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MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Amanda Degazio
Manager of Business and Community Service

DATE: May 22, 2026

SUBJECT: ParticipACTION Community Challenge 2026

Building on a strong inaugural year, the City of Welland will again participate in the 2026 ParticipACTION Community Challenge taking place from June 1 to June 30, 2026. In 2025, Welland ranked 49th nationally and 10th in Ontario, and staff are looking to significantly increase community participation and visibility this year.

The ParticipACTION Community Challenge encourages residents, workplaces, and community groups to get active throughout June, with participation tracked toward recognition as Canada's Most Active Community and provincial leaders. The national grand prize of \$100,000, along with provincial and territorial prizes ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000, is awarded to the most active communities. Should Welland be successful, staff would bring forward recommendations to reinvest any awarded funding back into the community to further support accessible, inclusive physical activity opportunities. The Challenge also aligns with June as Parks and Recreation Month, during which Recreation, Sport and Culture staff will release a calendar featuring daily ideas and inspiration to help Welland stay active throughout the month.

We are calling on community leaders to play a key role in motivating participation across the community. Your leadership can drive engagement and inspire city-wide participation by:

- Encouraging residents to register and commit to being active throughout June using the [ParticipACTION website](#)

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- Encouraging organizations and businesses to register and track group participation
 - Inspiring local businesses to promote employee wellness through daily movement breaks and to track participation through the ParticipACTION dashboard
 - Promoting the Challenge through social media channels and at community and ward events to increase awareness and participation
 - Celebrating ward involvement by sharing photos and testimonials and encouraging friendly competition
 - Using the Promotional Toolkit available at welland.ca/move to help spread the word with ready-to-use materials.

Staff will continue to coordinate promotion and outreach through municipal channels. Visible Council support and advocacy will be essential to building momentum and helping Welland achieve an even stronger result in 2026. Participation is tracked through the ParticipACTION online platform based on registered activities and participants.

Economic Development Brief

May 15, 2026

Statistics and Trends

Labour market conditions

Seasonally adjusted labour market conditions in Niagara worsened across all indicators, except for population growth and the unemployment rate. While Niagara had been outperforming both Ontario and Canada for several months, Ontario recently outperformed Niagara, while Niagara's performance was in line with Canada.

Month-over-month data from March to April 2026 show the following:

- Population: Niagara increased by 0.2% (900 people), while Ontario grew by 0.02%.
- Labour force: Niagara decreased by 0.7% (1,700 people), while Ontario increased by 0.3%.
- Employment: Niagara decreased by 0.1% (300 people), while Ontario increased by 0.3%.
- Unemployment rate: Niagara decreased by 0.5% to 6.0%, while Ontario increased by 0.1% to 7.6%.
- Participation rate: Niagara increased by 0.6% to 59.2%, while Ontario increased by 0.2% to 64.7%.

Source: Statistics Canada, Table: 14-10-0459-01

Overall, the April data indicate a softening of the labour market in Niagara. Although the unemployment rate declined, this was driven by people leaving the labour force rather than an increase in employment. Individuals are not counted as unemployed if they are not participating in the labour force and actively seeking employment.

US inflation jumps to 3.8% as energy costs surge from Iran war

In April, US inflation reached 3.8%, the highest level since inflation hit 4% three years ago, driven largely by rising energy prices linked to the Iran conflict and the disruption of oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, which increased gasoline, transportation, and food costs for consumers. Exacerbated by US tariff pressures, sustained inflation in the US will contribute to a more uncertain economic environment in Canada, with continued pressure on borrowing costs, consumer spending, and business investment.

The economic development updates in this brief were compiled with input from economic development staff from Niagara's area municipalities, as well as public information sources.

Economic Development Updates

Niagara Economic Development hosts business delegation from Norway

On April 28, Niagara Economic Development welcomed the Innovation Norway Global Growth Agrifoodtech delegation to Niagara Region to explore opportunities in the Canadian agri-food sector. The delegation, comprising leading agrifood technology companies and cluster organizations, visited key sites across Niagara, showcasing the region's diverse and innovative agri-food ecosystem. The visit reinforced Niagara's position as a collaborative hub where industry, research, and education support innovation, sustainability, and investment attraction.

GM Canada reaffirms St. Catharines role in advanced propulsion manufacturing

On April 29, GM Canada confirmed a \$691 million investment in its St. Catharines Propulsion Plant to support production of its sixth-generation V-8 engine for high-demand full-size trucks and SUVs. The investment will fund new machinery, equipment, tooling, and facility upgrades, building on the \$828 million GM has invested in St. Catharines since 2020. This announcement represents a significant business retention and expansion win for St. Catharines, reinforcing its role in Ontario's advanced manufacturing and automotive supply chain while supporting long-term industrial stability, skilled employment, and continued confidence in the local workforce.

St. Catharines welcomes Ontario Main Street leaders

The 2026 Ontario Business Improvement Area Association Annual Conference was held in St. Catharines April 19 to 22, hosted by the St. Catharines Downtown Association under the theme "Main Streets in Bloom: BIAs Rooted in Purpose." The event brought together BIA leaders, municipal partners, and community builders from across Ontario for networking, learning, and mobile tours. Hosting the conference showcased downtown St. Catharines, supported local businesses, and reinforced the importance of strong main streets as economic and community assets.

Niagara Economic Development hosts defence sector workshop to help local firms

On April 27, Niagara Economic Development, in partnership with local municipalities and the Niagara Industrial Association, hosted a Defence Sector Workshop bringing together industry leaders, government representatives, and funding partners to explore opportunities for Niagara manufacturers within Canada's growing defence sector. The workshop focused on strengthening supply chain resilience and helping SMEs access advisory services and funding to improve competitiveness and pursue new markets. It also reinforced Niagara's broader commitment to sector diversification, innovation, and long-term economic resilience through increased engagement with emerging high-growth industries.

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Welland secures \$10.7 million in provincial funding for Broadway infrastructure renewal

The City of Welland has secured \$10.7 million in provincial funding through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program for Broadway neighbourhood infrastructure upgrades, increasing the total project value to approximately \$15 million. The project will renew aging watermains, sanitary sewers, and storm sewers to reduce flooding risks, improve system performance, and extend asset life. This investment targets a priority area with known capacity constraints and supports public safety, resilience, and quality of life for residents.

Pearl Morissette is named #1 in Canada

Restaurant Pearl Morissette in Lincoln was ranked No. 1 on Canada's 100 Best Restaurants 2026, placing it at the top of the national culinary landscape. The recognition highlights the strength of Niagara's food, wine, and hospitality sectors and the restaurant's Ontario wine-country cuisine rooted in its vineyard and farm setting. This achievement reinforces Lincoln's reputation as a destination for culinary excellence, tourism, and local economic growth.

Lincoln celebrates grand openings during Economic Development Week

As part of Economic Development Week, the Town of Lincoln celebrated the openings of Legacy Café at Vieni Estates Wine and Spirits and Brick & Beam Coffee Co. in downtown Beamsville. Both additions enhance local amenities, strengthen main street vibrancy, and support tourism, hospitality, and community gathering spaces. Together, they reflect continued investment and growth in Lincoln's local business and downtown economy.

Port Colborne to welcome 66 cruise ships in 2026

Port Colborne is seeing growing international recognition as a cruise ship destination, with 66 scheduled visits in 2026 from major cruise lines, marking a strong start to the season with the arrival of the Viking Polaris. The City's cruise tourism program connects visitors with local history and the waterfront through resident-led walking tours that highlight the Welland Canal, downtown, and marine heritage. This growing activity is supporting local businesses and reinforcing Port Colborne's reputation as a welcoming, walkable community where residents and visitors connect through shared experiences.

Niagara Region launches 2026 Niagara Employment Inventory

Niagara Region has launched the 2026 Niagara Employment Inventory (NEI), an annual in-person survey of local employers conducted by a summer student team from May to August. The survey collects data on business locations, ownership, and workforce characteristics to support a comprehensive understanding of the region's employment landscape at the business level. The information gathered helps inform decision-making, support municipal program delivery, and provides an opportunity for business owners to share feedback with Niagara Region.

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Province announces over \$1 million in funding for Niagara festivals

The Ontario government is investing \$1,015,130 through the 2026 Experience Ontario Program to support 19 festivals and events across Niagara, as part of a broader provincial investment of more than \$20 million to strengthen tourism. Events include Jackson Triggs Summer Concert Series, The Shaw Festival, Winter Festival of Lights, Niagara Grape & Wine Festival, City of Port Colborne Canal Days, Niagara 5000, Ontario Culture Days Festival, Wineries of Niagara-on-the-Lake Icewine Village, I4C, Balls Falls Thanksgiving Festival, The Foster Festival, Sip Niagara, Welland Salsa & Cumbia Festival, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Peach Festival, City of St. Catharines Canada Day Celebrations, Niagara Children's Festival, Niagara Comedy Festival, Grimsby Lights & Apres Winter Nights Festival.

Ontario delivers nearly \$44 million to upgrade aging water infrastructure in Niagara

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$44 million through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program's Health and Safety Water Stream to upgrade drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure across Niagara. The funding will support major projects in Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Welland, and Fort Erie, enhancing system reliability, enabling housing growth, and strengthening resilience to extreme weather events. This investment is part of a broader provincial commitment of more than \$272.5 million in Niagara since 2024 to modernize critical infrastructure, support economic growth, and enhance community safety and long-term prosperity.

Beverage businesses get innovation boost thanks to new Niagara College funding

Niagara College's applied research division has received up to \$75,000 through the National Research Council – Industrial Research Assistance Program to support its Beverage Innovation Program, which will help five Canadian beverage SMEs develop, scale, and commercialize new products. Delivered through the Food and Beverage Innovation Centre and Business and Commercialization Innovation Centre, the program combines technical product development with market research, branding, and business advisory services to improve commercialization success. In addition to supporting industry innovation, the initiative provides hands-on experiential learning opportunities for Niagara College students working alongside real-world clients in applied food and beverage research.

George Spezza, Ec.D., CEcD
Director, Economic Development

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May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding exploring the feasibility of a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-207

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Braney**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Engelsdorfer**

WHEREAS the vitality of Prince Edward County's main streets is essential to the economic, social, and cultural health of our community;

WHEREAS there are numerous long-term vacant commercial storefronts, which detracts from the character of the community, reduces pedestrian traffic, discourages business investment, and negatively impacts the viability of surrounding small businesses;

WHEREAS the current Municipal Act, 2001 does not provide municipalities with the explicit legal authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax," although other jurisdictions are actively advocating for such tools to address similar challenges;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward:

- 1. THAT** staff be directed to report back to Council on the feasibility of implementing a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax, including an analysis of the necessary provincial legislative changes required, recommendations for stakeholder consultation, and to concurrently explore potential enforceable mechanisms available under current legislation;
- 2. THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward hereby requests that the Government of Ontario amend the Municipal Act, 2001 to grant Ontario municipalities the permissive authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax" or similar levy to encourage the productive use of long-term vacant retail properties;
- 3. THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Premier of Ontario, and the Member of Provincial Parliament representing the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward for their immediate consideration; and

4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Braney, Councillor Engelsdorfer

May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding reinstating the requirements for compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. **2026-208**

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Branderhorst**

WHEREAS all residents of Ontario have the right to fair, open and democratic government; and,

WHEREAS all elected representatives, municipal and provincial alike, in Ontario have a duty to faithfully execute the powers and trust placed in them and willingly swear an oath to this effect and are subject to fair public scrutiny; and,

WHEREAS the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) are essential tools to protect Ontarians against privacy breaches, and abuses of power; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 97, the Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026, which received Royal Assent on April 24, 2026, and introduced significant amendments to both FIPPA and MFIPPA to alter statutory timelines and privacy governance frameworks;

WHEREAS the amendments introduced via Bill 97 have created a jurisdictional imbalance by excluding records held by provincial Ministers, their offices, and staff from the application of FIPPA, while maintaining the statutory responsibilities and administrative burdens for municipal elected officials and staff under MFIPPA, thereby establishing higher standards for transparency and personal record accountability for municipal governments;

WHEREAS excluding members of the highest offices and their staff from reasonable public access requests and records retention creates security concerns, reinforces the appearance of self-dealing and is contrary to the public interest,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Prince Edward County Council call on the Province to reinstate requirements for compliance with FIPPA to ensure that the Premier, Ministers, and their staff are subject to proper and fair public scrutiny like all other elected representatives in Ontario; and

THAT the Government of Ontario implement recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to increase and ensure proper security, record keeping and democratic accountability; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Bethlenfalvy, Bay of Quinte MPP Tyler Allsopp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the 444 municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton, Councillor Branderhorst



May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding improved accessibility to home insurance for owners of properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. **2026-209**

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Pennell**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

WHEREAS the historic built and cultural heritage of Prince Edward County is recognized as a fundamental part of its community character and identity, and is a driver of the local tourism economy;

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act encourages municipalities in Ontario to designate and protect properties that meet provincial criteria related to design, historical and contextual value;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated, and continues to encourage owners of heritage properties to protect those attributes which exemplify design, historical, and contextual value and interest by consenting to designation of those properties as being of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated properties of heritage value and interest in the Picton Heritage Conservation District and Wellington Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS homeowners require insurance to protect their homes, which is often their most significant investment, and can be required to maintain a mortgage; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has stated that a heritage designation does not place additional requirements on insurers and that insurance premiums should not go up because of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS some owners of designated properties have reported that their premiums have gone up as a result of a heritage designation or they have been denied an insurance policy as a result of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS as a result of insurance concerns, some homeowners have objected to proposed heritage designation on their property; and

WHEREAS this directly threatens the unique and irreplaceable heritage character of Prince Edward County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward calls on the Provincial Government to:

1. Investigate why some insurers are raising premiums on heritage designated properties or are denying insurance policies as a result of a heritage designation in contravention of provincial guidance;
2. Bring insurance regulators, insurance industry representatives and heritage professionals together to find solutions that enable the continued protection of heritage properties without unwarranted financial burden on homeowners;
3. Regulate the impact of heritage designation on insurance premiums through enforcement, education and new solutions; and

THAT the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee be directed to continue exploring ways to educate homeowners regarding insurance for heritage designated properties; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Bay of Quinte M.P.P. Tyler Allsopp; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Financial Services Regulatory Authority; the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators, and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Pennell, Councillor Hirsch



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

Date: May 12, 2026

Resolution No.: 203 - 26

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Halton hills request for Review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; MPP's and MP's; and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0071

Title: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Date: April 20, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS municipalities, including the Town of Halton Hills, play a critical role in delivering essential services and infrastructure that support growing and evolving communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are increasingly contributing to areas that intersect with provincial responsibilities, such as housing, social services, and certain capital obligations, placing additional pressure on property tax-based revenue systems;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenue tools, particularly property taxes, are limited in their ability to keep pace with growth, inflation, and the expanding expectations placed on local governments;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills continues to invest in critical infrastructure, including roads, water, stormwater, emergency services, and recreation, to support both existing residents and future growth;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have identified opportunities to better align municipal funding tools with the realities of modern service delivery and growth pressures;

AND WHEREAS ensuring long-term financial sustainability for municipalities is essential to maintaining service levels, supporting housing targets, and protecting affordability for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Halton Hills respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, in collaboration with AMO, FCM and other municipal partners, undertake a comprehensive review of the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, with a view to strengthening long-term sustainability and alignment of responsibilities;

AND FURTHER THAT this review considers opportunities to:

- better align funding responsibilities with service delivery expectations;
- explore sustainable, growth-related revenue tools that reflect the demands placed on municipalities; and
- support a funding framework that enables municipalities to accommodate growth while protecting affordability for residents;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to continue working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that funding frameworks become responsive to community needs and evolving growth pressures;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; The Region of Halton MPP's and MP's; Halton area Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 - 063

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: May 19, 2026

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

MOVED BY:

 a.

SECONDED BY:



CARRIED: DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____


That the Town of Parry Sound Council hereby supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution 2026-0071 which respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, in collaboration with AMO, FCM and other municipal partners, undertake a comprehensive review of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework, with a view to strengthening long-term sustainability and alignment of responsibilities;

AND FURTHER THAT this review considers opportunities to:

- better align funding responsibilities with service delivery expectations;
- explore sustainable, growth-related revenue tools that reflect the demands placed on municipalities; and
- support a funding framework that enables municipalities to accommodate growth while protecting affordability for residents;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to continue working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that funding frameworks become responsive to community needs and evolving growth pressures;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP and MP; and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

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May 20, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 19, 2026, the following resolution regarding the proposed consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities and the future of funding for regional Conservation Authorities was passed by the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

RESOLUTION: 99-2026

DATE: May 19, 2026

MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Freiburger

SECONDED BY: Councillor Zinn

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced its intention to consolidate Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities into 9 large regional entities;

AND WHEREAS this Council, municipalities, and Conservation Authorities across Ontario have expressed significant concerns regarding the proposed consolidation, including the absence of a demonstrated business case and a lack of evidence that consolidation will improve service delivery, efficiency, or environmental outcomes;

AND WHEREAS Conservation Authorities in Ontario were established on a watershed basis to provide locally informed, science-based management of natural resources, flooding, and erosion hazards;

AND WHEREAS the proposed consolidation will combine watersheds with significantly different characteristics, land uses, and environmental pressures into large regional entities, undermining the effectiveness of watershed-based decision-making;

AND WHEREAS Conservation Authorities play a critical role in protecting public safety through the regulation of development in areas prone to flooding and erosion, and weakening locally informed decision-making will increase risks to life and property;

AND WHEREAS the proposed governance model will reduce local municipal representation and diminish the voice of rural municipalities in decisions affecting their communities and watersheds;

AND WHEREAS there is broad concern among municipalities that the proposed changes do not reflect local priorities, knowledge, or the established partnership model between municipalities and the Province;

AND WHEREAS municipalities fund the majority of Conservation Authority operations, with provincial contributions generally representing only a small percentage ranging from approximately 2 to 8 percent, and therefore municipalities have a direct and substantial interest in the governance, structure, effectiveness, and long-term sustainability of the watershed-based Conservation Authority system;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is advancing significant structural changes to the Conservation Authority system unilaterally, despite its limited contribution to Conservation Authority operational funding and without meaningful consultation or support from the municipalities that bear primary responsibility for funding these essential local services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry strongly opposes the consolidation of Conservation Authorities in Ontario; and,

THAT Council affirms that locally governed, watershed-based Conservation Authorities remain the most effective model for protecting natural resources, managing natural hazards, and supporting safe, sustainable development in Ontario; and,

THAT Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to immediately halt the proposed consolidation process and recommit to strengthening the existing watershed-based Conservation Authority system, including through the provision of appropriate provincial funding, enhanced municipal collaboration and support, and improved communication and coordination among Conservation Authorities to advance more efficient permitting and greater standardization of systems and processes; and,

THAT if the Province proceeds with the consolidation without addressing the concerns of municipalities, Council will direct staff to review all available options with respect to the potential withholding or reallocation of municipal funding to any restructured regional Conservation Authority model; and,

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Office of the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, the Honourable Lisa Thompson, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature, Member of Parliament Ben Lobb, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED.

Thank you,



Trevor Hallam
CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry



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Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk
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SENT VIA EMAIL

May 21, 2026

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on April 13, 2026, passed the following resolution regarding the Heritage Helping Housing Building Grant:

"That the City of Kitchener call on the Province of Ontario to implement a new housing-focused Heritage Helping Housing Building Grant of \$10 million per year to encourage the creation of additional housing units within heritage buildings; and further,

That staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Rob Flack, the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Honourable Graham McGregor and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, AMO, all Ontario MPPs and to all municipalities across the province."

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Fusco".

A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, AMO
Ontario MPP's
Ontario municipalities
Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener

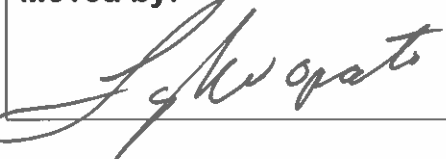
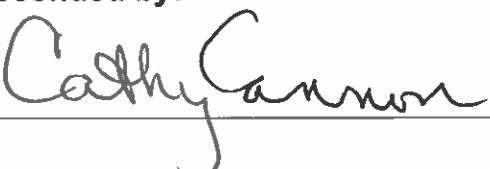


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Resolution # RC26104	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board has requested that a province-wide consultation process be undertaken prior to any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees; and

WHEREAS the potential elimination of elected school board trustees represents a significant and fundamental shift in Ontario’s education governance structure; and

WHEREAS school board trustees serve as a longstanding and essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system, ensuring that community voices are reflected in decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS changes of this magnitude should not proceed without evidence-based research, transparency, and meaningful public engagement to fully understand potential impacts; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa recognizes the importance of local representation in addressing the diverse and unique needs of communities, including rural, remote, and Northern municipalities; and

WHEREAS the removal of school board trustees may result in unintended consequences that could negatively impact community representation, accountability, and responsiveness within the education system; and

WHEREAS transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of any proposed governance changes is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the request of the Durham District School Board for the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa supports the call for an independent review by the Ombudsman's Office regarding the potential impacts of removing school board trustees, particularly with respect to fairness, openness, transparency, and accountability;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa urges the Province of Ontario to ensure that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

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	
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Resolution # RC26106	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills passed Resolution No. 30-706-2026 opposing proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and their staff from public access requests;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Stone Mills has expressed concerns that the proposed amendments may reduce transparency and accountability in government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby supports Resolution No. 30-706-2026 passed by the Township of Stone Mills regarding the proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA);

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Stone Mills, Premier Doug Ford, the appropriate Provincial Ministers, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
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