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Friday, March 20, 2026

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**PENDING MOTION REFERRAL/DEFERRAL SUMMARY  
AS OF MARCH 10, 2026**

<b>CLERKS REF. NO.</b>	<b>DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEM</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL</b>	<b>SUBJECT/ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS OF THE ITEM</b>	<b>COMMENTS/ COMPLETION INFORMATION</b>
02-85 16-26	Infrastructure Services	July 19, 2016	Draft Sidewalk Policy that focuses on the creation of new sidewalks and the improvement and maintenance of existing sidewalks.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b>	
99-99	Community Services	May 3, 2016	Report regarding potential alternatives to expand the use of waterway by the general public. Defers Report R&C-2017-08: Public Consultation Process - 'Go Quiet By-law' & Alternative Uses of the Waterway to the General Committee meeting on September 26, 2017.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> R&C-2017-06 - October 4, 2017 was received for information.	
17-2	Planning & Development Services Traffic & By-laws	September 19, 2017	Refers back to staff for report regarding Section 8 Schedule 3 Food Vehicle, Section 7 Schedule 2 Food Premises and Exemption Section 10 Schedule 4 Hawker and Peddler from By-law 2011-173. Went to the May 15th Council Meeting to be deferred to staff for a report to a General Committee meeting.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b>	
09-152 18-2	Planning & Development Services and Fire Department	June 5, 2018	Report on an education strategy to the public, tenants and landlords regarding rental housing.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Fire and Planning to provide an update report.	

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19-28	Planning & Development Services	March 5, 2019	Request for a Community Teaching Garden to staff for study and review.	<p><b>Status:</b> In progress</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b> To be brought to the Green Advisory Committee for consideration.</p>	
19-88	CAO	July 9, 2019	Create a "Downtown Vacancy Mitigation Action Plan" between the City, Business, Community and applicable stakeholders that addresses vacancy rates in our downtown areas.	<p><b>Status:</b> In progress</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b> Included in the Downtown CIP, draft presented in Nov. 2025 to be finalized in 2026.</p>	

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17-19	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Staff to consult with public, agencies and other stakeholders regarding tree preservation.	<b>Status:</b> Staff in process of drafting the guidelines.  <b>To Complete:</b>	
19-103	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Report on possible enhancements to the public notification process for Committee of Adjustment hearings. Went to the October 1, 2019 Council meeting requesting that subsequent report be provided outlining costs for the two options provided.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b>	
08-48	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff a report regarding an Occupancy Standards By-law.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b>	
19-94	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff matter regarding the petition from residents from 155 Gadsby Avenue, there be no change to the zoning, which is currently zoned as open space, in order to protect wild life.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Ontario Land Tribunal matter at this time.	

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20-77	Infrastructure Services	June 16, 2020	WHEREAS due to the recent pandemic the City of Welland is not able to provide services that they normally would perform do to the safety of its employees; and further WHEREAS if residents did in fact require a service that is normally provided by the City, in this case being a sewer related service and had to act immediately and contact an outside contractor and in resolving the issue a fee was paid. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to create a report to reimburse part or all of the fee paid by the owner (with guidelines similar to the rodent control program to be adhered to) and the amount be capped and for a certain period to time.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
20-106	Planning & Development Services	October 6, 2020	Signed petition from the residents of Caithness Drive regarding turning an established residential area from a single family homes to duplexes and refers this petition to Planning staff for review.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Will be considered as part of update to City's Official Plan.	
20-19	Planning & Development Services	October 20, 2020	Refers to staff for report the notice of motion regarding 113 Michael Drive, redesignates this area as Open Space and proceed with an RFP to have a park with playground equipment be installed at this location.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Approval for Park Development and will be amended to Open Space in the updated to the City's Official Plan.	

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20-82	Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding a Municipal Comprehensive Review, under section 4.3.3.1 of the Official Plan, for the property outlined in Report P&B-2021-08 for an Employment Land conversion from Gateway Economic Centre to Agriculture.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> To be considered as part of the update to the Official Plan.	
21-58	CAO & Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding Brownfield Employment Lands that are non-employment producing within the city limits.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Included in the Brownfield CIP, draft presented in Nov. 2025 to be finalized in 2026.	
21-59	CAO & Economic Development	March 2, 2021	Report on a strategy to aggressively pursue the acquisition of seaway lands from the Federal government, to discuss with them an accelerated process to declare such lands surplus and enter into discussions for the acquisition of identified properties and review options for "lease to own" such lands until such time as they become available. Staff identify Seaway lands of interest and develop servicing plans and other strategies as may be required and further staff identify other lands within and/or adjacent to employment lands identified in Welland's official plan that would be strategic acquisitions for the purpose of industrial/employment use and see if owners are interested in selling those lands to the municipality. If they are not interested the city would not pursue expropriation. In relation to all of the above staff would prepare strategies and associated costs to service lands so that they would be "shovel ready".	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Update report to be presented.	

06-156	Planning & Development Services	April 20, 2021	Report as part of the Official Plan Review detailing what Urban Farming initiatives Council should consider accommodating.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
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21-92	Planning & Development Services	July 6, 2021	Report regarding petition by residents of Seaway Pointe Condominium at 330 Prince Charles Drive regarding parking space for the Evertrust Development at 350 Prince Charles Drives.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Applications were approved and building is currently under construction.	
07-144	Economic Development	January 31, 2023	Dissolution of the Welland Development Commission (WDC) referred back to staff for further information.	<b>Status:</b> In process. <b>To Complete:</b>	
05-50	Planning & Development Services	March 7 & 28, 2023	Refers back to staff regarding changes to the Municipal Heritage Register from the Town of Grimsby and Report P&B-2023-06.	<b>Status:</b> In process <b>To Complete:</b>	
02-160	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Staff report re: having Council representation or staff on the Committee of Adjustment, Grants and Programs and Property Standards Committee.	<b>Status:</b> In process <b>To Complete:</b>	
22-152	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Develop content for residents, simplifying and explain the process to provide a better understanding for interested parties, and to freely provide these resources to members of the public by posing online on the City website.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	

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23-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 16, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-15: Cash In Lieu of parking Policy. Went to the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting to consult with the development community and public with regards to the proposed Cash-In-Lieu Parking By-law with a final By-law for consideration.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
21-79	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-22 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 368 Aqueduct Street and 155 Gadsby Avenue.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council.	
22-137	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-20 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 50 Bruce Street.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council. Went to CW on April 23/24.	
02-160	CAO	September 5, 2023	Refers back to staff notice of motion re: shall be notified in camera if any entity including but not limited to committees, commissions, agencies or boards that the city funds, or approves members or places members of council on, if this entity experiences any litigation involving its members.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
02-160	Clerks Division	September 19, 2023	Refers back to staff Report CLK-2023-19: Amendment to Hybrid Model – Meeting of Council.	<b>Status:</b> In progress. <b>To Complete:</b>	

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23-28	Community Services	December 19, 2023	Presentation re: Crimestoppers Program and refers matter to staff for report.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
99-99	Community Services	January 9, 2024	Prepare a report in regards to creating and allowing family caping along the west side of the former Welland Canal.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
23-22	Infrastructure Services	January 9, 2024	Report that would address parking at Chippawa Park from the pavilion on First Avenue north to Laughlin Avenue on the park property which is currently grass/open space similar to Bugar Park.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-36	Planning & Development Services	March 19, 2024	Petition from residents of the City of Welland opposing the planning application for the zoning at 44 Heron Street.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	April 23, 2024	Report to consider amending the City's Zoning By-law 2017-117 to include a requirement for visitor parking, as well as reviewing the parking requirements spaces per dwelling units in the surrounding municipalities.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 14, 2024	Directs staff to create a report on increasing the maximum yearly eligible amount per resident under the Roden Rebate program.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	July 9, 2024	Refers back to staff Report TRAF-2024-07: Update to Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 for investigation of removing the bicycle lanes and having parking only on one side.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
02-160	Clerk's Division	August 13, 2024	Code of conduct for members of Council Section 4.1 – Staff report back to Council on the working of this section in regards to its contradictory nature and how it would apply to freedom of expression and communicating individual councillors political positions to constituents. Went to the Jan. 13/26 Council meeting. Integrity Commissioner to provide official wording.	<u>Status:</u> Complete <u>To Complete</u>	
24-26	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to have sidewalks installed on South Pelham Road between Foss and Thorold Roads.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-78	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Refer to staff petition from residents of Coyle Creek Park opposing implementing the buffer zone around the perimeter of the pond.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-78	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Staff to provide a comprehensive report regarding the storm management pond at Coyle Creek. Report detail the city's responsibility and history to the maintenance of the surrounding park like setting over the past 10 years.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
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24-26	Infrastructure Services	September 10, 2024	Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to discuss road upgrades on South Pelham between Webber Street and Thorold Road.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
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21-30	Planning & Development Services	November 26, 2024	Refers back to staff the notice of motion regarding increases in the number of encampments near public, private and business properties.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
21-30	Planning & Development Services	December 10, 2024	Refers Report PB-2024-30: 184 Denistoun Street – Proposed Niagara Regional Housing Project back to staff.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	December 17, 2024	Prepare a report for a signalized school crossing on First Avenue for Quaker Road School. Report to include costs and location.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-47	Infrastructure Services	February 4, 2025	Refers Report ENG-2025-06: Humberstone Landfill Host Municipality Compensation Agreement back to staff.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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02-160	Clerk's Division	March 4, 2025	Notice of Motion from Councillor Lee re: staff report back on the estimated annual savings associated with this transition, including reductions in paper, printing and delivery costs.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	March 18, 2025	Staff to prepare a recommendation on whether the city would benefit from the creation of a Welland School Traffic Safety Action Committee.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-73	Infrastructure Services	April 22, 2025	Staff to prepare a report regarding the Niagara Regional Police Services regarding updates and opportunities and staff to report back with further information and recommendations.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	July 22, 2025	Report on parking control on Gram Avenue to include but not limited to 2 hour parking along the park, resident parking permits.	<u>Status:</u> Complete <u>To Complete:</u>	BYL-2026-02 March 10, 2026

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25-22	Planning & Development Services	July 22, 2025	Report on the feasibility finishing the missing section of fence along 695 Niagara Street.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Infrastructure Services	July 22, 2025	Report on the suitability of establishing a Community Safety Zone along Rive Road between Downs Drive and Evan Street.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
02-85	Clerk's Division	August 12, 2025	Refers the Terms of Reference for the Welland Accessibility Advisory Committee.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Infrastructure Services	August 12, 2025	Report on the suitability of establishing a Community Safety Zone on Plymouth Road from the train tracks north to Lincoln Street since it has two senior homes, a park, two day cares and a school located there.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Infrastructure Services	August 12, 2025	Report on the suitability of establishing a Community Safety Zone on Gaiser Road, specifically but not limited to Gaiser Road and Julia Drive, and Gaiser Road between South Pelham and Clare Avenue/Creekside Drive.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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25-108	Finance Division	September 2 & 23 2025	Refers Report FIN-2025-20: South Niagara Hospital Contribution back to staff. Went to the Sept. 23 council meeting to be referred back to staff.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
05-51	Finance Division	September 23, 2025	Defers Report FIN-2025-23, Purchasing Policy Revision, for consideration at a meeting to be scheduled after the end of October 2025.	<u>Status:</u> Complete <u>To Complete:</u>	FIN-2025-23 December 2, 2025
23-122	Clerks Division	September 23, 2025	Directs staff to review AMO's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan and prepare a report for Council with recommendations on actions the City of Welland could take as an organization to further advance reconciliation locally.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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25-45	Infrastructure Services	September 23, 2025	Council directs staff to: 1. Review the current Claim Form and related procedures applicable when property is damaged due to City construction activities; and 2. Identify opportunities to make the process more accessible and less burdensome for residents, including consideration of timelines, documentation requirements, and potential costs to claimants; and further 3. Report back to Council with a recommended revised form and procedure for consideration.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-111	Infrastructure Services	September 23, 2025	Staff to prepare a report on improved / brighter lighting on Quaker Road from Niagara to the east limit. Staff present temporary sidewalk solutions and any other feasible safety measures. This report to include options for brighter light fixtures and that the report be presented to council by November 18, 2025.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
21-30	Clerks Division/ Community Services	October 14, 2025	Staff to follow up with the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre and the Ontario Solicitor General, Michael Kerzner on how they plan to respond to the state of emergency; and THAT Welland City Council ask the Ontario Ministry of Health to fund and establish in partnership with Niagara Health, more addiction treatment beds in the City of Welland.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-78	Infrastructure Services Engineer	November 4, 2025	Report regarding fencing exemptions and fencing options around Coyle Creek Pond.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	November 18, 2025	Refers petition from residents on Kaywood Court restricting parking on Kaywood Court from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-19	Planning & Dev. Services and Economic Development Services	December 16, 2025	Report to Council with an update with the development of LIV Communities along the waterway.	<u>Status:</u> LIV Communities will be presented at the April 14,2026 Council Meeting. <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-121	Planning & Dev. Services and Economic Development Services	January 13, 2026	Defer applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law amendment for 524 and 528 Quaker Road until the geotechnical report can be provided.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-124	Planning & Dev. Services and Economic Development Services	January 13, 2026	Staff investigate and report back to Council the ability for the City to enact a sunset clause for the planning application, similar to the City of Niagara Falls.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
08-48	Planning & Dev. Services and Economic Development Services	February 17, 2026	Refers back to staff Report BYL-2026-01: Proposed Vital Services By-law.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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13-117	Planning & Dev. Services and Economic Development Services	February 17, 2026	Refers back to staff the Notice of Motion from Councillor Speck re: amend City of Welland Zoning By-law 2017-117.	<u>Status:</u>  <u>To Complete:</u>	



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March 12, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL

**Attention:** Local Area Municipalities

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Support for Regional Motion regarding Governance Review**

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on March 9, 2026, passed the following resolution:

Resolution Number: RC-2026-25

Moved by: Councillor Adam Russell; Seconded by: Councillor Tony Brunet

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Council supports a thorough and transparent review of governance in the Niagara Region and its twelve (12) local area municipalities and the Town of Lincoln Council is willing to participate in the review, should it proceed;

**AND WHEREAS** participation in a governance review does not imply support for any specific restructuring model, but reflects Council’s commitment to informed dialogue and due diligence;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Council wants to ensure that any proposed changes to governance are supported by clear objectives, evidence-based analysis, and a transparent assessment of potential financial and service impacts to residents;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln respectfully requests that consideration be given to having any costs, incurred by the Region and the twelve (12) local area municipalities, associated with the review and implementation of potential governance changes be supported by the Province; including but not limited to costs related to the review process, employee transition costs, asset and debt management, and any infrastructure project shortfalls resulting from future changes.

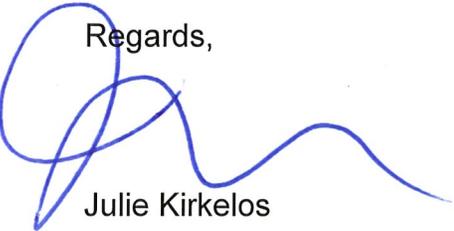
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Town of Lincoln Council is willing to participate in the review, should it proceed.
2. That staff communicate Council's position in a manner that accurately reflects the Town's support for a review process and its commitment to fiscal responsibility.
3. That the Town of Lincoln requests the Province set aside funding to cover the costs outlined above, in order to reduce the financial impact of any governance changes on our communities.
4. Requests that a copy of this motion be circulated to all twelve (12) local area municipalities in Niagara, the Regional Municipality of Niagara, Niagara Regional Chair, all Niagara-area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Premier of Ontario.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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c.c. Local Area Municipalities  
Region of Niagara  
Niagara Regional Chair  
Niagara Area MPPs  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Premier of Ontario

March 16, 2026

**CL 5-2026, February 26, 2026**

**CSC 1-2026, February 11, 2026**

**CSD 2-2026, February 12, 2026**

***Local Area Municipalities***

***SENT ELECTRONICALLY***

Approval of 2026 Interim Levy Dates and Amounts

CSD 2-2026

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 26, 2026, passed the following recommendation of its Corporate Services Committee:

That Report CSD 2-2026, dated February 2, 2026, respecting Approval of 2026 Interim Levy Dates and Amounts, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the interim Regional levy amounts and dates **BE APPROVED** in accordance with Appendix 1 to Report CSD 2-2026;
2. That the appropriate by-law **BE PREPARED** for presentation to Regional Council for consideration and approval; and
3. That Report CSD 2-2026 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities for information.

A copy of CSD 2-2026 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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L. Chen, Manager, Revenue Planning & Strategy  
T. Ellis, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services

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**Subject:** Approval of 2026 Interim Levy Dates and Amounts

**Report to:** Corporate Services Committee

**Report date:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026

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## Recommendations

1. That the interim Regional levy amounts and dates **BE APPROVED** in accordance with Appendix 1 to Report CSD 2-2026;
2. That the appropriate by-law **BE PREPARED** for presentation to Regional Council for consideration and approval; and
3. That Report CSD 2-2026 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities for information.

## Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to approve the interim levy amounts and due dates.
- Section 216 of the *Municipal Act, 2021*, provides that the council of an upper-tier municipality may requisition an amount equivalent to 50% of the prior year's approved levy from each area municipality in order to continue core services prior to the adoption of budget estimates for the year.
- The Region's Budget Control By-law (2017-63, section 6.3 paragraph a.) provides that prior to Council's approval of the Operating Budget by-law, a current year's expenditures may be incurred if a budget for a similar item existed in the previous year's operating budget and the expenditures is at the same service level as the prior year and does not exceed 50% if the amount is appropriated in the previous year's operating budget. The interim levy ensures sufficient funds are available to sustain operations.
- The 2026 budget process has been extended following the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting on January 8, 2026. Council will meet again in February to finalize the budget and approve the 2026 general tax levy amount.
- Interim levy dates are consistent with the prior years, with the first instalment due on March 4, 2026. The local area municipalities were consulted and no alternative dates were considered.

## **Financial Considerations**

The interim levy amounts to be requisitioned from local area municipalities total \$268,347,430 for the General Levy, \$22,792,356 for the Waste Management special levy and \$31,327,798 for the Transit special levy for a total of \$322,467,584.

## **Analysis**

The authority to incur expenditures by Regional departments, boards and agencies is granted by Regional Council through the annual approved operating budget as prescribed by the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Additionally, O.Reg 75/01 prescribes the information to be contained on property tax bills. Prior to the annual budget being adopted by Regional Council, bylaw 2017-63 as approved by Regional Council provides that Regional departments, boards and agencies may incur expenses up to 50% of their prior year's operating budget in order to maintain business as usual for Regional services.

Further to this, Section 316 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, authorizes Council through a by-law to provide an interim levy equivalent to 50% of the prior year's approved estimates (subject to certain adjustments) before the adoption of budget estimates for the year. It has been the Region's past practice to levy an interim amount in order to fund Regional services prior to the approval of the annual budget and the adoption of the tax rates by-law.

As such, Appendix 1 to Report CSD 2-2026 includes the proposed interim levy dates and amounts by Local Area Municipality. The proposed interim levy dates have been communicated to the Treasurers of all 12 Local Area Municipalities who have supported these dates.

## **Alternatives Reviewed**

Alternative thresholds were not considered as the interim levy of 50% permitted by the *Municipal Act, 2001* will generally ensure cash inflows in the shorter term are able to accommodate the level of expenditures. The *Municipal Act, 2001* does not have a requirement to approve a spending limit in advance of the budget approval however the practice has been adopted by the Region through bylaw 2017-63.

## **Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities**

Not applicable.

## Other Pertinent Reports

None.

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### Prepared by:

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Corporate Services

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### Recommended by:

Tim Ellis, CPA, CMA  
Commissioner/ Treasurer  
Corporate Services

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### Submitted by:

Ron Tripp, P.Eng.  
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared in consultation with and reviewed by Beth Brens, Acting Director of Financial Management & Planning/ Deputy Treasurer.

## Appendices

Appendix 1            2026 Interim Levy Payments and Dates

**Appendix 1 - 2026 Interim Levy Payments and Dates**

**Table 1 - Interim General Levy (\$)**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>March 4, 2026</b>	<b>May 6, 2026</b>	<b>Total Interim Levy</b>
Fort Erie	8,625,503	8,625,503	17,251,006
Grimsby	10,078,033	10,078,033	20,156,066
Lincoln	8,242,706	8,242,706	16,485,412
Niagara Falls	28,048,759	28,048,759	56,097,518
Niagara-on-the-Lake	11,430,150	11,430,150	22,860,300
Pelham	5,829,414	5,829,414	11,658,828
Port Colborne	4,285,617	4,285,617	8,571,234
St. Catharines	33,380,927	33,380,927	66,761,854
Thorold	6,511,849	6,511,849	13,023,698
Wainfleet	2,014,832	2,014,832	4,029,664
Welland	11,520,694	11,520,694	23,041,388
West Lincoln	4,205,231	4,205,231	8,410,462
<b>Total</b>	<b>134,173,715</b>	<b>134,173,715</b>	<b>268,347,430</b>

**Table 2 - Waste Management Interim Special Levy (\$)**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>March 4, 2026</b>	<b>May 6, 2026</b>	<b>Total Interim Levy</b>
Fort Erie	858,792	858,792	1,717,584
Grimsby	635,381	635,381	1,270,762
Lincoln	559,387	559,387	1,118,774
Niagara Falls	2,256,061	2,256,061	4,512,122
Niagara-on-the-Lake	489,761	489,761	979,522
Pelham	401,938	401,938	803,876
Port Colborne	546,780	546,780	1,093,560
St. Catharines	3,357,638	3,357,638	6,715,276
Thorold	557,246	557,246	1,114,492
Wainfleet	166,958	166,958	333,916
Welland	1,280,240	1,280,240	2,560,480
West Lincoln	285,996	285,996	571,992
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,396,178</b>	<b>11,396,178</b>	<b>22,792,356</b>

**Appendix 1 - 2026 Interim Levy Payments and Dates**

**Table 3 - Transit Interim Special Levy (\$)**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>March 4, 2026</b>	<b>May 6, 2026</b>	<b>Total Interim Levy</b>
Fort Erie	1,043,577	1,043,577	2,087,154
Grimsby	538,407	538,407	1,076,814
Lincoln	466,228	466,228	932,456
Niagara Falls	4,125,531	4,125,531	8,251,062
Niagara-on-the-Lake	671,518	671,518	1,343,036
Pelham	248,590	248,590	497,180
Port Colborne	290,377	290,377	580,754
St. Catharines	5,830,642	5,830,642	11,661,284
Thorold	551,884	551,884	1,103,768
Wainfleet	65,754	65,754	131,508
Welland	1,693,489	1,693,489	3,386,978
West Lincoln	137,902	137,902	275,804
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,663,899</b>	<b>15,663,899</b>	<b>31,327,798</b>

**Table 4 - Total General, Waste Management & Transit Interim Levy (\$)**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>March 4, 2026</b>	<b>May 6, 2026</b>	<b>Total Interim Levy</b>
Fort Erie	10,527,872	10,527,872	21,055,744
Grimsby	11,251,821	11,251,821	22,503,642
Lincoln	9,268,321	9,268,321	18,536,642
Niagara Falls	34,430,351	34,430,351	68,860,702
Niagara-on-the-Lake	12,591,429	12,591,429	25,182,858
Pelham	6,479,942	6,479,942	12,959,884
Port Colborne	5,122,774	5,122,774	10,245,548
St. Catharines	42,569,207	42,569,207	85,138,414
Thorold	7,620,979	7,620,979	15,241,958
Wainfleet	2,247,544	2,247,544	4,495,088
Welland	14,494,423	14,494,423	28,988,846
West Lincoln	4,629,129	4,629,129	9,258,258
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,233,792</b>	<b>161,233,792</b>	<b>322,467,584</b>



TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY  
Resolution of Council  
Council Meeting

Resolution Number

**Title:** For Info. 2/2026 - Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Township re: Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry – Councillor Sebben

**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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**Moved by:** Lori Sebben  
**Seconded by:** Shelley Wagner

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Wellesley supports the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's resolution regarding the call for reform and publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry and further,  
That the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Kitchener-Conestoga MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario for their information and consideration.

**CARRIED**

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Municipal Clerk, Amy Harron



**TOWNSHIP OF  
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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February 4, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

**RE: Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry**

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Brantford.

**Resolution No: 2026-02-04-06**  
**Moved by: Councillor Banks**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Keller**

**"Be it resolved** that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the City of Brantford's resolution regarding a Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry.

**And further that** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario."

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



December 19, 2025

Honorable Mark Carney

Sent via email: [mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Honorable Mark Carney:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council, at its meeting held December 16, 2025 adopted the following:

**12.2.7 Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry - Councillor Samwell**

WHEREAS the community of Welland and the surrounding communities were deeply impacted by a recent heinous crime that highlighted critical gaps in Canada's criminal justice and offender-management systems; and

WHEREAS on September 4, 2025, Mayor Frank Campion of the City of Welland wrote to the Premier of Ontario urging comprehensive reform to strengthen sentencing, parole, and bail provisions for violent sexual offenders, and to enhance public safety protections; and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2025, Mayor Mat Siscoe of the City of St. Catharines wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada expressing strong support for these reforms and calling for immediate federal action to strengthen sentencing, parole, and accountability measures for violent sexual offenders; and

WHEREAS the City of Thorold, at its meeting of September 9, 2025, adopted Resolution 14.2 requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offenders Registry), 2000 to make Ontario Sex Offender Registry publicly accessible; and

WHEREAS several Niagara municipalities; including Grimsby, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and St. Catharines have subsequently endorsed this call for greater transparency and reform; and

WHEREAS municipal councils, though not responsible for criminal law or parole, play a vital role in advocating for the safety and well-being of their residents;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. THAT the Council of the City of Brantford hereby supports the City of Thorold's Resolution calling for the Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry and the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 4, 2025, calling for reform to sentencing, parole, and registry provisions concerning violent sexual offenders; and
- B. THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offender Registry), 2000 to make the Ontario Sex Offender

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Registry publicly accessible, subject to appropriate privacy and safety safeguards; and

C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- i. The Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- ii. The Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
- iii. The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety;
- iv. The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- v. The Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
- vi. The Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario;
- vii. Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock;
- viii. Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Will Bouma;
- ix. The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- x. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- xi. All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



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

CC - The Honorable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; - [Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca)

The Honorable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety  
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The Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; - [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

The Honorable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; -  
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The Honorable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario  
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Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock; -  
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The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) [FCMInfo@fcm.ca](mailto:FCMInfo@fcm.ca)

All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support



TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY  
Resolution of Council  
Council Meeting

Resolution Number

**Title:** For Info. 5/2026 - Municipality of Wawa re: School Bus Safety and Stop Arm – Councillor Sebben

**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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**Moved by:** Lori Sebben  
**Seconded by:** Shelley Wagner

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Wellesley hereby supports the Municipality of Wawa's resolution regarding enhanced school bus safety and the implementation of stop arm camera systems, and further  
That the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario for their information and consideration.

**CARRIED**

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Municipal Clerk, Amy Harron

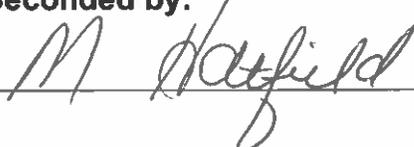


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 17th, 2026

Resolution # RC26028	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

**WHEREAS** illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the Province of Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day; and

**WHEREAS** these violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous and unlawful behaviour; and

**WHEREAS** Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act* authorizes the use of school bus stop-arm camera systems as an enforcement mechanism; and

**WHEREAS** such systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability; and

**WHEREAS** provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes are able to equitably deploy this technology; and

**WHEREAS** the “Let’s Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus” campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm, underscores the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and technological solutions to better protect children travelling to and from school;

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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 hereby expresses its support for increased provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 of the Highway Traffic Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT protecting children on Ontario's roads is a shared responsibility, and that through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input 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	DEPUTY CLERK – HEATHER RAINVILLE

March 13, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of March 10, 2026 the following resolution regarding OPP - Sustainable Police Services Funding was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO.** 2026-111

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Roberts

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hirsch

**WHEREAS** Ontario municipalities are required to maintain a police service or detachment board; and

**WHEREAS** policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of rising costs to implement provincial mandates;

**WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has asserted that the fiscal framework enabling municipalities provided critical policing and public safety services is broken, and AMO requests an urgent update of the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship;

**WHEREAS** double digit increases in municipal annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) budgets are unsustainable, especially as Ontario municipal police services tackle provincial responsibilities such as mental health, addictions, and homelessness challenges that place police resources under enormous financial strain;

**WHEREAS** municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (the Act);

**WHEREAS** the costs of other measures such as providing provincial court security are increasing and are not part of providing core, adequate and effective municipal policing; and

**WHEREAS** rural municipalities are especially negatively impacted by these developments;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the County of Prince Edward (Council) requests that the Province provide financial assistance to municipalities to offset all additional costs directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Act and not general increases to police budgets; and

**THAT** Council urges the Province of Ontario to expeditiously review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities, so that communities with changing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and

**THAT** this resolution of Council be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Hirsch



March 13, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Re: Request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 9, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 41-26:

Whereas current provincial–municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining the Town of Whitby’s economic prosperity and the quality of life of its residents;  
Whereas nearly one third of all municipal spending in Ontario is directed toward services in areas of provincial responsibility, with expenditures outpacing provincial contributions by approximately \$4 billion annually;

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has emphasized that the ongoing requirement for municipalities to fund provincial responsibilities—such as social housing, health related capital obligations, and social services—results in at least \$1.5 billion annually in net municipal expenditures for social housing alone, a problem unique to Ontario;

Whereas municipalities are further required to contribute 10% of capital funding for new provincial hospitals, diverting local revenue away from essential municipal infrastructure;

Whereas municipal revenue sources, primarily property taxes, do not grow at the same rate as the economy or inflation, yet municipalities—including the Town of Whitby—are responsible for managing major growth related infrastructure such as roads, transit, water, sewer, fire, and parks;

Whereas only 34 cents of every residential property tax dollar collected in Whitby remains with the Town, while 55 cents flows to the Region of Durham and 11 cents to school boards;

Whereas AMO has highlighted that provincial housing related revenues—including \$5.8 billion in Land Transfer Tax revenues in 2021/22, which exceeded the provincial budget plan by \$2 billion, as well as billions in HST revenue from new home construction—are not currently shared with municipalities, despite being generated by housing activity that requires significant local infrastructure investment;

Whereas AMO has stated that allocating a portion of these housing related provincial revenues to municipalities would provide a predictable, growth linked revenue stream necessary to support housing targets and the expansion of critical public infrastructure;

Whereas AMO has cautioned that proposals to reduce or limit development charges shift costs away from growth and onto existing property taxpayers, threatening the ability of municipalities to finance essential infrastructure, given that most municipal reserves are already allocated to specific projects or required for responsible asset management practices; and,

Whereas municipal staff have already identified \$2.5 million in expenditure reductions for 2026 and continue to identify efficiencies through the ongoing 2026 Core Services Review.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Council of the Town of Whitby once again calls upon the Province of Ontario to work collaboratively with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) to undertake a comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity Review to modernize and realign the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, ensuring that municipal revenues are aligned with the actual costs of today’s service delivery and growth;
2. The Town of Whitby requests that this review specifically address the \$4 billion annual gap where municipal property taxes are currently used to fund provincial responsibilities, including social housing, health, and transit, and further evaluate:
  - the \$1.5 billion annual municipal burden created by the provincial download of social housing costs;
  - the requirement for municipalities to fund 10% of provincial hospital capital projects; and,
  - the opportunity to allocate a portion of provincial Land Transfer Tax and HST revenues generated by housing activity to municipal infrastructure supporting growth.

3. The Province be urged to establish a predictable, housing linked revenue stream for municipalities that reflects the economic, social, and infrastructure demands associated with growth, including addressing the financial impacts of changes to development charges; and,
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
  - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
  - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
  - The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
  - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure;
  - The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
  - Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby);
  - The Region of Durham;
  - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
  - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and,
  - All Ontario Municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905.430.4300.



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The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health - [Sylvia.Jones@ontario.ca](mailto:Sylvia.Jones@ontario.ca)  
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Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby) - [lorne.coe@pc.ola.org](mailto:lorne.coe@pc.ola.org)  
Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham - [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca)  
Lindsay Jones, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - [ljones@amo.on.ca](mailto:ljones@amo.on.ca)  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – [info@fcm.ca](mailto:info@fcm.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities

March 13, 2026

Hon. David Piccini  
Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Ave  
Toronto ON M7A 1T7

**Re: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns**

Dear Minister Piccini,

At its meeting of Council on March 11, 2026, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte received correspondence from Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the above-mentioned request for support.

The Township of Oro-Medonte fully supports AORS in their request, as our staff have, on numerous occasions, been subjected to abusive and aggressive behaviour from members of the public. We respectfully request your support in advancing measures that will strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors. With provincial partnership, municipalities can better safeguard the individuals who work tirelessly to maintain critical services and keep our communities functioning safely.

Sincerely,



Mayor Randy Greenlaw

Cc: Premier Doug Ford  
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario  
Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response  
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation  
Hon. Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure  
Doug Downey, MPP Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)  
Ontario Municipalities  
Members of Oro-Medonte Council



Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Avenue  
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I  
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors  
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



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Cc (via e-mail)

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Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner  
George Drew Building, 25 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise serious concerns regarding the safety of municipal workers and subcontractors who are increasingly facing harassment, threats, and dangerous interference from members of the public while delivering essential municipal services - particularly during winter maintenance and emergency operations.

Across Ontario, municipal public works teams are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure that residents depend on every day, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, and drainage systems. During significant weather events, these workers are frontline responders, ensuring emergency vehicles can travel safely and that communities remain connected and accessible. However, the behaviour directed at them has escalated well beyond routine complaints and has become a direct threat to both worker safety and public safety.

Through consultations with AORS members province-wide, we continue to receive troubling reports that illustrate the seriousness of this issue. These include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snowplow and refusing to get off until the driver agreed to plow his road next.
- Two staff members confronted and aggressively accosted in public - one at a gas station and another while simply waiting in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions and a mailbox strike that were not even related to that municipality.
- A voicemail threatening to shoot a plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident jumping in front of an active plow during a major snow event and refusing to move, delaying operations for over an hour and jeopardizing service levels and overall emergency response.

These examples represent only a small sample of the experiences municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are facing across the province. What was once occasional frustration has escalated into intimidation, threats of violence, and direct interference with equipment and operations.

Equally concerning is that municipalities do not always receive consistent enforcement support when these incidents occur. We have heard directly from members who contacted the Ontario Provincial Police for assistance and were advised that, unless a physical assault had already taken place, the situation was "not a police matter." Waiting until a worker has been physically harmed before intervention is neither preventative nor acceptable.

This gap leaves municipalities and workers vulnerable and sends an unintended message that threatening or obstructive behaviour toward municipal staff carries little consequence. It also places supervisors and by-law officers in situations that may exceed their authority or capacity to manage safely.

We believe a proactive and coordinated response is needed. Municipal workers and their subcontractors should not have to choose between their personal safety and providing critical services during storms and emergencies.

We respectfully ask that the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police take a clear and strong stance that interference, threats, and harassment directed at municipal public works staff will not be tolerated. Specifically, we would welcome:

- Clear direction and guidance to police services, including the OPP, that threats, intimidation, and obstruction of municipal workers performing essential duties warrant timely enforcement and support.
- Recognition that interference with winter maintenance and emergency public works operations presents a broader public safety risk, not merely a municipal operational issue.
- Enhanced coordination between municipalities and local police services during significant weather events and emergency responses to ensure worker safety and continuity of service.
- Consideration of legislative or policy tools that provide stronger deterrence and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal staff and contractors.

Municipal public works professionals are essential workers. They keep roads open for ambulances, fire trucks, school buses, and the travelling public. Their safety should be treated with the same seriousness as that of other frontline responders.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns and explore practical steps to ensure consistent enforcement support and stronger protections for municipal workers across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued leadership in public safety.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I  
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors  
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



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March 16, 2026

To Whom It May Concern;

This letter is to formally inform you that at the Regular Council Meeting of February 9, 2026, the following oral motion was carried by Mayor and Council:

Oral Motion:

THAT Council provide a resolution of support for the City of Sarnia letter regarding Mayoral Authority and Municipal Police Budget Sustainability;

AND THAT the resolution of support be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities, the Honourable Doug Ford and all those cc'd in the City of Sarnia letter.

**Mover:** Kaleb Firth

**Seconder:** Bill Morrison Jr

**Result:** CARRIED

Thank You / Merci / Miigwech,

Ally Lewis  
Deputy Clerk

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

February 19, 2026

**Re: Mayoral Authority and Municipal Police Budget Sustainability**

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to express concern regarding the province's current position that limits a mayor and council's ability to meaningfully reduce or amend police service budget proposals once they have advanced through local police governance structures.

Municipal leaders across Ontario are operating within an increasingly constrained fiscal environment. Escalating administrative costs, combined with sustained growth in police budgets, are placing significant pressure on municipal finances. Without the tools to influence or moderate these expenditures, municipalities are left financially vulnerable, undermining long-term stability and responsible budget planning.

Mayors and members of council are accountable to residents for overall municipal fiscal health. However, under the province's current interpretation, they lack sufficient authority to address one of the fastest-growing areas of local spending. This creates a clear imbalance in accountability, where elected leadership bears responsibility for budget outcomes without the ability to manage risk, respond to local conditions, or ensure alignment with broader municipal priorities.

You have recently noted that education costs have become unsustainable, and the Minister of Finance has expressed similar concerns regarding health care expenditures. Policing costs present the same challenge, with the added constraint that mayors are now unable to intervene. This limits a municipality's capacity to balance competing service demands, invest in preventative and social supports, and respond flexibly to emerging community priorities, including housing. Over time, this approach risks crowding out essential services and capital projects while placing increased pressure on taxpayers.

In Sarnia, veto authority was used for the first time, and only with respect to capital funding. The operational police budget, which has increased by 40% over the past four years, was left untouched. The mayoral veto removed a proposed \$5 million capital item that would have committed the municipality to a long-term financial obligation estimated to reach \$120 million. Allowing such exposure without intervention would have been fiscally irresponsible and inconsistent with the principles of responsible municipal governance. The existing building was reported to be suitable for upgrades and maintenance at a cost of approximately \$5 million; however, the Sarnia Police Board and Chief have insisted that the Cadillac of all buildings is required. Proceeding with this option would saddle the taxpayers with substantial long-term debt and sustained tax increases for decades to come.

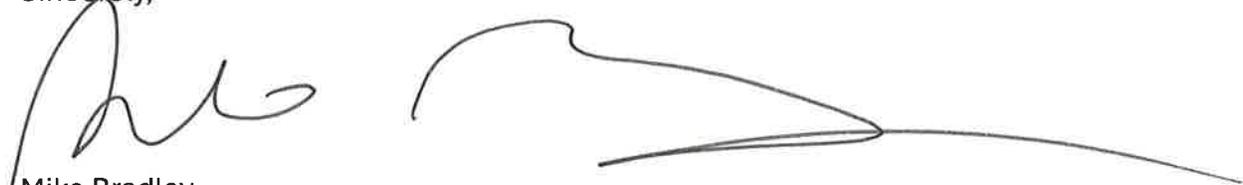
After 21 years of carrying municipal debt, the City of Sarnia has just recently achieved the distinction of being one of the few debt-free cities in Ontario. Under the current framework, renewed debt will become unavoidable, with financial impacts extending to future generations.

While this issue may not yet have arisen in every municipality responsible for funding and overseeing its own police service, the experience in Sarnia illustrates a challenge that other mayors may reasonably face in future budget years. As policing and capital costs continue to escalate, circumstances will emerge where elected municipal leaders are required to intervene to protect long-term fiscal sustainability. This is a critical issue that warrants careful reconsideration. I have therefore copied Heads of Council for municipalities across Ontario to unite in encouraging an approach that better aligns accountability with decision-making and supports more sustainable municipal governance across Ontario.

Given the practical implications for municipal budget deliberations and fiscal planning, I believe this matter should be addressed in advance of the next municipal council taking office. I respectfully urge the province to engage with municipalities on this issue and to explore legislative or policy adjustments that would provide local elected leaders with the tools necessary to manage fiscal pressures responsibly, transparently, and in the best interests of their communities.

I appreciate your attention to this issue and look forward to the province's consideration of next steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Bradley', written over a horizontal line.

Mike Bradley  
Mayor, City of Sarnia

Cc: The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General  
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Heads of council for municipalities across Ontario  
Bob Bailey, MPP for Sarnia-Lambton  
Sarnia City Council

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## Province tells Ontario mayors they can't use 'strong powers' on police budgets

Finance expert says province needs to review fiscal relationship with municipalities to keep up with costs

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A file photo of a police officer walking in downtown Hamilton, Ont. (Bobby Hristova/CBC)

The Ontario government is reminding municipal leaders that they cannot use their provincially granted "strong mayor powers" to challenge or limit police budgets.

This comes two months after Sarnia's mayor vetoed his city's police budget request of \$5 million for a new police headquarters, in what's led to an ongoing battle over the city's police funding.

In a letter sent to mayors and police board chairs in January, the province reiterated that municipalities are required to provide police boards with "sufficient funding" to comply with the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA).

"The Head of Council's strong mayor budget powers do not include the power to limit police service board budget increases or veto estimates submitted by police service boards," Solicitor General Michael Kerzner and Municipal Affairs Minister Rob Flack wrote in their Jan. 12 letter.

"Although municipalities are not required to adopt the board's estimates as submitted, they cannot approve or reject specific line items within the estimates."

- **Less than half of 'strong mayors' were using powers before Ontario expanded system: reports**

Municipal budgets include estimates of amounts required during the year and includes various boards, the letter explains. A police service board must submit their operating and capital costs to municipalities, which then establish the service's overall budget.

Premier Doug Ford's government created the strong mayor system in 2022 and it now applies to 216 mayors. The powers give the leaders control over appointments, the ability to hire and fire most city staff, vetoes over some council votes and the ability to pass some bylaws with support of only a third of council support.

## **'We can't chop public safety' says Premier**

When asked by CBC about the issue of strong mayor powers relating to police budgets on Tuesday, Ford said investments in public safety need to be a top priority.

"We can't chop safety and protecting communities," Ford told reporters. "We need to make sure our priority is keeping our community safe because right now people don't feel safe. So we have to continue investing in our police, give them the tools they need to keep our community safe."

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley disagrees arguing the legislation prevents municipalities from balancing the needs of police and taxpayers. He said Sarnia police has received a 45 per cent operational increase over the last four years, and he only vetoed one capital spending item which the city cannot afford this year.



Sarnia's Mayor Mike Bradley says police budget increases in recent years have led to spending cuts in other city projects. (Facebook)

"The province has just wiped out our ability to control spending in our own communities. In most cases [police budgets] run from 30 to 40 per cent of the

municipal budget, so what the Ford government is saying is that councils and mayors cannot touch it," he said.

"So the message is, police boards who are unaccountable, can now just set the budget and the taxpayers have to pay. That's a pretty shocking statement from Queens Park."

Bradley argues he has supported increasing police budgets for frontline services, which have been substantial over the years and have led the city to cut back on spending for other projects.

In its letter, the province clarifies that there are dispute resolution mechanisms under the CPSA, namely arbitration, when a council disagrees with a police board's budget request.

## **Municipalities limited in challenging police budgets**

However, proving a case against the police can be difficult for municipal councils who don't often have the capacity or technical knowledge to offer a challenge, said Nigel Bellchamber, a London, Ont., consultant specializing in municipal finances.

"It's a high bar that the municipality has to meet in order to succeed in an arbitration," he said, noting that municipalities are tasked with funding a variety of services whose costs outpace inflation.

"As a result, there are some significant challenges and tough decisions being made as to prioritizing capital expenditures in municipal budgets. So councils and municipal staff, whether you're in a strong mayor situation or not, they're all caught in a very difficult situation."



Nigel Bellchamber is a consultant in London, Ont., who specializes in municipal finances (Nigel Bellchamber/LinkedIn)

Bellchamber said the provincial and municipal fiscal relationship hasn't been properly reviewed in about 25 years and it needs to be revisited to respond to changing economic demands.

London's Mayor Josh Morgan agrees. His council approved a historic \$672-million investment in police spending during the last four-year budget, and while he's satisfied with the results of crime trending lower in the city, ballooning police budgets are a concern for municipalities, he said.

"Obviously when the largest portion of your budget is increasing by a fair amount, that's concerning in multiple ways," said Morgan.

"It's difficult for a municipality to shoulder all of the necessary investments in public safety that we need to make with all of the other things that we're obligated to do, and with the revenue streams we have available to us."

Morgan said it's important for municipalities to partner with provincial and federal governments to seek "broad-based, stable multi-year support for public safety funding."

In London's case, Morgan notes the police returned more than \$2.3 million to city coffers in the budget's first two years.

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## Questions of 'strong mayor' veto powers remain after province attempts to clarify police budgets

By [Bryan Bicknell](#)

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The provincial government says municipalities can't use strong mayor powers to limit police budgets. CTV's Bryan Bicknell with local reactions.

The chair of the Sarnia Police Service Board says the board is still weighing options in its bid to build a new police headquarters.

The comments follow a letter from Ontario's Solicitor General to municipalities that mayors cannot use so-called strong mayor powers to challenge police budgets.

"We sent the letter to council requesting that the veto to be vetoed, basically, and that the five million [dollars] be added back into the budget," explained Board Chair Kelly Ash. "We are re-evaluating, looking to see what we can get accomplished with the funds that we do have, while still hoping that council does deliberate over the \$5 million so that we can get started."



Sarnia Police Board Chair Kelly Ash speaks to CTV News via Zoom on Feb. 18, 2026. (Bryan Bicknell/CTV News London)

Late last year Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley vetoed the city's police budget request of \$5 million to begin work on a new police headquarters. Bradley insists he's not about to re-open the city budget.

"This idea that police boards now, without any accountability, they're not elected and they don't report to the public and you can't remove them, will now be able to say to any town, 'This is how much money we want each year, and govern yourself accordingly. You're going to have to find money or kill other projects that are really important to your community because we're number one,'" he said.

In London, the police budget has also been a sensitive item.



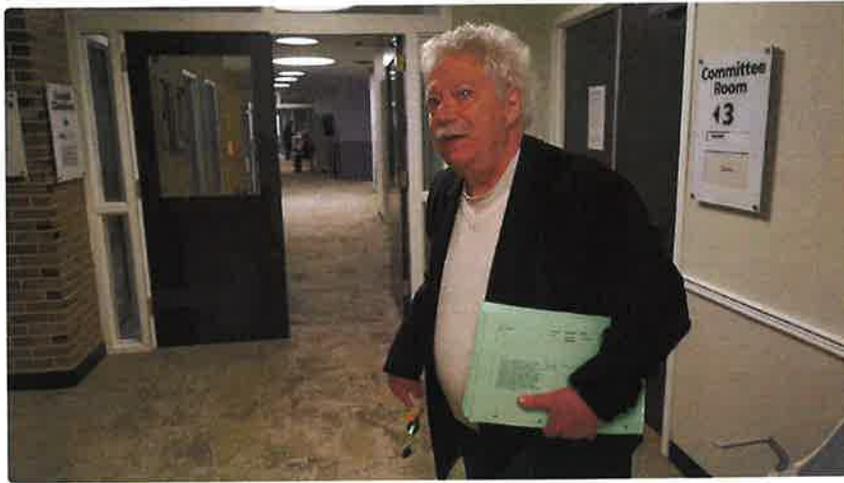
London, Ont. Mayor Josh Morgan speaks to CTV News on Feb. 18, 2026. (Bryan Bicknell/CTV News London)

The most recent police budget passed two years ago in the city's four-year budget cycle increased police spending by \$672 million.

The London Police Service has since returned \$2.3 million in a bid to keep municipal property taxes at bay, explains London Mayor Josh Morgan.

"It's a pretty high bar to set for a municipality to not supply the budget, which is why my approach has been to work closely with the police board as a member of the board. And this board has returned dollars for the past two years," Morgan said.

Introduced in 2022 for Ontario's largest urban centres, strong mayor powers were expanded last year to include all 216 Ontario mayors. At least one legal opinion suggests this was when questions of interpretation began to arise.



London, Ont., Coun. Sam Trosow speaks to CTV News on Feb. 18, 2026. (Bryan Bicknell/CTV News London)

London Coun. Sam Trosow is a retired Western University law professor. He believes the strong mayor legislation was rushed.

"I think if it was the intention of the legislature to categorically exempt police services matters from the act they would have or they should have said so. And they probably rushed this through so quickly, maybe they didn't even bother to think about it," he explained.

"But I think that the mayor of Sarnia is within his rights to challenge this part of the budget," Trosow said.



Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley speaks to CTV News via Zoom on Feb. 18, 2026. (Bryan Bicknell/CTV News London)

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March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

RE: Township of Puslinch Support Resolution No.2026-059 Regarding Consent item 6.7  
Township of Perry Support Resolution Regarding Reduced Rate Distribution of Library  
Resources

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2026-059:**

Moved by Councillor Bailey and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.7 listed for March 4, 2026 Council meeting be received  
for information; and**

**That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.**

**CARRIED**



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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of the  
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 078

**Moved By:** Joe Lumley **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

**Whereas** public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

**And whereas** interlibrary loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

**And whereas** reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

**And whereas** recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

**And that** Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;





**Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc Council Resolution**  
**Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025**  
**Date: Monday, March 16, 2026**

**Moved by: Councillor Willsie**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Derbyshire**

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc is a community deeply rooted in agriculture, with a significant portion of our local economy and heritage dependent on the sustainability of farming and food production;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario is losing an estimated 319 acres of farmland daily to non-agricultural development, posing a significant threat to the province's long-term food security and the viability of the agri-food sector;

**AND WHEREAS** Bill 21, the *Protect Our Food Act, 2025*, currently before the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, seeks to preserve productive agricultural land by requiring Agricultural Impact Assessments before zoning changes can occur and by establishing a Foodbelt Protection Plan;

**AND WHEREAS** the protection of prime agricultural land is not only a matter of food sovereignty but also of fiscal responsibility, as low-density residential sprawl on farmland frequently incurs higher long term infrastructure and service costs for municipalities compared to agricultural land use;

**AND WHEREAS** providing certainty regarding the agricultural land base encourages long-term investment by farmers in their operations, soil health, and local businesses, thereby strengthening the rural economy of Strathroy-Caradoc;

**AND WHEREAS** low-density urban sprawl increases the per-capita cost of municipal infrastructure and service delivery—including roads, water, wastewater, and emergency services—creating a long-term financial burden on the Municipality that often exceeds the tax revenue generated by such development;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc hereby expresses its support for the principles and objectives of Bill 21, *Protect Our Food Act, 2025*,

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to ensure that Ontario's prime agricultural land is preserved for future generations;

**AND THAT** Council directs the Clerk to send a letter of support for Bill 21 to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs and the leaders of the Opposition parties;

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all municipalities within the County of Middlesex to encourage broader municipal support.

**Carried.**

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March 17, 2026

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**RE: Request for Provincial Consultation and Transparency Regarding Potential Changes to English Public School Board Governance**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

At their regular scheduled meeting of March 16, 2026, Council of the Municipality of Bluewater received correspondence from Michael Bannerman, Board of Trustees Chair for the Avon Maitland District School Board regarding the potential changes to the English Public School Board Governance and passed the following resolution:

**MOVED:** Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Walden  
THAT Council of the Municipality of Bluewater supports the Avon Maitland District School Board in their request to the Government of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process before moving forward with any changes to the governance structure of English public school boards; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, MPP Lisa Thompson all Ontario municipalities. **CARRIED.**

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander  
Acting CAO/Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

Encl: Letter from Avon Maitland District School Board Trustee Chair

cc: Michael Bannerman, Chair, Board of Trustees  
MPP Lisa Thompson  
All Ontario Municipalities

March 2, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier's Office  
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And

The Honourable Paul Calandra  
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Re: Request for Provincial Consultation and Transparency Regarding Potential Changes to English Public School Board Governance

Dear Premier Doug Ford and Minister Paul Calandra,

On behalf of the Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board, I am writing to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process before moving forward with any changes to the governance structure of English public school boards.

Recent public statements indicating that the Ministry is considering eliminating the role of democratically elected English public school trustees have generated significant concern among school boards, families, and communities across the province. Trustees serve as an essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system. Any proposal to fundamentally alter or remove this role would represent a major shift in the governance of education in Ontario and warrants careful study, thoughtful analysis, and open dialogue.

Given the magnitude of this potential change, we respectfully ask the government to clearly demonstrate how it has arrived at its current thinking. Specifically, we request that the Ministry make public the research, evidence, data analysis, policy reviews, stakeholder input, and performance evaluations that have informed its consideration of altering or eliminating the role of elected trustees. Transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of this proposal is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue.

The Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board believe that decisions of this significance must be supported by transparent research and meaningful engagement with stakeholders. We respectfully request that the government initiate a formal consultation process that includes school boards, parents, educators, students, First Nations representatives, and the broader public. Such a process would help ensure that any future governance model is grounded in evidence and reflects the needs and priorities of Ontario's diverse communities.

As a board serving a large and predominantly rural geographic area, we also wish to emphasize the critical importance of the democratically elected trustee role in ensuring that rural perspectives are represented in education decision-making. Trustees provide an essential local voice for communities whose priorities and challenges may differ significantly from those experienced in larger urban centres. Issues such as student transportation, long travel distances, rural school viability, access to programming, and community connectivity are often best understood by locally elected representatives who live and work in those communities. Preserving avenues for rural representation helps ensure that provincial education policies reflect the realities of students and families across all regions of Ontario.

We are also concerned that removing English public school trustees could have unintended consequences for representation and accountability within the system. In many boards, legislated First Nations representation and student trustees play an important role in ensuring diverse voices are heard in decision-making. The loss of elected trustees could impact these mechanisms that currently provide important perspectives at the governance table.

We are aware that the Waterloo District School Board has written to the Ombudsman's Office to request an investigation into the fairness, transparency, and accountability of the process used to implement changes to the school board governance model, and we are in full support of this request.

The Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board remain committed to working collaboratively with the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Government of Ontario to support a strong, transparent, and responsive public education system. We believe that transparency, evidence-based decision-making, and meaningful consultation will best serve students, families, and communities across the province.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We would welcome the opportunity to participate in any consultation process or discussion regarding the future governance of Ontario's public education system.

Sincerely,



Michael Bannerman  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Avon Maitland District School Board

cc: AMDSB Trustees  
MPP Lisa Thompson  
MPP Matthew Rae  
Local Municipalities  
Local Media Outlets  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association and Member Boards  
AMDSB Parent Involvement Committee  
AMDSB Special Education Advisory Committee  
AMDSB Parent Councils Chairs

March 17, 2026

**RE: Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box**

The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution at their March 16, 2026 regular meeting:

**MOVED:** Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Hessel

**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 industrial, commercial, and institutional locations (IC & I) such as 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; and

**WHEREAS** changes may result in many small businesses and not-for-profit organizations losing access to comparable recycling services and force them to seek providers at a much higher cost than the previous services rendered through the Blue Box collection system; and

**WHEREAS** the rising costs of collection of recycling for industrial, commercial and institutional recycling may lead to the abandonment of recycling entirely, increasing environmental damage; and

**WHEREAS** landfilling needs throughout the Province of Ontario are already at capacity in many communities; and

**WHEREAS** The Municipality of Bluewater has approximately 150 or more "non-eligible" sources that will not be provided service from the Producer Responsibility Organization;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipality of Bluewater 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 products from small businesses and not-for-profit organizations within the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors; 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; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs and the local MPP for Huron-Bruce.

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chandra Alexander  
Acting CAO  
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

March 19, 2026

All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Town of Cobourg 'Elbows Up for Climate Action'**

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At a meeting held on March 18, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved the following Resolution # 2026-03-18-212 adopting the below recommendation from the March 2, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting

**Moved by** Councillor Mandy Martin

**Seconded by** Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Town of Cobourg regarding 'Elbows Up for Climate Action', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2026-03-18-212

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [bennett@northumberland.ca](mailto:bennett@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tonia Bennett".

Tonia Bennett  
Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

# Council Resolution

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Moved By M. Martin

Agenda  
Item 10

Resolution Number  
2026-03-18- 212

Seconded By J. Logel

Council Date: March 18, 2026

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 2, 3 and 4, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Public Works Committee, Item 7.a, Correspondence, Brenda Quin 'Proposed Charge for all Yard Waste Delivered to Transfer Stations' – **Held by Deputy Warden Martin**
- Public Works Committee, Item 8.c, Report 2026-036 'RFQ 25-40 Demolition of 9 Second St., 109 Saskatoon Ave. and 120 Grand Rd. Campbellford Contract Award' – **Held for Administrative Reasons**
- Public Works Committee, Item 8.e, Engineering Department Quarter 4, 2025 Update – **Held by Deputy Warden Martin**
- Economic Development, Tourism, and Land Use Planning Committee, Item 7.c Correspondence, Alto 'Alto Corridor Map and Virtual Engagement'- **Held by Councillor Logel**
- Corporate Support Committee, Item 8.a, Corporate Services Report 2026-042, '2025 Council Remuneration Review- **Update- Held by Councillor Hankivsky**

**And Further That** the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Carried  \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

# Public Works Committee Resolution

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**Committee Meeting Date:** March 2, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 7.c

**Resolution Number:** 2026-03-02- 164

**Moved by:** B Crate

**Seconded by:** J Logel

**Council Meeting Date:** March 18, 2026

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"That the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Town of Cobourg regarding 'Elbows Up for Climate Action', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to all Ontario Municipalities."

**Carried**   
Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

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December 24, 2025

RE: Correspondence from David Miller regarding Elbows Up for Climate Action Letter

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on November 26, 2025, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council support the correspondence from C40 Centre for City Climate Policy and Economy regarding Elbows Up for Climate Action; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to send a copy of this resolution to all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services



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# Elbows Up For Climate Action

## An open letter from Canada's local leaders

### **Messrs. Blanchet, Carney, Pedneault, Poilievre, Singh, and Ms. May:**

We are mayors and councillors from across Canada, where we represent and serve millions of residents of all political backgrounds. Like so many of you, we are already feeling the effects of U.S. trade attacks in our communities through lost jobs, uncertainty for businesses, and increased costs of daily living.

Increasingly, we are also guiding our communities through another kind of crisis: recurring wildfires, floods, storms and deadly climate events. **We believe this is the moment for Canada to fight back, by investing in national projects that will connect and protect our country from the dual threats of tariffs and climate change.**

**Leading through a climate emergency changes you.** You can't witness elderly neighbours overheating in low-income apartments during a heat wave, and not recognize the critical role of well-insulated, affordable housing. You can't comfort people who have lost everything in floods and fires, and not wonder how we will afford to rebuild. You can't watch your kids and loved ones choke on toxic wildfire smoke without **knowing the time to act boldly on climate change is right now – because later is too late.**

Over the past decade, we've watched wildfires rip through nearly every part of our country. Just like you, we were stunned when Lytton disappeared off the map. Then parts of Halifax went up in flames. Last year, wildfires engulfed the iconic and beloved Jasper. What's next? Who's next?

**We can't keep watching our homes, towns and forests burn to a crisp, and pretend the status quo is working or safe.** We can't adapt our way out of this problem.

**It is time for us to get to work.** We are proposing five bold and achievable ideas the next federal government can implement as soon as it is elected, to tariff-proof our economy and create a jobs boom in every community:

- **create a national East-West-North clean electric grid**, delivering affordable energy to urban, rural and Indigenous communities across the country;
- **build a national high-speed rail network**, and extend it with locally-made electric buses to reach every community in this country;
- **build at least two million non-market, energy-efficient homes**, creating more affordable, transit-linked communities;
- **make our homes and buildings warmer in winter, cooler in summer** with retrofits and heat pump installations across the country, that will cut energy bills and pollution;
- **.... and fund a national resilience, response and recovery strategy** so our communities can prepare for the climate disasters we know are coming, respond when they hit, and rebuild afterwards.

**These projects would create hundreds of thousands of good local jobs in cities, rural and Indigenous communities, using Canadian steel, aluminum and lumber.** They would bolster our economy and make daily life safer and more affordable for all of us. We *can* afford to pay for them now: by redirecting billions of dollars in fossil fuel subsidies, and strengthening the polluter pays principle, for example.

**This is the kind of action that this moment calls for.** That is why it has been so disappointing to hear voices following Donald Trump's lead and using this crisis to revive long-dead and unpopular pipeline projects. Let's be honest: new pipelines require massive public handouts, trample on Indigenous sovereignty, and mean more climate disasters hitting our cities and towns in years to come.

As local leaders, we know that whatever their political backgrounds, our constituents are worried about the same things: good jobs; a safe and affordable place to live; and confidence that their leaders have a plan for the next crisis we face, whether a climate disaster – or an economic sucker punch from our closest ally.

**We are facing a growing climate threat, and an attack on our economic sovereignty. We can and must take them both on at once.** This federal election, let's put our elbows up for climate action, and commit to truly national projects to protect and connect our country.

## Signed

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**ITEM # 2026-10.d)  
RESOLUTION**

DATE: March 10, 2026

2026-81

Moved by Councillor Bree Allen  
Seconded by Councillor Scott McCutcheon

WHEREAS safe, reliable transportation corridors are essential to the economic prosperity, public safety, and supply chain resilience of Northern Ontario communities;

AND WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 form the primary east–west transportation corridor across Northern Ontario and serve as a critical link for trade, resource development, emergency services, and community connectivity;

AND WHEREAS the expansion and modernization of these highways would strengthen national supply chains, support mining and resource development projects including those associated with the Ring of Fire, and improve safety for residents, commercial transport, and travelers;

AND WHEREAS Member of Provincial Parliament John Vanthof has introduced a motion in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario calling upon the Government of Ontario to work with the Government of Canada to declare the expansion and modernization of Highways 11 and 17 a project of national significance;

AND WHEREAS Member of Parliament Gaétan Malette has introduced a motion in the House of Commons advocating for federal recognition and support of strategic national infrastructure priorities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson formally express its support for the motion introduced by MPP John Vanthof requesting that the Government of Ontario work with the Government of Canada to declare the expansion and modernization of Highways 11 and 17 a project of national significance;

AND FURTHER THAT Council express its support for the motion introduced by MP Gaétan Malette currently before the House of Commons;

AND FURTHER THAT Council call upon both the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to prioritize investments that strengthen transportation infrastructure, supply chain reliability, and economic development opportunities across Northern Ontario;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Gaétan Malette, Member of Parliament
- John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming–Cochrane
- All Members of Parliament
- All Members of Provincial Parliament

- The Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Northern Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

CARRIED       DEFEATED




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**CHAIR SIGNATURE**

Original     Amendment     Refer     Defer     Reconsider     Withdrawn

**Recorded Vote-TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK ONLY**

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