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Friday, December 5, 2025

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# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

## Council Resolution

Date: November 26, 2025

### **Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario**

Resolution Number: 2025-345

Moved By: Mayor Gould

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

WHEREAS violent home invasions have increased in several regions of Ontario, creating growing fear and frustration among residents;

AND WHEREAS Ontario homeowners increasingly believe that current self-defence laws do not provide sufficient or clear protection for individuals who lawfully defend themselves and their families during violent intrusions;

AND WHEREAS rural residents often experience police response times that can exceed 30 minutes or more, leaving citizens without immediate protection when confronted with life-threatening emergencies;

AND WHEREAS the absence of "home invasion" as a distinct offence in the national Uniform Crime Reporting system prevents governments from understanding the true scale of this crime and responding appropriately;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has repeatedly called for strengthened homeowner protections, including consideration of castle-law-style provisions, and for the federal government to act;

AND WHEREAS residents expect all levels of government to take decisive action to address gaps that leave families vulnerable in their own homes;

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Municipality of Calvin strongly supports the Province of Ontario's call for strengthened homeowner self-defence protections, including the adoption of clear and robust "castle law"-type provisions to ensure that law-abiding residents can protect themselves without fear of unjust prosecution.
2. Council calls on the Government of Canada to immediately prioritize reforms to the Criminal Code that strengthen and clarify the rights of homeowners who act in legitimate self-defence during violent home invasions.
3. Council demands that the federal government amend the Uniform Crime Reporting system to classify "home invasion" as a distinct criminal offence, allowing for accurate tracking, targeted enforcement, and informed public policy.
4. Council urges the Province of Ontario to take stronger action to monitor, publish, and improve police response times in rural and northern communities, and to ensure that residents are not left unprotected due to resourcing shortages.
5. Council encourages all Ontario municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to demonstrate a unified municipal voice calling for urgent reforms that protect citizens in their homes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to:  
The Prime Minister of Canada, The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.  
The Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General of Ontario, The Solicitor General of Ontario,  
MPP Vic Fedeli, and all Ontario municipalities.

Results: Carried

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2025-345 passed by the  
Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.



Trish Araujo  
Deputy Clerk



## Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

### Agenda Item: Resolution – Background Report (Submitted by Mayor Gould)

Ontario Premier Doug Ford has repeatedly called for a review or adoption of “castle laws” in Canada, beginning June 16, 2025, and continuing in August and October of 2025. Premier Ford has emphasized that Ontario families must feel safe in their homes and that law-abiding residents should not face legal uncertainty when legitimately defending themselves from violent intruders.

Several urban and suburban regions, including York and Peel, have experienced a documented rise in violent home invasions and have established dedicated task forces to address this trend. In contrast, rural communities lack reliable statistics because “home invasion” is not recognized as a distinct offence under the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. As a result, these incidents are recorded under broader categories such as break-and-enter or assault, making it difficult to assess the true scale of the problem outside major urban centres.

Rural residents face additional vulnerabilities due to limited policing resources and significantly longer emergency response times, which can leave homeowners without immediate protection during life-threatening situations. These conditions highlight the need for clearer legal protections for homeowners, improved crime-tracking practices, and decisive action from both provincial and federal governments to enhance public safety.

### Resolution: Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

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The Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General of Ontario, The Solicitor General of Ontario,  
MPP Vic Fedeli, and all Ontario municipalities.



November 28, 2025

Premier Doug Ford

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Doug Ford:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held November 25, 2025 adopted the following:

**12.4.11 Professional Activity (P.A) Day on Municipal Election Day – School Boards - Councillor Carpenter**

Councillor Carpenter read the title of his notice of motion:

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are responsible for organizing and administering municipal and school board elections every four years, as mandated under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*; and

WHEREAS local schools are traditionally among the most convenient, accessible, and familiar polling locations for voters in all communities; and

WHEREAS schools offer important accessibility features such as level entrances, parking, and public visibility that make them ideal polling stations, particularly for seniors, parents, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS the use of schools as polling locations can lead to increased costs with regards to ensuring the safety and security of students; and

WHEREAS many municipalities face challenges securing suitable and accessible alternative voting locations, resulting in increased costs and reduced accessibility for voters; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act provides that school boards shall provide their facilities free of charge for the Municipal and School board elections; and

WHEREAS holding a province-wide Professional Activity (P.A.) Day for all publicly funded schools on municipal election day would alleviate concerns from school administrators for voting purposes while maintaining student safety; and

WHEREAS this coordinated approach would enhance voter convenience, improve accessibility, and help strengthen civic engagement and democratic participation by allowing electors to vote at their local schools without disrupting the student body; and

WHEREAS it would also create efficiencies and potential cost savings for municipalities by reducing the need to rent alternative facilities or implement special security measures; and

WHEREAS aligning a P.A. Day with municipal election day would require minimal disruption to the school calendar, as school boards already schedule several P.A. Days each academic year; and

WHEREAS this measure would demonstrate a spirit of cooperation between the Province of Ontario, local municipalities, and school boards to promote civic engagement and fiscal responsibility;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario and its members have lobbied the Province to establish a P.A day on Election Day;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Council of the City of Brantford respectfully requests the Premier of Ontario to consider directing all publicly funded school boards in Ontario to schedule a Professional Activity (P.A.) Day on the date of the municipal election in each election year; and
- B. That this direction be made in consultation with the Ministry of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and school board associations, to ensure consistency across the province; and
- C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
  - i. The Premier of Ontario;
  - ii. The Minister of Education;
  - iii. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
  - iv. The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA);
  - v. The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA); and
  - vi. All Ontario municipalities for their information and support
  - vii. MPP Will Bouma

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier City Clerk,  
[cgauthier@brantford.ca](mailto:cgauthier@brantford.ca)

CC - The Minister of Education [paul.calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:paul.calandra@pc.ola.org)

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All Ontario municipalities for their information and support

MPP Will Bouma - [will.bouma@pc.ola.org](mailto:will.bouma@pc.ola.org)





Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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November 28, 2025

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Hon. Rob Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
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RE: 6.17 Municipality of South Huron Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund & 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 19, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-382:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.17, 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be received for information; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025 Resolution and the Municipality of South Huron Resolution of October 20, 2025 regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of



Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.



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October 23, 2025

Via email: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

**Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund**

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Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their October 20, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

418-2025

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

**That South Huron Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025, Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and**

**That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Thompson, AMO, OSUM, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.**

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator  
Municipality of South Huron  
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Encl.

cc: Minister of Infrastructure Hon. Kinga Surma, [kinga.surma@pc.ola.org](mailto:kinga.surma@pc.ola.org);  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack,  
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**VIA EMAIL**

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure  
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville  
All Upper- and Lower-Tier Municipalities in Ontario

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Please be advised that at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2025, the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)**

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;



WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities' ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

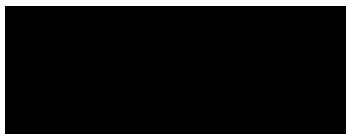
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.

6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
  - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
  - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
  - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
  - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
  - Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
  - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
  - The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
  - All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,



Natalie Charette  
Interim Clerk  
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November 28, 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 November 24, 2025, adopted the following resolution:

Decision Number: CR481/2025

**WHEREAS** Ontario's Conservation Authorities play a critical role in watershed management, environmental protection, flood mitigation, and public safety across the province; and,

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has introduced Bill 68, which contains significant and far-reaching amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* that would alter governance structures, decision-making authorities, and municipal participation in conservation authority oversight; and,

**WHEREAS** the proposed changes were introduced within an omnibus bill without the benefit of a standalone legislative process that would allow for comprehensive public input, stakeholder consultation, or sufficient scrutiny regarding their long-term environmental, financial, and public safety implications; and,

**WHEREAS** municipalities are key partners in watershed management and must retain a strong, meaningful voice in any new governance model to ensure that local knowledge, local priorities, and local risks are fully considered in provincial decision-making; and,

**WHEREAS** the potential impacts of the proposed amendments may increase risks to the public related to flooding, erosion, natural heritage loss, and environmental degradation if not properly analyzed and addressed through an open and transparent legislative process; and,



**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the City of Windsor strongly urge the Provincial Government of Ontario to withdraw all sections of Bill 68 related to amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Province be requested to re-introduce any proposed changes as a standalone bill, to proceed through the full and regular legislative process—including First and Second Readings, Committee review, stakeholder submissions, and public consultation—to ensure that the impacts on watershed management, environmental protection, and public safety are fully and transparently considered; and,

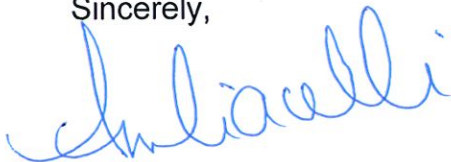
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Province ensure that any future governance framework for Ontario's Conservation Authorities includes robust and clearly defined municipal representation, recognizing municipalities as essential partners in protecting watersheds and mitigating environmental risks; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA), and all Ontario municipalities and Conservation Authorities for their information and support.

Carried.

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

Sincerely,



Anna Ciacelli  
Deputy City Clerk and Supervisor of Council Services  
AC/lh

cc: Mr. Todd McCarthy, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Mr. Harb Gill, Member of Parliament, Windsor West  
Ms. Kathy Borrelli, Member of Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh-Lakeshore  
Mr. Andrew Dowie, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh  
Ms. Lisa Gretzky, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor West  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



Tim Byrne, Chief Administrative Officer & Secretary Treasurer, Board of  
Directors, Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA)  
Nicole Kupnicki, Manager, Human Resources & Council Services of the  
Essex Region Conservation Authority  
All Ontario municipalities and Conservation Authorities

November 26, 2025

The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy  
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
College Park, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 2J3

Via email: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Minister McCarthy:

Please be advised that Council for the Township of Southwold, at its Regular Meeting on Monday November 24, 2025 passed the following resolution:

### **Conservation Authority Consolidation Resolution**

#### **2025-349 Councillor Fellows – Deputy Mayor Pennings**

**WHEREAS** the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses;

**AND WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Township of Southwold established the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority and Kettle Creek Conservation Authority;

**AND WHEREAS** local municipalities currently provide over 50% of total conservation authority funding;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers;

**AND WHEREAS** conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of acres of land, much of which was donated by local residents and

entrusted to conservation authorities as a personal legacy for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities;

**AND WHEREAS** Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southwold calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipal[y governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

**AND FURTHER THAT** while the Corporation of the Township of Southwold supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down agency structure without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs;

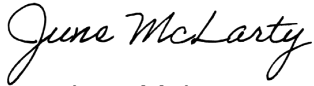
**AND FURTHER THAT** the Corporation of the Township of Southwold supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities to determine the most effective level of strategic consolidation to achieve both provincial and local objectives;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks, to the local MP and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario

Municipal Association, and all municipalities and Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June McLarty".

June McLarty  
Deputy Clerk

Cc: The Honourable Andrew Lawton, MP Elgin-Middlesex-London, via email  
The Honourable Rob Flack, MPP Elgin-Middlesex-London, via email  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, via email  
The Rural Ontario Municipal Association, via email  
Ontario Municipalities, via email  
Mark Peacock, Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority, via email  
Elizabeth VanHooren, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority, via email

October 28, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: East Gwillimbury's Opposition to the *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*.**

For your information and records, at its meeting of Municipal Council held on October 21, 2025, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

*WHEREAS on April 17, 2025, the Government of Ontario brought forth Bill 5: "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy", a broad omnibus legislation that introduces sweeping changes to multiple environmental and planning statutes, including the Environmental Assessment Act, Endangered Species Act, Ontario Heritage Act, and others; and*

*WHEREAS this legislation was passed through the legislature in 49 days, thus limiting opportunities to provide feedback; and*

*WHEREAS Bill 5 received Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and*

*WHEREAS the "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy" Act, 2025 enables the creation of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), which allow the provincial cabinet to exempt projects from compliance with municipal bylaws, environmental protections, and Indigenous consultation obligations; and*

*WHEREAS lands under protection through various provisions, such as the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Greenbelt Protected Countryside, constitute 83% of the total EG area, which makes EG relevant in environmental stewardship for the Region and the Province; and*

*WHEREAS the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan are foundational to protecting the ecological and hydrological integrity of the region, and the provisions in the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 directly conflict with the objectives of these plans; and*

**Town of East Gwillimbury**

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*WHEREAS in alignment with the 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan, EG Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2023 and approved the EG's Thinking Green Environmental Strategy in 2024, highlighting EG's commitments and efforts to preserve and restore the environment as EG grows; and*

*WHEREAS the Town of East Gwillimbury achieved 92% of its 2024 housing target, regardless of current environmental provisions, demonstrating that promoting sustainable growth is not only responsible but necessary;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges the stated goals of economic growth and development in the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, but expresses serious concerns with the Act as it interferes with local planning, limits public consultation, is inconsistent with the principles of free, prior and informed consent in consultation processes with Indigenous communities, and weakens protections to heritage and species, and formally opposes the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 in its current form; and*

*THAT Council endorses the position of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in requesting that municipalities be included in the development of any regulatory frameworks related to Special Economic Zones; and*

*THAT Council directs staff to submit this resolution to:*

- *The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario*
- *The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- *The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*
- *The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs, President of the Treasury Board, and MPP for York-Simcoe*
- *The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)*
- *All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration*
- *The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)*
- *Donna Big Canoe, Chief of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation*
- *Abram Benedict, Ontario Regional Chief (ORC) for the Chiefs of Ontario;*  
*and*

*THAT Council encourages residents to contact their MPPs to express concerns about the impacts of the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, on local governance, environmental protection, and Indigenous rights..*

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Amanda McNeil, Hon. B.A., M.M.St.  
Legislative Coordinator

CC:

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs, President of the  
Treasury Board, and MPP for York–Simcoe  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario municipalities  
The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)  
Donna Big Canoe, Chief of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation  
Abram Benedict, Ontario Regional Chief (ORC) for the Chiefs of Ontario



## The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

**Title:** Tina Arbuckle, Deputy Clerk, Township of Tiny  
**Date:** Monday, December 1, 2025  
**Time:** 7:19 PM

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**Moved by:** Councillor Hope  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the November 3, 2025, correspondence from Tina Arbuckle, Deputy Clerk, Township of Tiny, regarding TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project;

AND THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the October 29, 2025 resolution of the Township of Tiny, and reaffirms its commitment to representing the interests of our residents and protecting the natural heritage of Georgian Bay and stands ready to engage constructively with TC Energy, regarding TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario

**YES: 5**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 2**

**The motion is Carried**

**YES: 5**

Deputy Mayor Bordignon Councillor Ardiel  
Councillor Porter

Councillor Hope

Councillor Maxwell

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 2**

Mayor Matrosovs

Councillor McKinlay



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 160

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: December 2, 2025

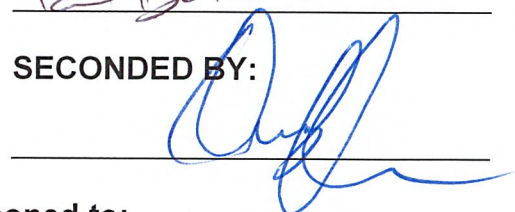
Councillor **G. ASHFORD**  
Councillor **J. BELESKEY**  
Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**  
Councillor **B. KEITH**  
Councillor **D. McCANN**  
Councillor **C. McDONALD**  
Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

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MOVED BY:



SECONDED BY:



CARRIED: ☒ DEFEATED: ☐ Postponed to: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Town of Parry Sound Council hereby supports the Municipality of Wawa's Resolution #RC25170 which supports the development of an accessible, province-wide, and publicly accountable alcohol container return system that:

Protects low-income earners and vulnerable residents who rely on bottle returns;

Closes gaps in the deposit-return cycle to reduce landfill waste and environmental harm;

Provides adequate infrastructure, training, and support to retailers participating in the return system;

Ensures strong, consistent enforcement and oversight of return program compliance;

Safeguards the public interest in recycling and waste diversion amid increasing privatization pressures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council urges the Government of Ontario to collaborate meaningfully with municipalities, retailers, environmental organizations, and experts to implement a fair, effective, and inclusive solution that ensures the long-term success of Ontario's deposit-return and recycling systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their support and consideration.





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Resolution # RC25170	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>L. K. Gots</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hayfield</i>

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has introduced new regulations, effective January 1, 2025, requiring grocery stores with over 4,000 square feet of retail space to accept empty alcohol containers and return deposits as a condition of maintaining their liquor licenses; and

**WHEREAS** many large retailers have raised concerns about this obligation due to logistical challenges, including costs, space limitations, and insufficient infrastructure to manage high volumes of returned containers and local residents in Wawa are very upset that there will be no location in the community or area accepting empty alcohol containers; and

**WHEREAS** this change may negatively impact vulnerable populations, including low-income individuals who depend on bottle returns as a modest yet vital source of income and will increase the amount of waste being dumped at the municipal landfill; and

**WHEREAS** the ongoing privatization and deregulation of Ontario's previously effective bottle return program threaten to undermine decades of progress in sustainable waste management, environmental stewardship, and circular economy practices; and

**WHEREAS** the lack of a clear, accessible, and equitable alternative for recycling alcohol containers may place additional strain on municipal waste systems and contribute to increased environmental degradation;

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# The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the development of an accessible, province-wide, and publicly accountable alcohol container return system that:

1. Protects low-income earners and vulnerable residents who rely on bottle returns;
2. Closes gaps in the deposit-return cycle to reduce landfill waste and environmental harm;
3. Provides adequate infrastructure, training, and support to retailers participating in the return system;
4. Ensures strong, consistent enforcement and oversight of return program compliance;
5. Safeguards the public interest in recycling and waste diversion amid increasing privatization pressures;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council urges the Government of Ontario to collaborate meaningfully with municipalities, retailers, environmental organizations, and experts to implement a fair, effective, and inclusive solution that ensures the long-term success of Ontario's deposit-return and recycling systems;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their support and consideration.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

#### Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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November 24, 2025

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge  
Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division  
50 Dickson Street,  
Cambridge, ON N1R 5W8

Via email: [shawj@cambridge.ca](mailto:shawj@cambridge.ca)

**RE: RENT PROTECTION FOR TENANTS**

On November 10 2025 at a regular meeting of council, a resolution letter from The Corporation of the City of Cambridge was brought forth and discussed regarding Rent Protection for Tenants and the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Liz Welsh

Seconded: Joel Field

***THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia for all the reasons stated, support the motion from City of Cambridge for the Province of Ontario to provide adequate protection against malicious and excessive rent increases for all units occupies for residential purposes while maintaining the ability for landlords a viable and sustainable business.***

***Further, that this motion be forwarded to the Premier, local MPP Bob Bailey and all other Ontario Municipalities.***

CARRIED

Kind regards,

***Originally signed***

Mandi Pearson  
Director of Legislative Services, Clerk | Deputy Operations

cc:  
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