



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, August 1, 2025

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Erin Carl – Supervisor of Festivals and Events

DATE: August 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Festivals and Events Spring and Summer Update

This memo provides an overview of the many exciting events taking place across the City from August to December 2025, both at City-owned locations and throughout the broader community.

The [events calendar](#) on the City's website continues to serve as a valuable tool for sharing information and promoting these events. Anyone can submit an event to the City's online calendar for non-profit events happening in Welland. The calendar is the most up-to-date source of information including event descriptions, locations, and key details to help residents and visitors stay informed and involved.

We look forward to seeing you at the events in the months ahead and encourage you to check the calendar often as new activities are added.

| DATE | EVENTS | ORGANIZATION | LOCATION |
|----------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| August 1 | Roller Nights at Arena | City of Welland | Welland LIV Communities Arena |
| August 2 | Water Lantern Festival | Niagara Folks Arts Multicultural Centre | Chippawa Park Pond |
| August 3 | Welland Midsummer Swim Classic | Canaqua Sports Inc. | WIFC North Course |
| August 5 | Yoga on the Canal | Welland Public Library | Main Branch (Gazebo) |
| August 6 | Music at the Supper Market | City of Welland | Market Square |

| DATE | EVENTS | ORGANIZATION | LOCATION |
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| August 6 | Tales & Tunes in Hindi | Welland Public Library | Main Branch |
| August 8 | Chocolate Kiss Catchers | Welland Public Library | Main Branch |
| August 8 | Roller Nights at Arena | City of Welland | Welland LIV Communities Arena |
| August 8-9 | Welland Hope Floats Challenge | Alkame Dragon Boat Services | WIFC North Course |
| August 9 | Teen Make Up Tips with Anna | Welland Public Library | Seaway Mall |
| August 9 | Book Lovers Day | Welland Public Library | Seaway Mall |
| August 9-10 | Welland Afro-Caribbean Festival | Dreammakers Diverse Group Foundation | Merritt Park Amphitheater |
| August 10 | 11 th Annual Mustache Ride | Welland County Motorcycle Club | Welland County Motorcycle Club |
| August 11 | Taylor Swift Party | Welland Public Library | Main Branch |
| August 12 | Art on the Canal – Holiday Crafts in Summer | Welland Public Library | Main Branch |
| August 12 | ESL Entering the Workplace Conversation Circle | Welland Public Library | Seaway Mall |
| August 13 | Music at the Supper Market | City of Welland | Market Square |
| August 13 | End of Summer Bash | Welland Public Library | Main Branch |
| August 14 | Creative Canvases | Welland Public Library | Seaway Mall |
| August 15 | Roller Nights at Arena | City of Welland | Welland LIV Communities Arena |

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| August 16 | Indigenous Beading | Welland Public Library | Main Branch |
| August 16 | Improv Class for Kids | Welland Public Library | Main Branch |
| August 16-17 | CKO – Ontario Championships | Canoe Kayak Ontario | WIFC North Course |
| August 17 | St. George Family Day | City of Welland | St. George Park |
| August 17 | Pro Wrestling Event | Millennials Wrestling Organization | LIV Communities Arena |
| August 18 | Basic Car Care with AAPEX | Welland Public Library | Main Branch |
| August 19 | Yoga on the Canal | Welland Public Library | Main Branch (Gazebo) |
| August 20 | Music at the Supper Market | City of Welland | Market Square |
| August 21 | Pop-Up Produce Market | Welland Public Library | Diamond Trail |
| August 22 | Concerts on the Canal | City of Welland | Merritt Park Amphitheatre |
| August 23 | WCMC Bikefest | Welland County Motorcycle Club | Welland County Motorcycle Club |
| August 23 | Family Yoga | Welland Public Library | Seaway Mall |
| August 26 | ESL Entering the Workplace Conversation Circle | Welland Public Library | Seaway Mall |
| August 27 | Music at the Supper Market | City of Welland | Market Square |
| August 30-31 | Welland Salsa & Cumbia Festival | Latin Niagara Entertainment | Merritt Park and Amphitheatre |
| September 2 | Doggy Paddle | City of Welland | Rosie Smith Pool |
| September 3 | Music at the Supper Market | City of Welland | Market Square |

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| September 5 | Concerts on the Canal | City of Welland | Merritt Park Amphitheatre |
| September 5 | Mayor's Charity Event | City of Welland | WIFC Celebration Hall |
| September 6 | WCMC Fall Classic | Welland County Motorcycle Club | Welland County Motorcycle Club |
| September 7 | Welland Canal Open Water Swim | CanAqua Sports Inc. | WIFC North Course |
| September 13 -14 | Barrelman Triathlon | MultiSport | WIFC North Course and Various Roads |
| September 14 | World Championship Hare & Hound | Welland County Motorcycle Club | Welland County Motorcycle Club |
| September 14 | Terry Fox Walk-a-Thon | Terry Fox Foundation | Merritt Island |
| September 20 | Fall Festival at the Market | City of Welland | Market Square |
| September 27 | Head of the Welland 5 Bridges Fall Classic | South Niagara Rowing Club | WIFC North Course and Waterway |
| October 11 | Thanksgiving at the Market | City of Welland | Market Square |
| October 17 - 31 | Halloween Display Self-Guided Tour | City of Welland | Various Locations |
| October 25 | Hallowe'en at the Market | City of Welland | Market Square |
| October 31 | WCMC Hallowe'en Party | Welland County Motorcycle Club | Welland County Motorcycle Club |
| November 1,8 | Remembrance Day at the Market | City of Welland | Market Square |
| November 1 | WCMC Awards Banquet | Welland County Motorcycle Club | Welland County Motorcycle Club |
| November 9 | WCMC Barry's Blue Balls Brunch Run | Welland County Motorcycle Club | Welland County Motorcycle Club |

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| November 22 | Santa Claus Parade and Tree Lighting | City of Welland | East Main Street and Civic Square |
| November 28, 29,30 | Canalside Players present A Christmas Carol | City of Welland | WCC |
| November 29 | Christmas at the Market | City of Welland | Market Square |
| December 4 | Christian Heritage Month Flag Raising | Christian Heritage Month | Civic Square |
| December 6 – 17 | Winter Lights Self-Guided Tour | City of Welland | Various Locations |
| December 6,13,20 | Christmas at the Market | City of Welland | Market Square |
| December 7 | WCMC Kid's Christmas Party | Welland County Motorcycle Club | Welland County Motorcycle Club |
| December 22,23,29,30 | Holiday Free Skate | City of Welland | LIV Communities Arena |
| December 31 | New Year's Eve Celebrations | City of Welland and YMCA of Niagara | YMCA Welland |
| December 31 | New Year's Eve Free Skate | City of Welland | LIV Communities Arena |

July 30, 2025

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Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Elect Respect Pledge
Our File 10.12.1**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting of July 14, 2025, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community; and

WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment; and

WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office; and

WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office; and

WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct; and

WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process; and

WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan “Parliamentary Civility Pledge” to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT City of St. Catharines Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City of St. Catharines Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario’s Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

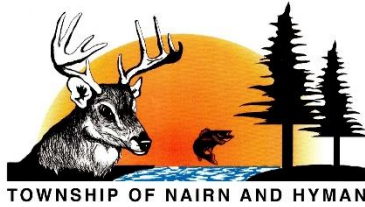
If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: Ontario Big City Mayors
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario
MPs and MPPs
Regional Police
The Ontario Provincial Police
Royal Canadian Mounted Police



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July 17, 2025

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The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
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RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Disposal of Niobium Tailings at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman has passed a formal resolution opposing the proposed transport and disposal of approximately 18,600 cubic metres of niobium mine tailings from the Nova Beaucage Mine and associated MTO gravel pit to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTEMA), located within our municipal boundaries.

This resolution follows the independent review by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. conducted on behalf of the Township of the technical documents submitted by the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Ministry of Transportation, including the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA)

and the Conceptual Site Model (CSM). The findings of Hutchinson's review have raised significant concerns regarding the sufficiency of the risk assessment, groundwater and surface water monitoring, leachability modeling, baseline data gaps, and long-term containment and environmental management plans. These issues pose unacceptable risks to public health, the surrounding watershed, and the long-term environmental integrity of our region.

Further, it has come to the Township's attention that the Ministry of Transportation has transported a portion of the niobium tailings to Clean Harbors, a licensed hazardous waste treatment facility near Sarnia. This action raises a serious question as to why all the material is not being disposed of through the same secure and regulated channel, instead of being placed at an aging tailings management site adjacent to sensitive ecosystems and communities.

The Township of Nairn and Hyman also wishes to acknowledge and support the position of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM), who have issued a letter voicing their firm opposition to this project. Their concerns are rooted not only in environmental impact, but also in the Ministry's failure to conduct meaningful consultation with the impacted UCCMM First Nations, whose traditional territory includes the Agnew Lake area. Their letter is attached for your review and inclusion in the public record.

This resolution passed at the Council Meeting of the Township of Nairn and Hyman on July 14, 2025, calls upon your government and relevant ministries to halt any further actions related to the transportation of this hazardous product to the ALTMA site.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025-8-152

DATED: July 14, 2025

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

WHEREAS the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of Transportation has proposed the transportation and placement of approximately 18,600 cubic metres of niobium mine tailings from the Nova Beaucage Mine and associated MTO gravel pit to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area, located within the Township of Nairn and Hyman;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry has submitted technical documentation, including a Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA) and Conceptual Site Model (CSM), which have been independently reviewed by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. on behalf of the Township;

AND WHEREAS Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. report raises serious concerns regarding the adequacy of risk modeling, leachability assessments, hydrogeological characterization, biological monitoring, and long-term containment of radionuclides and toxic metals;

AND WHEREAS the Township has recently learned that the Ministry of Transportation intends to transport an existing stockpile of niobium tailings to Clean Harbors, a licensed hazardous waste treatment facility in Sarnia, Ontario, raising the question as to why all of the niobium tailings are not being managed in the same manner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman formally opposes the transportation or placement of niobium tailings at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, the Minister of Energy and Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; MP Jim Belanger; MPP Bill Rosenberg; MPP France Gelinis; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize the protection of our community's health, safety, and environmental integrity.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Sincerely,

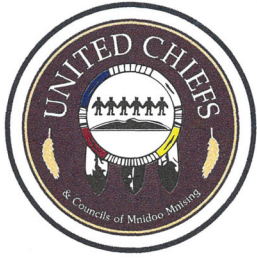
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Attachments: UCCMM Letter – Agnew Lake Tailings Management, Chief Patsy Corbiere, July 14, 2025

Cc:

Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members
The United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising
Ontario Ombudsman
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Canadian Environmental Law Association
MP Jim Belanger
MPP Bill Rosenberg
MPP France Gelinis
Association of Ontario Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities
Maria Magdalene Healy, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Adam Levine, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Marc Stewart, Ministry of Energy and Mines
Rob Schryburt, Ministry of Energy and Mines
Eric Cobb, Ministry of Energy and Mines
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Andrew Healy, Ministry of Transportation



UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING

July 14, 2025

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Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
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Adam Levine Team Leader,
Indigenous Consultation and Participant Funding Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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Re: Lack of First Nations engagement regarding Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area

We are writing to express our serious concerns about the lack of engagement with the impacted UCCMM First Nations regarding the ongoing monitoring and management of the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area, including but not limited to the decision in 2020 to expand the scope of the existing licence to allow for the depositing of large quantities of radioactive material from the former Beaucage Mine (WNSL-W5-3102.01/2025), as well as the proposed renewal of the licence for the site.

In the fall of last year UCCMM raised serious concerns with you and your staff about depositing large quantities of radioactive material at the site and the impacts of this on the UCCMM First Nations' rights, interests and well-being.

The Tailings Management Area is in close proximity to areas actively used for the exercise of our treaty protected s. 35 rights, including fishing and trapping. Despite this, there appears to have been no adequate engagement with our First Nations either about the decision to add more radioactive site to the Tailings Area, or about ongoing monitoring and management of the Tailings Area.

After a meeting with UCCMM last fall we were promised more detailed information about the project to add new radioactive materials to the site and the management of the site. While we have received some information from CNSC, we have received no further information or communication from Ontario. While we are aware of Ontario's communications with Whitefish River First Nation, as far as we are aware, the detailed information promised to WRFN by Ontario in December of 2024 was also never provided. In any event, WRFN is not the only UCCMM First Nation impacted, a point that was made clear in our meeting with Ontario officials last fall. Despite

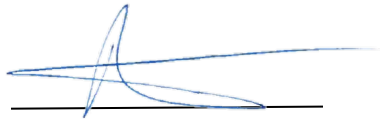
this, UCCMM was not even notified directly by Ontario about its further plans to move ahead with this project.

It is entirely contrary to the Honour of the Crown and the Crown's obligation for the Crown to move ahead with plans that will likely have a significant negative impact on the UCCMM First Nations where the Crown has repeatedly failed to be forthcoming with its promises to provide information.

UCCMM must have adequate information, as well as time and resources to review that information to assess the level of impact on our rights, and what alternatives are available.

Please confirm that Ontario will pause any further plans to move ahead with a renewal or to move any additional radioactive material to the site until appropriate consultation and accommodation – including the provision of adequate data – is completed.

Please contact Saul Bomberly sbomberly@uccmm.ca at the Tribal Council to arrange a meeting with UCCMM and provide him the relevant information immediately.



Chief Patsy Corbiere
Tribal Chair

cc. Eric Cobb, MINES
Marc Stewart, MINES
UCCMM First Nations Chief and Councils
Township of Nairn and Hyman