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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Stephanie Bellissimo, Records and Information Management Coordinator and;
Kashif Siraj, IT Project Manager

DATE: July 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Bill 97 - Privacy Impact Assessments Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council with an update regarding new privacy requirements introduced through Province of Ontario's Bill 97, including mandatory Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) and privacy breach reporting obligations that will come into effect on January 1, 2027. The changes introduced by Bill 97 apply to all institutions governed by the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*, including all Ontario municipalities.

A PIA is a proactive privacy management tool used to evaluate programs, services, systems, technologies, and initiatives that involve the collection of personal information. The assessment identifies what personal information is being collected, how it will be used, disclosed, retained, and protected, and helps identify potential privacy risks and appropriate safeguards before information is collected.

These legislative changes will require the City to establish formal processes to assess privacy impacts, implement appropriate safeguards, and maintain supporting documentation. The new requirements will apply across a broad range of City activities, including technology solutions, business processes, service delivery initiatives, and third-party vendor engagements involving personal information.

Based on the legislation currently available, staff anticipate that the new PIA requirements will primarily apply to new initiatives and material changes to existing programs, systems, technologies, or processes involving personal information. Staff will

continue to monitor provincial guidance and assess whether any existing systems or processes require additional review prior to implementation of the legislative requirements on January 1, 2027.

To prepare for this new requirement, staff have initiated preliminary implementation planning. This work will include staff education and awareness initiatives, the establishment of a cross-departmental working group, the development of a standardized corporate approach to PIAs, and collaboration with other municipalities to identify best practices and support consistent implementation across the organization.

Staff also anticipates that these legislative changes will introduce additional work across the organization. As implementation planning continues, staff will need to assess resource requirements, including potential support for Records and Information Management, and review organizational roles and responsibilities to ensure privacy-related accountabilities are appropriately incorporated into existing business processes.

In addition to the new PIA requirements, amendments to *MFIPPA* will also introduce mandatory privacy breach assessment and reporting requirements effective January 1, 2027. Under the new provisions, municipalities will be required to assess privacy breaches against prescribed criteria and report certain breaches to the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC), as well as notify affected individuals where required.

As the January 1, 2027 implementation date approaches, staff will continue to develop the City's privacy governance framework, build organizational awareness, and establish processes that support the responsible collection, use, disclosure, retention, and protection of personal information while ensuring compliance the requirements of Bill 97 and *MFIPPA*.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

DATE: July 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Lottery Licensing for Community Organizations

As per By-law 1993-10057, charitable organizations must obtain lottery licensing approval from Council to conduct lottery events. The City Clerk, appointed as the licensing officer for the Corporation, oversees the review of licensing eligibility applications to ensure compliance with the guidelines set by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. Once eligibility is confirmed, a report was traditionally prepared for Council consideration. However, on March 19, 2024, Council passed a motion delegating authority to the City Clerk to approve lottery licensing requests for eligible organizations and to provide a memorandum be provided to council following approval.

The following organization has been granted approval for conducting lottery events within the City of Welland:

Rotary Club of Fonthill

Rotary Club of Fonthill is a volunteer-led service organization that supports local and international initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life in the community. Through fundraising, community partnerships, youth programs, and humanitarian projects, the club promotes civic engagement, leadership, and the Rotary principle of “Service Above Self.” Funds raised will help support community programs, youth development opportunities, and charitable donations that benefit residents in Niagara.

Pelham Rowing Club o/a Niagara Community Rowing

Pelham Rowing Club o/a Niagara Community Rowing is a non-profit organization that provides recreational, developmental, and competitive rowing opportunities for youth and community members in Niagara. Based on the Welland Recreational Canal, the organization promotes physical activity, teamwork, leadership, and personal development through accessible rowing programs and coaching. Funds raised will support rowing programs, equipment, facility development, and opportunities for participants of all ages and skill levels to engage in the sport.

Lottery Licensing Trends

In recent months, the City has observed an increase in lottery eligibility requests from organizations located outside of Welland. Many of these groups are seeking approval in order to hold events at the Welland Bingo Hall, as their own municipalities do not have comparable facilities. This trend aligns with a broader regional pattern, as the limited number of bingo halls in Niagara has resulted in increased participation and higher gaming revenues across all locations. The resulting growth in local bingo activity has provided additional benefit to the community through enhanced charitable revenues.



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July 17, 2026

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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Caledon requesting Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases

Please be advised that, at its meeting of July 14, 2026 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Caledon regarding Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Peel Public Health
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)
Credit Valley Conservation
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

July 2, 2026

Sent via E-Mail: sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier
Constituency Office
Suite A, 3rd Floor
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Dear Deputy Premier Jones,

RE: Motion for Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on June 23, 2026, Council adopted a motion regarding requesting support to combat tick borne diseases.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the prevalence of ticks, including those known to carry Lyme disease, and other Vector borne diseases have increased across Ontario;

Whereas Lyme disease diagnoses have increased by 27% in 2024 to 2369 (Public Health Agency of Canada, PHAC);

Whereas residents across Caledon have registered growing concerns about public health risks associated with tick exposure in parks, trails and residential areas;

Whereas municipalities have limited jurisdiction and resources to effectively manage tick populations on a broad ecological scale;

Whereas the Government of Ontario is responsible for public health policy, environmental management and vector-borne disease prevention and detection;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Caledon Town Council formally requests that the Government of Ontario investigate and implement measures to reduce burgeoning tick populations and to mitigate their associated public health risks; and

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That such measures may include safe and effective tick control methods, public education campaigns and coordinated regional strategies; and

That the Province consider increased funding and support for local public health units to address tick-borne disease prevention; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Kiernan Moore, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, Peel Public Health, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all 444 municipalities across Ontario.

For more information regarding this request, please contact the undersigned by email to mayor@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4155.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

CC:

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the City of Mississauga requesting a Provincial Review of Benchmarking, Funding Formulas, and Length-of-Stay Standards for Emergency Shelters Serving Women and Children Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence

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City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region
Local MPPs – Jeff Burch, Wayne Gates, Sam Oosterhoff, Jennifer Stevens
All Ontario Municipalities



MISSISSAUGA

RESOLUTION 0147-2026
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on June 24, 2026

0147-2026 Moved by: Councillor N. Hart

Seconded by: Councillor C. Fonseca

WHEREAS women and children experiencing intimate partner violence rely on emergency shelters as a critical component of their safety, recovery, and transition to stable housing;

WHEREAS adequate lengths of stay in emergency shelters are often necessary to support safety planning, access to social services, legal supports, mental health resources, and housing stabilization;

WHEREAS funding formulas and service benchmarks directly influence shelter capacity, operations, and the ability of service providers to meet community needs;

Whereas The City of Mississauga declared Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic on September 13th 2023;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario utilize varying approaches to shelter funding and length-of-stay expectations, providing opportunities for benchmarking and best-practice review;

WHEREAS any reductions to funding based on the formulas may have unintended consequences on service levels and the availability of supports for individuals fleeing intimate partner violence;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the local Members of Provincial Parliament requesting a provincial review of benchmarking, funding formulas, and length-of-stay standards for emergency shelters serving women and children experiencing intimate partner violence, with a view to ensuring adequate shelter stays and preventing reductions in funding that could negatively impact service delivery and client outcomes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor C. Parrish				
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor A. Tedjo	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor N. Hart	X			
Councillor J. Horneck	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor M. Reid	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor B. Butt	X			

Carried (11, 0)

Economic Development Brief

July 15, 2026

Statistics and Trends

Labour market conditions

Seasonally adjusted labour market conditions in Niagara performed very well in June, with strong gains across all major indicators. Niagara also substantially outperformed both Ontario and Canada.

Month-over-month data from May to June 2026 show the following:

- Population: Niagara increased by 0.2% (1,000 people), while Ontario increased by 0.04%.
- Labour force: Niagara increased by 1.1% (2,900 people), while Ontario increased by 0.04%.
- Employment: Niagara increased by 1.4% (3,400 people), while Ontario increased by 0.3%.
- Unemployment rate: Niagara decreased by 0.3% to 6.3%, while Ontario decreased by 0.2% to 7.2%.
- Participation rate: Niagara increased by 0.5% to 60.4%, while Ontario remained the same at 64.7%.

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

As the data are seasonally adjusted, these gains were not the result of seasonal employment activity. In fact, some seasonal industries, including accommodation and food services and agriculture, experienced employment declines. Employment growth was concentrated in wholesale and retail trade, information, culture and recreation, construction, and manufacturing.

Bank of Canada holds key interest rate at 2.25% as economic growth rebounds

The Bank of Canada held its key interest rate at 2.25%, indicating growing confidence that the Canadian economy is recovering after slower growth earlier in the year. The bank expects economic growth to strengthen, supported by increased consumer and government spending and improving exports, while inflation is projected to ease toward the 2% target by early 2027. However, uncertainty remains due to geopolitical risks, energy prices, and ongoing trade discussions with the United States, with the Bank prepared to adjust rates if inflation pressures persist.

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

St. Catharines and Welland receive over \$4.5 million through Building Faster Fund

The Ontario government awarded \$4.5 million through the Building Faster Fund, including \$2.84 million for St. Catharines and \$1.67 million for Welland, after they achieved or exceeded their provincially assigned 2025 housing targets. The two municipalities broke ground on more than 1,500 new housing units, with the funding supporting infrastructure needed to accommodate growth and accelerate future housing development.

Welland steel mill could supply Canada's future submarine fleet

Valbruna ASW Inc. in Welland is being considered as a supplier of non-magnetic stainless steel for Canada's future submarine program through a new collaboration between its parent company, Acciaierie Valbruna Group, and German shipbuilder ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS). The specialized steel produced in Welland will be evaluated against naval standards, with the potential to position the facility as a key Canadian supplier for a major defence project valued between \$44 billion and \$100 billion. The opportunity reinforces Welland's legacy in advanced manufacturing and defence-related production while supporting industrial resilience, skilled jobs, and Niagara's role in Canada's emerging defence supply chain.

Vision Vineland aimed at revitalizing downtown

The Town of Lincoln and Niagara Region have launched Vision Vineland, a long-term planning initiative to guide the revitalization and future growth of downtown Vineland as a place to live, work, shop, and gather. The plan will explore opportunities for improved streetscapes, accessibility, public spaces, commercial development, and potential mixed-use growth to restore the area as a community, cultural, and economic hub. By providing a strategic vision for future investment, the initiative aims to support sustainable development and enhance Vineland's role as a destination within Lincoln and Niagara.

St. Catharines–Lincoln Destination Partnership welcomes inaugural executive director

The St. Catharines–Lincoln Destination Partnership has appointed Mackenzie Keast as its inaugural Executive Director, marking an important step in the continued development of the new destination marketing organization. Mackenzie brings more than a decade of experience building member-based organizations, developing destination marketing strategies, and delivering visitor-focused initiatives. He will lead the Partnership's work with tourism operators, community partners, and stakeholders across St. Catharines and Lincoln, including the Love STC and Niagara Benchlands memberships. On July 13, 2026, the Partnership also delivered its inaugural presentation to Town of Lincoln Council, formally introducing the organization's leadership, mandate, and work to support the local visitor economy.

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Niagara Region and Niagara Health launch joint physician recruitment partnership

Niagara Region and Niagara Health have launched a joint physician recruitment partnership to strengthen the recruitment of both family physicians and specialists, helping improve access to primary, emergency, and specialized healthcare across the region. The partnership includes a jointly funded Physician Recruitment Coordinator and aligns recruitment, outreach, onboarding, and data-sharing efforts to build on Niagara's successful physician recruitment program, which attracted 28 new family physicians in the past year.

Airbus in Fort Erie delivers first H135 for Canada's Future Aircrew Training program

Airbus has delivered the first CT-153 Juno (H135) helicopter for Canada's Future Aircrew Training (FAcT) program, marking a major milestone in modernizing Royal Canadian Air Force pilot training and supporting the next generation of military aviators. The helicopters are being completed and delivered from Airbus Helicopters' facility in Fort Erie, Ontario, highlighting the community's role in Canada's aerospace and defence supply chain while creating opportunities for local expertise, employment, and innovation.

Grimsby breaks ground on Downtown Reimagined

The Town of Grimsby has launched Phase 1 of Downtown Reimagined, a major infrastructure renewal project supported by \$1.9 million in federal and provincial funding to replace aging water, stormwater, and sanitary systems in the downtown core. The project will improve infrastructure reliability, protect public health, and create the foundation for future streetscape enhancements, including improved accessibility, walkability, public spaces, and visitor experiences.

Provincial boost to help Brock ready grads for cutting edge STEM careers

Brock University is launching a new Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Mechatronics Lab supported by more than \$900,000 from the Ontario government to provide students with advanced, industry-standard technology and training. The lab will feature cutting-edge equipment, including autonomous vehicles, humanoid and quadruped robots, industrial robot arms, and automation systems, preparing graduates for careers in AI, robotics, software engineering, data science, and advanced manufacturing.

Ontario invests \$90 million in shipbuilding

The Ontario government is investing more than \$90 million through the Ontario Shipbuilding Grant Program to expand the province's shipbuilding capacity, strengthen marine supply chains, and support Canada's National Shipbuilding Strategy. The investment includes funding for Niagara companies, including \$11 million for Ontario Shipyards in St. Catharines and over \$8 million for Allied Marine and Industrial in Port Colborne, for skills training, infrastructure improvements, and new equipment to increase production capacity. The funding positions Niagara's marine sector as a key contributor to Ontario's emerging "blue economy," supporting defence, trade, innovation, and the creation of skilled jobs across the region.

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Owners to sell Strewn Winery, possibly making way for new hotel

Strewn Winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake is being sold after nearly 30 years of operation, with prospective buyers proposing a 58 room boutique hotel development alongside the existing winery. The proposed redevelopment would include hotel accommodations, spa amenities, and event space while maintaining wine production and avoiding impacts on vineyard and agricultural lands.

Austria's Voestalpine to build new plant in Thorold

Voestalpine Railway Systems has announced plans to establish a new railway manufacturing facility in Thorold through its Canadian subsidiary, Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak Canada, following a long-term agreement with Canadian National Railway. Expected to be operational by fall 2027, the facility will produce Canadian-made special trackwork, improve rail supply chain capacity, and create new management and skilled trades employment opportunities in Niagara.

Ontario breaks ground on Grimsby GO station

Construction has begun on the Grimsby GO Station, a major transit investment that will improve regional connectivity, reduce travel times, and support expanded GO Transit service along the Lakeshore West corridor. The new station will feature a standardized design to accelerate construction and reduce costs, with amenities including a platform, 220 parking spaces, a bus loop, and passenger pick-up and drop-off areas.

Grimsby Innovation Park breaks ground on Phase 2

Phase 2 of the \$120 million Grimsby Innovation Centre is moving forward with construction of a 150,000 SF multi-tenant industrial building on the former NRB site, with most of the available space already committed. The development builds on the success of Phase 1, which attracted ATCO as a major tenant, and will contribute to growing demand for industrial space along the QEW corridor. Once all phases are complete, the Innovation Centre is expected to create up to 400 jobs, expand Grimsby's industrial tax base, and strengthen the community's economic growth.

Ontario expands access to diagnostic imaging

As part of the Province of Ontario's \$155 million investment over two years to expand publicly funded community surgical and diagnostic services, GNMI Medical Imaging has been approved to provide MRI and CT scans in St. Catharines. The expansion is one of 35 newly licensed centres across Ontario that will connect nearly 828,000 more people to vital diagnostic imaging and improve access to care closer to home.

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

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The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Kathryn Douglas, Supervisor, Legislative Services, Town of Whitby
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026
Time: 6:16 PM

Moved by: Councillor Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 25, 2026, correspondence from Kathryn Douglas, Supervisor, Legislative Services, Town of Whitby, and supports the June 22, 2026 Town of Whitby Council resolution regarding a Review of Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate this resolution of support to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Deputy Mayor Bordignon	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope	Councillor Maxwell
Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter		

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

June 25, 2026

Via Email

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

Re: Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 166-26:

Whereas local councils are elected by residents to make planning decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of their communities;

Whereas municipalities rely on extensive public consultation, professional planning advice, engineering studies, and technical reports when making land-use decisions;

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process;

Whereas lengthy and costly appeals can delay housing projects, consume municipal resources, and reduce the ability of municipalities to focus on delivering services to residents; and,

Whereas local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies, and sound planning principles.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies;

2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans;
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned;
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process; and,
5. That Staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4300.



Kathryn Douglas
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**The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Council - 13 Jul 2026**

Item 10.(d)

Date: July 13, 2026

C-2026-150

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay supports the Township of North Stormont's Resolution No. 163-2026.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and all Ontario municipalities.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote ☐ Referred ☐ Deferred

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Mayor Annette Groves, The Town of Caledon
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026
Time: 6:27 PM

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the July 2, 2026, correspondence from Mayor Annette Groves, The Town of Caledon, regarding the July 2, 2026 Motion for Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases;

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate this resolution of support to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

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Deputy Mayor Bordignon	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope	Councillor Maxwell
Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter		

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

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Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier
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Whereas residents across Caledon have registered growing concerns about public health risks associated with tick exposure in parks, trails and residential areas;

Whereas municipalities have limited jurisdiction and resources to effectively manage tick populations on a broad ecological scale;

Whereas the Government of Ontario is responsible for public health policy, environmental management and vector-borne disease prevention and detection;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Caledon Town Council formally requests that the Government of Ontario investigate and implement measures to reduce burgeoning tick populations and to mitigate their associated public health risks; and

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That such measures may include safe and effective tick control methods, public education campaigns and coordinated regional strategies; and

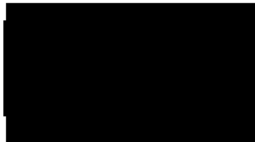
That the Province consider increased funding and support for local public health units to address tick-borne disease prevention; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Kiernan Moore, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, Peel Public Health, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all 444 municipalities across Ontario.

For more information regarding this request, please contact the undersigned by email to mayor@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4155.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

CC:

Chief Medical Officer of Health Kieran.Moore@ontario.ca

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks minister.mecp@ontario.ca

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The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Justine Brotherston, Municipal Clerk, Township of Puslinch
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026
Time: 6:23 PM

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 5, 2026, correspondence from Justine Brotherston, Municipal Clerk, Township of Puslinch, regarding Support for Halton Hill's March 24, 2026 Resolution Regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens;

AND THAT Council directs staff to provide a staff report in response to the resolution regarding invasive species;

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate this resolution of support to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Deputy Mayor Bordignon	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope	Councillor Maxwell
Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter		

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs



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RE: 6.16 Halton Hills Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on March 24, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-202:

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Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.16 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the Towns of Halton Hills' resolution;

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

June 5, 2026

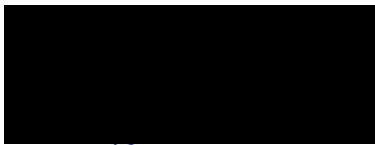
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday June 1, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0107 regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0107.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Ontario Minister of Natural Resources
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Halton area MPs and MPPs
Region of Halton
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AMO
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Ontario Invasive Plant Council
Landscape Ontario
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association
All Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION
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THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0107

Title: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect
Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage
and Local Gardens

Date: June 1, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 12.3

WHEREAS invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species, seeds and nursery stock can cause significant damage to municipal infrastructure, roadsides, stormwater systems, parks, trails, natural heritage areas, agricultural lands, woodlots, shorelines, private property and local biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities and conservation authorities are estimated to spend approximately \$50.8 million annually managing invasive species, and the average annual cost per Ontario municipality has been estimated at \$218,148, with approximately 80% of expenditures directed toward control and management rather than prevention; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS these costs are ultimately borne by local taxpayers, conservation authorities, property owners, farmers, volunteers and community groups who are often left to manage invasive species after they have already been introduced, sold, planted, escaped cultivation and spread;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Invasive Species Act, 2015, which allows species to be listed as prohibited or restricted, and which can make it illegal to import, possess, transport, propagate, buy, sell, lease or trade listed invasive species; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS the concern is not with plants that are already clearly prohibited or restricted, but with invasive species and seeds and nursery stock that may

continue to be sold or distributed before modernized provincial rules, public guidance and retail practices have fully caught up with current science and local experience;

AND WHEREAS garden centres, nurseries, landscape suppliers, seed distributors, online retailers, landscapers and residents all have an important role to play in preventing the spread of invasive plants before they become a costly municipal and environmental problem;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead program promotes native and non-invasive alternatives for healthy, diverse and wildlife-friendly gardens, and its updated Southern Ontario guide includes additional invasive plants and alternatives to help residents, gardeners and landscapers make better choices; (Ontario Invasive Plant Council)

AND WHEREAS recent local reporting in Halton Hills has highlighted the importance of choosing native alternatives to invasive garden plants, including through Grow Native Halton and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead resources;

AND WHEREAS the continued sale and distribution of invasive ornamental plants undermine the work of municipalities, conservation authorities, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, local volunteers and residents who are investing time and taxpayer dollars to remove and manage these same species;

AND WHEREAS prevention at the point of sale is more cost-effective, more practical and more respectful of taxpayers than asking municipalities and property owners to pay for removal after invasive species have spread across property lines and municipal boundaries;

AND WHEREAS invasive plants do not recognize municipal boundaries, and effective prevention requires coordinated action by the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, the nursery and landscape sector, retailers, landowners and residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills respectfully request that the Province of Ontario, in consultation with municipalities, AMO, ROMA, conservation authorities, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, the nursery and landscape sector, garden centres and other relevant stakeholders, undertake a review and modernization of Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework;

AND FURTHER THAT this review include consideration of expanding and regularly updating the list of prohibited and restricted invasive plant species, including invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species,

seeds and nursery stock that pose a risk to Ontario's natural heritage, agriculture, municipal infrastructure, parks, trails, roadsides, stormwater systems and private property;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to prohibit the sale, distribution, propagation and trade of listed invasive plant species through garden centres, nurseries, landscaping suppliers, online retailers, seed distributors and other commercial pathways;

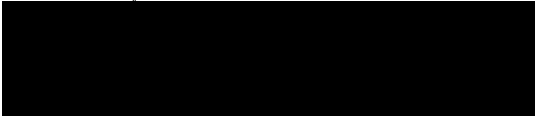
AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to develop clear labelling, public education and retailer guidance requirements so that residents, gardeners, landscapers and retailers can easily identify invasive species and choose native or non-invasive alternatives;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to work with the nursery, garden centre and landscape sectors on a practical transition plan that supports compliance, protects small businesses, promotes native and non-invasive alternatives, and prevents invasive plants from continuing to enter communities through ordinary consumer purchases;

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Canada be requested to review and strengthen, where appropriate, federal import, border, labelling and online sales rules related to invasive plants, seeds and nursery stock entering Canada, so that provincial prevention efforts are not undermined by interprovincial or international trade;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada be requested to support municipalities, conservation authorities and community partners with stronger prevention tools, updated science-based lists, public education materials and funding programs that prioritize prevention over costly long-term control and removal;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Halton-area MPs and MPPs, the Region of Halton, HRFA, OFA, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, Grand River Conservation Authority, AMO, ROMA, FCM, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Landscape Ontario, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.



Mayor Ann Lawlor

July 17th, 2026

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The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy
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Dear Premier Ford and Minister McCarthy,

Re: Request for Changes to the *Pesticides Act* to Permit the Use of Pesticides in Playground Areas for Weed Management

I am writing to inform you that, at their meeting held on July 14, 2026, the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford passed a resolution advocating for changes to the Pesticides Act to allow for the use of pesticides in playground areas for weed mitigation.

WHEREAS the Ontario *Pesticides Act* and Ontario Regulation 63/09 (Cosmetic Pesticides Ban) restrict the use of herbicides for cosmetic weed control in playground areas;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Township of South-West Oxford recognize the importance of maintaining safe, clean, accessible, and well-maintained recreational spaces for everyone;

AND WHEREAS playgrounds are valued public recreational spaces that enhance the health, well-being, and enjoyment of residents;

AND WHEREAS the Township is responsible for the ongoing maintenance, inspection, and upkeep of playgrounds, including costly surfacing materials, and despite regular maintenance and manual weed removal, weed growth within and around the playground area continues to present ongoing maintenance challenges;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of South-West Oxford respectfully request that the Province of Ontario consider amending the *Pesticides Act* and Ontario Regulation 63/09 (Cosmetic Pesticides Ban) to permit the



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controlled use of pesticides for weed management in playground areas, with any application being carried out by qualified and authorized individuals in accordance with all applicable provincial legislation, product requirements, and safety measures.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denny Giles'.

Denny Giles
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk
Township of South-West Oxford

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

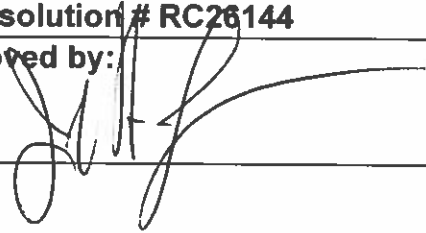
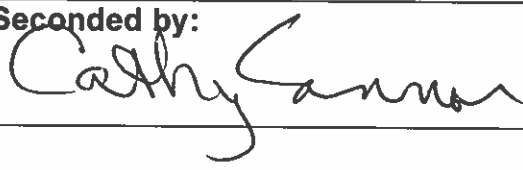


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Resolution # RC26144	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Wawa recognizes that excessive speeding and unsafe driving behaviours continue to pose significant risks to public safety in municipalities across Ontario, including rural and northern communities;

AND WHEREAS protecting pedestrians, cyclists, school-aged children, seniors, and all road users is a priority for municipalities and requires effective traffic calming and speed mitigation measures;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has demonstrated its commitment to improving road safety by providing funding opportunities to municipalities utilizing Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) and other photo radar initiatives;

AND WHEREAS many small, rural, northern and remote municipalities do not have the population base, financial capacity, or legislative authority to implement Automated Speed Enforcement programs, yet continue to experience speeding and road safety concerns requiring effective mitigation;

AND WHEREAS equitable provincial funding should be made available to all municipalities to support alternative traffic calming and speed mitigation measures appropriate to local circumstances, including but not limited to roadway design improvements, traffic calming infrastructure, enhanced signage, speed feedback devices, pedestrian safety improvements, and other proven traffic safety initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board has requested municipalities across Ontario support advocacy to the Province of Ontario for expanded funding opportunities applicable to all municipalities.

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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 endorses and supports the resolution of the North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board requesting that the Province of Ontario expand its financial commitment for traffic calming and speeding mitigation initiatives to include all municipalities across Ontario, regardless of whether they utilize Automated Speed Enforcement or photo radar programs;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province establish a dedicated, province-wide funding program to assist municipalities in implementing locally appropriate traffic calming and road safety measures that improve public safety;

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

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation;
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
- Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma–Manitoulin;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA);
- The North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board;
- All Ontario OPP Detachment Boards and Police Service Boards; and
- All Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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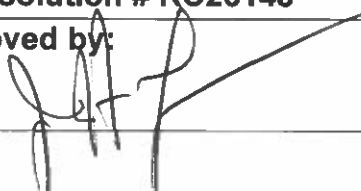
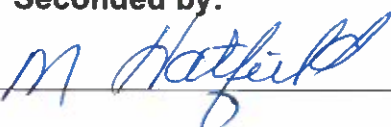


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Resolution # RC26148	Meeting Order:10
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015*;

AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
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July 8, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
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RE: Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on July 8th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

Resolution No: 2026-07-08-16
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 Town of Plympton-Wyoming's resolution regarding Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of the Solicitor General, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP, and MP, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Association of Municipalities in Ontario, Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, Ontario Association of Fire Chief, Renfrew County Fire Chiefs Association and all Municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



Date: 13 May 2026

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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services In Ontario

WHEREAS Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

AND WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

AND WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately 70–75% of firefighters in Ontario, protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services;

AND WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;

AND WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

AND WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

AND WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to **transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program** that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for **operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario**;

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- The County of Lambton
- Lambton County Fire Chiefs Association
- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:

- Steve Pinnsoneault MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
- Bob Bailey MPP Sarnia-Lambton
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

✓
Carried

Defeated

Deferred



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July 8, 2026

Re: Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on July 8th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Richmond Hill.

Resolution No: 2026-07-08-15

Moved by: Councillor Quade

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 Richmond Hill's resolution regarding Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Minister of Long-Term Care, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

16. Other Business

16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Thompson - Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

Whereas individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities often experience a significant reduction in structured supports and programming upon reaching adulthood, particularly after the age of 21; and

Whereas many of these individuals remain reliant on aging parents or caregivers, creating growing concern among families regarding long-term housing, care, and quality of life; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has, over time, transitioned away from large institutional models of care toward more community-based and inclusive approaches for individuals with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas while these changes have improved opportunities for inclusion and independence, the current system of supports is often delivered across multiple programs and providers and may not fully address the long-term need for integrated living environments that combine housing, supports, and meaningful daily participation; and

Whereas there is an increasing need for innovative, sustainable, and inclusive models of care that support independence, dignity, and community integration for adults with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas opportunities may exist to explore models that provide safe and supportive living environments for adults with developmental disabilities while also offering structured, voluntary, and supported participation in day-to-day activities that foster a sense of purpose, skill development, and social connection; and

Whereas such models, if thoughtfully designed, could complement existing care environments and contribute positively to the overall well-being of both participants and residents; and

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For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary

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**Extracts from Council Meeting
C#08-26 held May 13, 2026
Confirmatory By-law 54-26**

Whereas the Regional Municipality of York is responsible for a range of human services including housing, community services, and the operation of long-term care homes, and is therefore well-positioned to explore integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to care.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Richmond Hill request that the Regional Municipality of York consider exploring innovative models of housing and support for adults with developmental disabilities, including the potential for an "Integrated Living and Participation Model"; and

That such consideration includes opportunities for co-location or partnership with existing regional services, including long-term care and community housing, where appropriate; and

That this model emphasizes voluntary, supported, and meaningful participation in activities that enhance quality of life, social inclusion, and community engagement, without displacing existing workforce roles; and

That Council request that the Region engage with relevant stakeholders, including developmental service organizations, families, and advocacy groups, in considering such approaches; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- **York Region Council**
- **Daisy Wai, MPP – Richmond Hill; Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility**
- **Michael Parsa, MPP – Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**
- **Natalia Kuzendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care**
- **Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
- **Ontario municipalities for information**

Carried Unanimously

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RE: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on July 8th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Resolution No: 2026-07-08-14
Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus's resolution regarding A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, the Ontario Big City Mayors, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

**Resolution 2026-03: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in
Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle**

Date: May 8, 2026

Moved by: Warden Jennifer Murphy, County of Renfrew

Seconded by: Warden Robert Mullin, County of Hastings

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) serves over 1.1 million residents across 13 upper-tier and single-tier municipalities, encompassing a total of 103 municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario are currently required to calculate property taxes based on property valuations from 2016, over a decade ago;

AND WHEREAS all other provinces in Canada have continued regular reassessment cycles, resulting in properties being reassessed multiple times since 2016, making Ontario the most outdated in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the prolonged pause in the reassessment cycle has created significant distortions in assessed values, resulting in inequities among property classes; and

AND WHEREAS outdated assessments negatively impact investment decisions, economic competitiveness, municipal planning, and disproportionately affect independent small businesses; and

AND WHEREAS the continued pause on property tax reassessment in Ontario creates uncertainty for municipalities, property owners, and investors regarding future tax liabilities;

AND WHEREAS a current and predictable assessment system is essential to supporting strong communities, maintaining fairness in taxation, and encouraging economic investment consistent with the Ontario government's objective of being "Open for Business";

AND WHEREAS the lack of clarity regarding the timing of the next reassessment is contributing to delayed or deferred investment decisions, thereby impacting economic competitiveness across the province;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments, particularly in rural and small-urban communities, rely on a stable and updated assessment system to address financial pressures including inflation, rising labour costs, and increasing service demands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the EOWC formally requests that the Government of Ontario commit to a clear and prompt return to the property tax reassessment cycle;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province provide a defined timeline and transparent plan for implementing future reassessments on a regular and predictable basis;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario work in coordination with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to ensure properties are reassessed in an accurate and timely manner;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; the Ontario Big City Mayors; the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus; the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and all EOWC municipalities."

Carried

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Bonnie Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bonnie" and last name "Clark" clearly distinguishable.

EOWC Chair Bonnie Clark

info@eowc.org



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July 8, 2026

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
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RE: Provincial Bill 100 – Better Regional Governance Act, 2026

Hon. Rob Flack,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on July 8th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Springwater.

Resolution No: 2026-07-08-13

Moved by: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Township of Springwater’s resolution regarding Provincial Bill 100 – Better Regional Governance Act, 2026 as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, County of Renfrew, and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

May 7, 2026

Sent via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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RE: Provincial Bill 100 – Better Regional Governance Act, 2026

Please be advised that at its Regular meeting on May 6, 2026, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

Resolution C203-2026

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cabral
Seconded by: Councillor Moore

Whereas Bill 100, the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026, introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, proposes significant changes to the governance structure of upper-tier regional municipalities, including the County of Simcoe; and,

Whereas the proposed legislation would authorize the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint the Warden of the County of Simcoe, rather than maintaining the longstanding practice of selection by County Council; and,

Whereas the County of Simcoe is comprised of 16 member municipalities, each represented at County Council, forming a governance model rooted in local representation and accountability to residents; and,

Whereas residents expect that those exercising authority over local decision-making are accountable to the communities they serve, and not appointed by or primarily aligned with the provincial government; and,

Whereas Bill 100 proposes a reduction in County Council composition and introduces the potential for provincially regulated weighted voting, creating uncertainty regarding equitable representation among member municipalities; and,

Whereas the Province has indicated its intention to extend "Strong Chair" powers to the Warden of the County of Simcoe, thereby concentrating decision-making authority in a single office; and,

Whereas such concentration of authority may alter the balance of municipal governance and reduce the role of council-based decision-making; and,

Whereas the introduction of Strong Chair powers at the upper-tier level may give rise to governance challenges where alignment between the Head of Council, Council, and the communities they serve is not maintained; and,

Whereas municipal professional associations have cautioned that such a governance model may place senior municipal staff in a difficult position that may undermine their neutrality and professionalism, and there continues uncertainty and concern among residents regarding the concentration of authority in a single office and the reduced role of councils; and,

Whereas the Township of Springwater has previously expressed opposition to the expansion of "Strong Mayor" powers and has consistently supported transparent, accountable, and locally driven governance structures that respect the role of elected councils and reflect the interests of residents.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

The Council of the Township of Springwater opposes Bill 100, the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026, in its current form; and,

That Council opposes the appointment of the Warden of the County of Simcoe by the Province, and affirms that the Warden should continue to be selected through a process that ensures accountability to the residents of Simcoe County; and,

That Council opposes the extension of "Strong Chair" powers to the Warden of the County of Simcoe, given the significant shift in governance authority and its potential impacts on local democracy, council function, and municipal administration; and,

That Council expresses concern regarding the potential introduction of provincially regulated weighted voting rules, and the absence of a clearly defined framework ensuring fair and equitable representation for all member municipalities; and,

That the Government of Ontario be requested to amend Bill 100 to preserve local democratic authority, maintain council-based governance structures, and ensure that upper-tier municipal leadership remains accountable to local councils and communities; and,

That the Government of Ontario be further requested to undertake meaningful consultation with affected municipalities, including the County of Simcoe and its 16 member municipalities, prior to advancing any legislative or regulatory changes impacting municipal governance; and,

That this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the County of Simcoe, and all Ontario municipalities, for their consideration; and,

That this resolution also be shared with local media outlets to reflect community concerns and to clearly communicate the Township of Springwater's position to its residents.

Carried

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours Truly,



Renée Ainsworth

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Corporate Services

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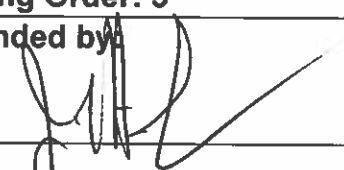


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Resolution # RC26143	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS Ontario's publicly funded hospital system provides essential health care services to residents across the Province, including those living in rural, northern, and remote communities; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), in its report *Failure by Design*, identifies that Ontario hospitals are significantly underfunded compared to the growing demand for health care services, with rural and northern hospitals experiencing disproportionate impacts; and

WHEREAS increasing emergency department wait times, prolonged hospital admission delays, staffing pressures, and limited hospital capacity continue to affect the delivery of timely and accessible health care for Ontario residents; and

WHEREAS residents of the Municipality of Wawa rely on a strong and sustainable rural health care system, and adequate provincial funding is essential to ensure hospitals can continue to provide safe, high-quality care close to home; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands has requested municipalities across Ontario support its call for increased provincial investment in hospital funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports Resolution No. 133-06-2026 passed by the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands requesting that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa urges the Province of Ontario to implement the recommendations identified in the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' report *Failure by Design*, including an immediate investment of \$3.2 billion in Ontario's hospital system, supported by annual funding increases of 6 percent thereafter to address increasing health care costs and demand; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
- Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma–Manitoulin;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA);
- The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands; and
- All Ontario municipalities, with a request for their consideration and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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Village of Sundridge Council Resolution
July 15, 2026
Item (9.5)

Township of Machar Resolution 86-26 – Opposing Changes to FIPPA

Resolution #2026-177

Moved By: Sharon Smith

Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT Council receives the Township of Machar Resolution 86-26 – Opposing Changes to FIPPA,

AND THAT The Village of Sundridge supports the Township of Machar in their opposition to Changes to FIPPA,

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke(absent)			
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 17, 2026

BY EMAIL ONLY

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Intimate Partner Violence

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of Canadian Federation of University Women Orillia, passed the following resolution regarding Intimate Partner Violence.

WHEREAS intimate partner violence continues to have a significant impact on individuals, families, and communities across Ontario, including the Town of Wasaga Beach;

AND WHEREAS local service providers, community organizations, and law enforcement agencies have reported increasing rates of intimate partner violence and growing demand for victim support services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach hereby declares intimate partner violence to be an epidemic within the Town of Wasaga Beach;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach encourages other municipalities that have not already done so to declare intimate partner violence an epidemic within their communities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach calls upon the Province of Ontario to pass Bill 55 and formally recognize and declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to all 444 municipalities, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of the Solicitor General, and the Premier of Ontario for consideration and support.

Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach
/mps

cc: All Ontario Municipalities
All Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament



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Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;

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Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General; michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; premier@ontario.ca



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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of Township of Ramara, passed the following resolution regarding Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform.

WHEREAS Ontario hospitals continue to experience emergency room overcrowding, staffing shortages, and prolonged wait times that impact timely access to emergency care and place additional strain on patients, healthcare providers, and municipal paramedic services; and

WHEREAS the tragic death of sixteen-year-old Finlay van der Werken, who died in February 2024 after waiting in the emergency department at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, has highlighted the need for stronger provincial standards to improve pediatric emergency care across Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the resolutions of the Township of Ramara, Municipality of Wawa and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus calling on the Province of Ontario to reduce emergency room wait times through increased hospital capacity, enhanced triage protocols, additional healthcare staffing, and improved emergency care resources.

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the introduction of Finlay's Law to strengthen pediatric emergency care through provincial standards for timely access to care, safe staffing levels, independent oversight, and enhanced funding for pediatric emergency services.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council supports requests for the Government of Canada to work with the Province of Ontario to strengthen accountability under the Canada Health Act and support the implementation of consistent national emergency care standards.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Federal Minister of Health, the local MPP and MP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration. Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.



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Sincerely,

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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Innovative Housing and Support Models for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of the Township of Ramara, passed the following resolution regarding Innovative Housing and Support Models for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

WHEREAS adults with developmental disabilities often experience reduced supports and programming after reaching adulthood, creating challenges for individuals, families, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS there is a growing need for innovative, inclusive, and sustainable housing and support models that promote independence, dignity, community participation, and quality of life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the Township of Ramara and City of Richmond Hill's resolution encouraging the Province of Ontario and municipalities to explore innovative integrated housing and support models for adults with developmental disabilities, including partnerships that enhance access to housing, community services, and meaningful daily participation.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to engage municipalities, developmental service agencies, families, caregivers, and advocacy organizations in evaluating and implementing these models.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Long-Term Care, the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, the local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,



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cc: Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of Village of Merrickville-Wolford, passed the following resolution regarding Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation.

WHEREAS speeding continues to pose a significant public safety concern in communities across Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipalities require effective traffic calming measures and sustainable funding to improve road safety and protect all road users, including children and seniors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the resolution of the North Grenville–Merrickville-Wolford OPP Detachment Board requesting that the Province of Ontario expand funding for traffic calming and speeding mitigation initiatives to all municipalities, rather than limiting support to municipalities utilizing automated speed enforcement.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, the local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Provincial Police, all Ontario Police Service Boards, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance (peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)
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July 17, 2026

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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Letter of Support from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plant Regulatory Framework

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their July 16, 2026, Council meeting, and at the request of the Township of Ramara, passed the following resolution regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plant Regulatory Framework.

WHEREAS invasive plant species pose environmental, infrastructure, and financial challenges for municipalities and property owners; and

WHEREAS preventing the spread of invasive species is more effective and cost-efficient than managing them after they become established;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the Township of Ramara and Town of Halton Hills' resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario modernize Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework, strengthen measures to limit the sale and distribution of invasive plant species, promote native and non-invasive alternatives, and provide municipalities with the tools and resources needed to support prevention.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the appropriate provincial ministries, the local MPP and MP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, and all Ontario municipalities. Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2246.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach



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July 14, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford
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VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Sir:

Re: Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of July 13, 2026:

Whereas intimate partner violence (IPV) is a serious and pervasive public health and safety issue affecting individuals, pregnant women, families, and communities across Ontario and Canada;

And Whereas Statistics Canada reports that approximately 44% of Canadian women have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, while 33% of Canadian women have experienced sexual assault;

And Whereas Indigenous women, pregnant women and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals experience disproportionately high rates of violence, with 61% of Indigenous women and 67% of 2SLGBTQIA+ women having experienced intimate partner violence;

And Whereas according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), 66% of female homicide victims in Canada were killed by an intimate partner;

And Whereas rural communities face an even greater impact, with victims experiencing a 75% higher risk of intimate partner violence;

And Whereas on September 22, 2015, the murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County brought national attention to the devastating consequences of intimate partner violence;

And Whereas the 2022 Renfrew County Joint Inquest into these femicides resulted in 86 recommendations, with Recommendation #1 calling upon the Province of Ontario to formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas despite the findings and recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest, the Province of Ontario has not formally declared intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas police-reported intimate partner violence cases in Ontario increased from 4,450 incidents in 2022 to 5,988 incidents in 2024, representing an 18% increase according to the Ontario Provincial Police Data, Statistics & Analysis Unit;

And Whereas North Simcoe Victim Services reported a 64% increase in intimate partner violence calls between 2023 and 2025, rising from 255 calls to 417 calls;

And Whereas 2025 combined statistics from Violence Against Women agencies serving Orillia, Barrie, Alliston, Collingwood, and Midland recorded:

- 12,870 crisis calls;
- 335 women requiring in-shelter stays;
- 167 children requiring in-shelter stays;
- 1,039 referrals due to agencies reaching capacity limits;

And Whereas the Government of Canada formally recognized intimate partner violence as an epidemic in 2023, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario also declared intimate partner violence an epidemic in 2023;

And Whereas more than 115 municipalities across Ontario, representing over 70% of Ontario's population, have passed motions declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic:

- demonstrates leadership and commitment to addressing the crisis;
- raises public awareness;
- reduces stigma experienced by victims and survivors;
- helps individuals know support services are available;
- strengthens eligibility for provincial funding opportunities for community agencies;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of New Tecumseth formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Further That Council call upon the Province of Ontario to formally recognize intimate partner violence as an epidemic across Ontario;

And Further That the Province be urged to implement the recommendations of the Renfrew County Joint Inquest, including Recommendation #1;

And Further That copies of this resolution be circulated to:

- The Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Solicitor General of Ontario;
- The Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity;
- The Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The County of Simcoe;
- All municipalities within Simcoe County and Ontario;
- Local violence against women and victim support agencies within Simcoe County

Yours truly,



Pamela Slowleigh
Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk

Cc: Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca
Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, The Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, charmaine.williams@pc.ola.org
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Local violence against women & victim support agencies within Simcoe County:
Victim Services of Simcoe County, ed@VictimServicesSimcoe.ca,
info@VictimServicesSimcoe.ca
My Sister's Place, pitmsp@mysistersplace.ca
Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie, info@barrieshelter.com
Regional Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centre for Simcoe County and Muskoka, sadvtc@osmh.on.ca
Elizabeth Fry Society Simcoe Muskoka, meaghanc@elizabethfrysociety.com
North Simcoe Victim Services, exdir@ns-vs.com
Huron Transition Homes, admin@rosewood.on.ca
Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle (BRAWC),
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All municipalities within Simcoe County and Ontario



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July 20, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Bill Rosenberg MPP Algoma-Manitoulin
All Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE ONTARIO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Please be advised that at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council meeting of June 25, 2026, the following motion was approved:

194-2026 That the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the following motion from the Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands:

WHEREAS the Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has conducted research which unequivocally identifies that Ontario Hospitals are underfunded by the Government of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the CCPA study, Failure by Design, clearly identifies that smaller and rural hospitals are disproportionately disadvantaged by the underfunding;

AND WHEREAS as a direct result of the underfunding Emergency Department wait times for an initial physician assessment have increased to 4.5 hours in 2024 – 2025 from 2.7 hours in 2020 – 2021;

AND WHEREAS 90 percent of patients spend on average 44 hours in the emergency department waiting to be admitted when further care is required;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government increased total health care spending from 7.4 percent of GDP in 2014 to only 7.6 percent of GDP by 2023, which did not keep pace with raising health care costs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Central Manitoulin request that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity, which as per the recommendations in the CCPA study, would require an immediate injection of \$3.2 billion supported by annual increases of 6% per year thereafter.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- *All municipalities*
- *Association of Municipalities of Ontario*
- *Rural Ontario Municipal Association*
- *Bill Rosenberg, MPP Algoma-Manitoulin*
- *The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario...carried.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Deforge", is written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Denise Deforge – CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

cc. File