ministry-funded healthcare facility for services that are not available locally to qualify for the grant;

And Whereas, there are many occasions in which residents of Windsor-Essex County must travel at least 100 kilometers one way to access health care facilities or services that are not available locally; And Whereas, there are four primary children's hospitals across the province, located in London, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa, and none of these facilities are within 100 kilometers of Windsor-Essex County;

And Whereas, it has been reported that more than 5,000 times each year pediatric patients across Windsor-Essex County must drive to London Health Sciences Centre for treatment at its Children's Hospital, which places a financial strain on families and care-givers;

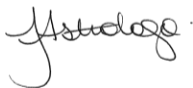
Now Therefore, the Town of LaSalle calls upon the Provincial Government and Ministry of Health to establish a grant system similar to the Northern Health Travel Grant program in Windsor-Essex County to provide support to the residents of Windsor-Essex County when they need to travel long distances for specialized medical services or procedures at ministry funded health care facilities;

And that, this motion be circulated to all municipalities for support, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Anthony Leardi, MPP Andrew Dowie, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Ms. Sylvia Jones and all local municipalities.

Carried.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle's support of the above matter.

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Astrologo
Director of Council Services/Clerk
Town of LaSalle
jastrologo@lasalle.ca

Cc: (via email)
MPP Anothony Leardi Anthony.Leardi@pc.ola.org
MPP Andrew Dowie Andrew.Dowie@pc.ola.org
MPP Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Association of Municipalities of Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca
All Ontario Municipalities

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No. 274
Title: Notices of Motion
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Moved by D. DeGenova
Seconded by J. Palmateer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the cost which amounts to yet another provincial municipal download;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed Council hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ric Bresse, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

SENT VIA EMAIL

June 25, 2025

Right Honourable Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)
Honourable Philip Lawrence (MP for Northumberland-Clarke)
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade)
Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities
All Ontario municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Township of Mulmur
'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions'**

At a meeting held on June 18, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508, adopting the below recommendation from the June 3, 2025 Finance and Audit Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor John Logel
Seconded by: Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508

Carried

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

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By J. Logel (SL)
Seconded By S. Dibb (SS)

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2025-06-18- 508

Council Date: June 18, 2025

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 2, 3 and 4, 2025).

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____

Councillor's Name

Deferred _____

Warden's Signature

Carried _____

Warden's Signature

Defeated _____

Warden's Signature

Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2025-06-03- 444

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Carried 

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____

Committee Chair's Signature



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April 11, 2025

Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions

At the meeting held on April 2, 2025, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution:

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40
Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0
TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

June 6, 2025

Minister of Children Community and Social Services
438 University Avenue, 7th floor,
Toronto, ON
M7A 1N3

RE: Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates

Dear Hon. Michael Parsa,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Prince Edward-Lennox and Addington Social Services Committee.

Resolution No: 2025-05-04-07
Moved by: Councillor Keller
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Prince Edward-Lennox and Addington Social Services Committee resolution regarding Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



April 10, 2025

Re: Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates

Please be advised that the Prince Edward-Lennox and Addington Social Services Committee, at its meeting held on April 10, 2025, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

AND WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

AND WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

AND WHEREAS Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 percent as of July 2023 and another 4.5% as of July 2024 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month);

AND WHEREAS OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

AND WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

AND WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

We engage and support people who require our services and help them find their own workable solutions.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Prince Edward-Lennox & Addington Committee requests the Provincial Government to urgently:

- 1. Increase Ontario Works rates to match the ODSP rate increases that have already been made and be indexed to inflation;**
- 2. Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;**

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Regards,

Sam Branderhorst

Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2025/04/11)
Verify with veriflo.com or Adobe Reader.



Sam Branderhorst, Chair

Prince Edward-Lennox and Addington Social Services Committee

**Cc: Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services
Minister of Health
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
All Ontario Municipalities**



The Township of Georgian Bay

Resolutions

Council - 02 Jun 2025

Item 11.(b)

Date: June 2, 2025

C-2025-155

Moved by Councillor Kristian Graziano

Seconded by Councillor Allan Hazelton

WHEREAS the Floating Accommodations – Position Paper (April 2025) provides detailed guidance to Ontario municipalities on the regulation of Floating Accommodations, highlighting critical legal and environmental challenges; and

WHEREAS the document identifies significant gaps in current provincial and federal frameworks that municipalities are best positioned to address through zoning and land-use bylaws; and

WHEREAS the paper recommends proactive municipal action based on successful case studies and legal precedents such as the Glaspell v. Ontario decision; and

WHEREAS Georgian Bay Township has already taken steps to address Floating Accommodations and has an interest in promoting inter-municipal collaboration on this issue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Floating Accommodations – Position Paper (May 2025) for informational purposes; and

THAT the Clerk be further directed to forward the document and this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and member municipalities for consideration and potential provincial advocacy.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote ☐ Referred ☐ Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bocek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

c/o Township of McKellar, 701 Hwy 124 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

President: Lynda Carleton **Secretary-Treasurer:** Karlee Britton

RE: Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education

The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA), representing the twenty-three Municipalities within the District of Parry Sound, held its Spring 2025 meeting on May 23, 2025, in the Municipality of Callander. At this meeting, the following resolution was carried:

Moved by: Kathy Hamer (Municipality of McDougall)

Seconded by: Daniel O'Halloran (Township of McMurrich Monteith)

Whereas democracy is an open process – one that requires ongoing engagement between citizens and their elected officials; and

Whereas ethics and integrity are at the core of public confidence in government and in the political process; and

Whereas proper policies and procedures protect the democratic process; and

Whereas sections 223.2 and 223.3, Municipal Act, 2001 state all municipalities are required to adopt a Code of Conduct for members of Council and to appoint an Integrity Commissioner; and

Whereas it is the role of the Integrity Commissioner to educate member of Council on the Councillor Code of Conduct policy as well as to investigate alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct, at the municipality's expense; and

Whereas there are many new elected officials each term of Council who need access to information and proper training in order to do the work effectively and responsibility; and

Whereas Municipal Affairs and the Ombudsman's Office are hesitant to give information, so there is nowhere to ask questions and learn; and

Whereas the only source of information is to pay for fee-for-service on a case-by-case basis from the Integrity Commissioner which is very cost-prohibitive for small municipalities; and

Whereas Council is expected to oversee the management of taxpayers money and taxpayers deserve to know where their tax dollars are being spent;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association calls upon the Ontario government to provide free access to information so that Councils can be effective in their role in our democratic system; and

Further That the DPSMA hereby requests that Municipal Affairs and/or the Ombudsman's Office and/or the Integrity Commissioner provide, if requested by a municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each investigation.

Further That this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka and to all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Forwarded on behalf of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association; For questions and/or inquires, please contact:



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