



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, October 24, 2025

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

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

DATE: October 20, 2025

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 two (2) organizations have been granted approval for conducting lottery events within the City of Welland:

Birchway Niagara

Birchway Niagara, formerly Women's Place, is a trauma-informed, inclusive organization that provides shelter, support, and advocacy for individuals affected by all forms of abuse. Rooted in the belief that everyone deserves safety and dignity, Birchway empowers survivors through compassionate, personalized services—offering a safe space to heal, a voice for advocacy, and a guide through difficult times. Inspired by the resilience of the birch tree and the symbolism of life rings in its logo, Birchway recognizes that each person's journey is unique. Committed to creating a community without abuse, Birchway continues to grow its services and outreach to support people of all genders, ages, identities, and backgrounds—working together with staff,

volunteers, and partners to break the cycle of violence through care, education, and systemic change. Birchway Niagara will be using their lottery/cGaming proceeds to help with family counseling, programs that enhance health, patient comforts and administrative costs that are related directly to delivery of services.

St. Vincent De Paul St. Andrew/St. Mary Conference

The St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Andrew/St. Mary Conference is a faith-based, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to serving individuals and families in need within the local community. Rooted in the values of compassion, dignity, and respect, the Conference provides essential support such as food, clothing, household items, and emergency assistance to those facing hardship, regardless of their background or beliefs. Guided by the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, the Conference works to relieve poverty and promote human dignity through direct service, personal connection, and a commitment to walking alongside those in crisis with empathy and hope. This group will be using lottery/cGaming proceeds to provide those in need with groceries and food vouchers.

MEMORANDUM
October 20, 2025

**City of Welland
Town of Pelham**

RE: Coyle Creek and Draper's Creek Floodplain Mapping

NPCA remains committed to keeping the local community and interested parties informed on the ongoing status of the [Coyle Creek and Draper's Creek Floodplain Mapping project](#).

As part of the final stages of the Coyle Creek and Draper Floodplain Mapping Project, NPCA held the 4th Public Information Session on August 28, and the 30-day comment period has now closed. We received valuable feedback and, during our review, identified some inconsistencies in flow and water levels, especially north of Weber Road near Effingham Street. We've updated the mapping to reflect refinements in this area.

How to Provide Feedback

- Review the proposed changes during the new 30-day comment period from *October 21 to November 20, 2025*
- Send feedback directly to Brendan Buggeln, Manager of Natural Hazard Management and Resiliency at floodmapping@npca.ca
- Visit the [Interactive Mapping tool](#) on the [Get Involved portal](#) to explore the updates.

Floodplains and NPCA's Role

Floodplains are critical features of the landscape that help reduce flood and erosion risks. They are areas of land adjacent to bodies of water (rivers, lakes) that may become inundated during high water events, such as storms or heavy rainfall.

For more information, including technical resources, visit the [NPCA Floodplain Mapping page](#).

Why are Floodplains Important?

Understanding floodplain boundaries is crucial for:

- **Land Use Planning:** Avoiding development in high-risk flood areas.
- **Emergency Management:** Guiding flood response strategies.
- **Community Resilience:** Enhancing long-term safety by mitigating flood risks.

Regulated Floodplains and NPCA Mapping Standards

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 41/24, NPCA's updated floodplain maps are based on the 100-year flood event, which refers to a storm with a 1% chance of occurring in any given year.

MEMORANDUM

October 20, 2025

Floodplain mapping is backed on hydrology and hydraulic models, which consider topography, soil type, land use, and other watershed characteristics. These models help us understand how water moves through rivers and streams and where flooding is likely to occur. Development in floodplain areas is regulated to minimize risk to people and property as required under the *Conservation Authorities Act* and *Planning Act*.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at floodmapping@npca.ca. Your input is essential to ensuring the accuracy of the mapping.



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October 17, 2025

Association of
Municipalities of Ontario
(AMO)

VIA EMAIL:

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RE: 6.16 City of Dryden Council Resolution regarding Mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training in Elementary Curriculum

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 8, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-308:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items listed for October 8, 2025 Council meeting with the exception of items, 6.16 be received for information. Send support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price

DATE: 22-Sep-25

SECONDED BY: Klewning

RESOLUTION NO.: 14

Whereas drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

| RECORDED VOTE | | | DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT | |
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| | | | Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question. | |
| Council | Yes | No | | |
| Councillor C. Klewning | | | | |
| Councillor B. Latham | | | | |
| Councillor M. MacKinnon | | | | |
| Councillor R. Noel | | | | |
| Councillor M. Price | | | | |
| Councillor B. Tardiff | | | | |
| Mayor J. Harrison | | | | |
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| TOTALS | | | Disposition of Resolution (Check One) | |
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MAYOR: Harrison

October 16, 2025

Resolution Urging the Federal Government to Keep Climate Change as a Foremost National Priority

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change—such as rising temperatures, extreme weather events, flooding, droughts, wildfires, and sea-level rise—are already affecting communities across Canada;

WHEREAS, climate change poses a serious threat to public health, infrastructure, local economies, biodiversity, and future generations;

WHEREAS, municipalities are on the front lines of climate change, often bearing the burden of disaster response, infrastructure adaptation, and long-term community resilience;

WHEREAS, despite local action, meaningful progress on climate change requires bold and coordinated leadership at the federal level, including policies, legislation, funding, and international cooperation;

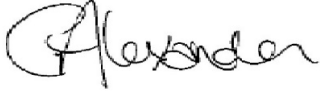
WHEREAS, Canada has made national and international climate commitments, including under the Paris Agreement, and must continue to strengthen its role in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and supporting adaptation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Bluewater Council urges the Government of Canada to:

1. **Maintain climate change as a top national priority**, reflected in legislation, national planning, funding, and public policy;
2. **Prioritize investments in the clean energy transition in the upcoming Federal budget**;
3. **Continue to support municipalities** in their efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including through sustainable infrastructure funding, disaster preparedness support, and clean energy investments since municipalities have the ability to influence change in ~50% of emissions within Canada;
4. **Accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy**, ensuring that it is just, inclusive, and economically beneficial for all regions and communities;
5. **Engage in transparent, science-based policymaking** that reflects the urgency of the climate crisis and the lived experiences of Canadians;
6. **Collaborate with Indigenous communities** and respect Indigenous knowledge and leadership in addressing climate change including obtaining free, prior and informed consent; and
7. **Continue to report annually** on national progress in reducing emissions and implementing adaptation strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, local Members of Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as well as local MPPs and all municipalities for their consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander", with a large, stylized initial "A".

Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce MPP
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October 17, 2025

The Honorable Todd McCarthy, MPP (Durham)
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Via email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Re: Extended Producer Responsibility for Blue Box Recycling Collection and Impacts to
Small Businesses located in Mixed-Use Properties

Dear Minister McCarthy,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on October 6, 2025, the Council of the Town of
Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 191-25:

Whereas in 2016 the Waste-Free Ontario Act was enacted, which also enacted the
Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA) and the Waste Diversion
Transition Act; and,

Whereas the RRCEA and its associated regulations focus on strengthening Extended
Producer Responsibility for materials like used tires and blue box recycling; and,

Whereas on November 23, 2020, Town Staff submitted comments to the Environmental
Registry of Ontario on the proposed blue box regulation, which highlighted concerns
about the lack of a requirement for blue box recycling collection for certain “non-eligible”
sources like small businesses located in mixed-use properties which are prevalent in
Business Improvement Areas; and,

Whereas in the Town of Whitby there are approximately 200 small businesses in mixed-
use properties who currently receive blue box collection and are impacted by the blue
box regulation and will potentially lose blue box collection services; and,

Whereas in June 2021 the Province of Ontario released Blue Box Regulation O. Reg.
391/21, under the RRCEA which transitions the financial and operational responsibility of
recycling from municipalities to the producers of packaging and paper products; and,

Whereas Circular Materials Ontario (CM) was named the Producer Responsibility
Organization taking on all blue box recycling responsibilities in Ontario over a three-year
transition period; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham has indicated that the estimated costs to continue to
provide blue box recycling for small businesses after the 2026 transition date to CM was
exorbitant and no longer a core responsibility of the Region pursuant to Provincial
legislation; and,

Whereas on July 1, 2024, the Town of Whitby and all local area municipalities in Durham Region transitioned from the Regional blue box program to the CM blue box program; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham and CM negotiated a temporary agreement to continue providing blue box collection services to small businesses in mixed-use properties during the blue box transition period from June 30, 2024 to December 31, 2025, however, CM will not service these small businesses or any non-residential properties effective January 1, 2026, as they are not included as “eligible sources” under Blue Box Regulation 391/21; and,

Whereas on October 17, 2024, Mayor Roy sent a letter to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, who was at that time the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, advocating for changes to the blue box regulation as it related to blue box collection for small businesses; and,

Whereas on June 4, 2025, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks proposed amendments to the RRCEA through the Environmental Registry of Ontario and staff comments were submitted jointly to the Municipal Waste Association and Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario on June 13, 2025 highlighting concerns with the blue box regulation and impacts to small businesses located in mixed-use properties; and,

Whereas on August 15, 2025, CM hosted a municipal engagement session with members of a Municipal Working Group, reviewing a proposal for blue box recycling for non-eligible sources; and,

Whereas it is not clear how the recycling collector will differentiate commercial recycling from residential recycling at mixed-residential locations as they are typically set out together; and,

Whereas the proposal submitted by CM must be agreed to by all three Producer Organizations before it will be considered by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks; and,

Whereas on October 1, 2025, all three Producer Organizations, which includes CM, Ryse Solutions, and Landbell Canada, provided a letter to Mayor Roy outlining their decision to not proceed with blue box collections for small IC&I locations, citing, “system capacity limitations, current regulatory obligations, and time constraints that make it impractical for CCS to provide (blue box) collections from IC&I locations”; and,

Whereas on October 1, 2025, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks provided a letter to the Town of Whitby advising that the Producers will not voluntarily continue to offer blue box services to municipalities for small business locations.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

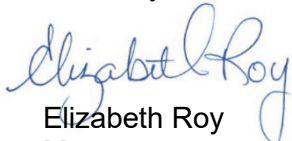
1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby requests that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks amend Blue Box Regulation 391/21 to require Producers to provide blue box collection services to businesses located in mixed-use properties;

and,

2. That the Mayor be requested to author a letter to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks advocating for changes to Blue Box Regulation 391/21, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities, Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA).

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact mayor@whitby.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Roy
Mayor

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☐ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

☐ Louanne Caza
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☐ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 287/2025

DATE October 14, 2025

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, plans to begin aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides starting on or before August 10th, 2025, in the Timiskaming Forest; and

WHEREAS the Timiskaming Forest covers a significant portion of the Municipality of McGarry and neighbouring municipalities and this activity may impact residents and ecosystem; and

WHEREAS new scientific evidence published since Health Canada's last assessment of glyphosate in 2017 has linked glyphosate-based end-use products to cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases' reproductive toxicity, and ecosystem harm; and

WHEREAS the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method; and

WHEREAS many residents have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McGarry formally requests that Honorable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Timiskaming Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and update risk assessment are completed and reviewed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to:

The Honorable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Honorable Sylvia Jones' Minister of Health

MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane

AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities)

All municipalities within Northeastern Ontario

Recorded vote requested by _____

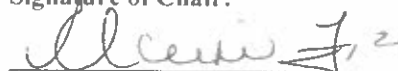
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| Councillor Louanne Caza | | |
| Councillor Elaine Fic | | |
| Councillor Annie Keft | | |
| Councillor Francine Plante | | |
| Mayor Bonita Culhane | | |

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I declare this motion

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body) |
| Expected response: _____ (enter date) |

Signature of Chair:



**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*



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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:

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☐ Elaine Fic
☒ Annie Keft
☐ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

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☐ Elaine Fic
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☐ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 284/2025

DATE October 14, 2025

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 343/22 mandates that firefighters performing specific fire protection services be certified to a prescribed standard by July 1, 2026, with certain technical rescue disciplines requiring certification by July 1, 2028;

AND WHEREAS the Township recognizes and supports the value of the certification requirements mandated by the Province of Ontario, acknowledging that standardized training enhances firefighter safety, service quality, and public trust;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) and Ontario Fire College (OFC) are actively working to provide training and certification programs, including offering over 600 courses annually, yet some certification programs and testing resources remain under development or are not yet widely accessible, particularly in the Ontario Seal Programs;

AND WHEREAS many fire departments in Ontario are staffed predominantly by volunteer firefighters who balance full-time employment with their emergency service commitments;

AND WHEREAS the certification programs are still in development and the current availability does not adequately reflect the operational realities of volunteer fire departments, especially in rural communities, where training opportunities are limited and certification demands place undue pressure on personnel and municipal resources;

AND WHEREAS when firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, smaller/rural Municipalities raised concerns that they do not provide the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province responded thoughtfully by introducing new legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is appreciated and reflects a fair and practical approach, however, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available;

AND WHEREAS it is unreasonable to expect volunteer firefighters—who already balance full-time employment and community service—to independently develop curriculums and training programs in-house that meet provincial standards and adequately prepare them for certification exams;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural volunteer fire departments often lack the necessary resources, certified personnel, and specialized expertise to independently develop training curriculums or qualify for learning contracts with the Ontario Fire College; and

AND WHEREAS these departments have long relied on the Ontario Fire College's course offerings and have been patiently awaiting the release of the Ontario Seal Programs, having noted preliminary pilot initiatives in Northern Ontario and anticipating a broader rollout of these programs in the near future;

AND WHEREAS rural municipalities would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of the Fire Marshal to address current barriers and explore collaborative solutions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McGarry respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshal, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories:

AND THAT the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario:

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), MPP John Vanthof, and all municipalities in Ontario for support and endorsement.

Recorded vote requested by _____

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| Councillor Louanne Caza | | |
| Councillor Elaine Fic | | |
| Councillor Annie Keft | | |
| Councillor Francine Plante | | |
| Mayor Bonita Culhane | | |

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| Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest * |
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I declare this motion

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body) Expected response: _____ (enter date) |

Signature of Chair:



**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*



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October 20, 2025

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Swim to Survive Training

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their August 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

390-2025

Moved By: Ted Oke

Seconded by: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

That South Huron Council supports the September 22, 2025, correspondence of the City of Dryden regarding Swim to Survive Training; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Lisa Thompson, MPP, Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
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Encl.

cc: MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; Minister of Education,
Hon. Paul Calandra, paul.calandra@pc.ola.org; AMO,
resolutions@amo.on.ca ; and all Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price

DATE: 22-Sep-25

SECONDED BY: Klewning

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| Councillor B. Tardiff | | | | |
| Mayor J. Harrison | | | | |
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| TOTALS | | | Disposition of Resolution (Check One) | |
| | | | Carried X | Defeated |

MAYOR: Harrison



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Item 10(a)

Date: October 15, 2025

16-10-2025

Moved by *Katie Shrygg*
Seconded by *Cynthia Rich*

WHEREAS, democracy is strengthened when all individuals can participate fully, safely, and without discrimination, contributing to the well-being of their communities;

AND WHEREAS, democratic discourse and respectful debate are under pressure across all levels of government, including municipal councils in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, elected officials are increasingly facing harassment, threats, intimidation, and unsafe work environments, which undermine personal safety, deter civic participation, and erode public confidence in democratic institutions;

AND WHEREAS, social media platforms, while enabling legitimate discourse, have also amplified abusive, discriminatory, or threatening behaviour for many, often disproportionately affecting marginalized populations, discouraging many from seeking or remaining in public office;

AND WHEREAS, freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy and must be safeguarded, even as we combat unlawful harassment, violence, and hate;

AND WHEREAS, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified troubling trends in declining voter turnout and a reduction in candidate participation at the municipal level;

AND WHEREAS, grassroots and national initiatives such as Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.) campaign and the Parliamentary Civility Pledge led by the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians, demonstrate a growing commitment to fostering respectful, safe, and inclusive environments in political life;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of Zorra Township:

1. Supports the principles of the Elect Respect pledge to:

- Treat all persons with dignity and respect in public, private, and online spaces;
- Reject and call out harassment, threats, unlawful discrimination, and personal abuse;
- Focus public debate on policies and ideas, rather than personal attacks or identity-based commentary;
- Build a culture of safety and inclusion, ensuring that individuals of all genders, identities, backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities feel empowered to run for and serve in public office;

- Call on relevant authorities to investigate and respond to threats or harassment directed at elected officials, in accordance with applicable laws;
- Model accountability and integrity by holding ourselves and one another to clear, transparent, and legally grounded standards of conduct;
- Defend freedom of expression while actively opposing abuse and intimidation in all forms;

2. Encourages elected officials, political organizations, municipalities, and members of the public to sign and support the Elect Respect pledge by visiting: electrespect.ca; and,

3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), all municipalities in Ontario, Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.), and Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Recorded Vote

☐ Deferred

Recorded Vote:

| | Yea | Nay |
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| Mayor Ryan | | |
| Councillor Stewart | | |
| Councillor Grigg | | |
| Councillor Mitchell | | |
| Councillor Finch | | |
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October 22, 2025

Sent Via Email Only

Re: Advocacy for Funds to Effectively Manage the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of September 15, 2025, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 19-695-2025

Whereas the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation has resulted in a substantial increase in dead ash trees throughout Ontario, resulting in extensive ecological, economic, and public safety challenges;

And Whereas dead ash trees contribute to potential hazards, including falling limbs, compromised power lines, and blocked transportation routes, posing significant threats to public safety;

And Whereas removing and replacing dead ash trees is a costly undertaking that imposes financial burdens on municipalities, private organizations, and individual property owners;

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Stone Mills formally requests that the Provincial and Federal governments establish a dedicated fund to assist municipal governments, private organizations, and property owners in effectively managing the removal and replanting of trees, thereby addressing the aftermath of the EAB infestation.

Be It Further Resolved That funding support should encompass:

1. Grants for municipalities to fund community-wide removal and replanting initiatives.
2. Financial assistance for private organizations engaged in environmentally restorative work.
3. Subsidies for individual property owners to safely remove and replace dead ash trees.

And Be It Further Resolved That this request be forwarded to relevant Provincial and Federal ministries and agencies involved in environmental management, forestry, and public safety.

Be It Finally Resolved That a supporting letter be drafted and disseminated to other municipalities across Ontario to encourage regional advocacy and collaboration in addressing this ecological challenge.

Moved By Councillor Fenwick
Seconded By Deputy Woodcock
Carried

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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cc. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
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Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources
Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
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The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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Sent by E-Mail

October 22, 2025

Re: Provincial Decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on October 20, 2025:

Whereas, the Province of Ontario filed enabling regulations in December 2019, to prescribe the locations, fines, and signage for municipalities to utilize Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras (ASE) as a tool to address speeding and improve public safety; and

Whereas, the Province's ASE legislative framework, together with provincial encouragement in 2019, has led municipalities such as Ajax to implement ASE technology to improve safety, reduce speeding, and prevent serious collisions and fatalities; and

Whereas, the Provincial government, through the Ministry of Transportation, is responsible for the legislation, regulations and program standards governing municipal ASE programs; and

Whereas, some cities have implemented ASE programs without appropriate restraint, Ajax is part of the vast majority of municipalities who have implemented best practices endorsed by the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Traffic Council - including speed thresholds, advanced signage and public notification of ASE camera locations - that prioritize public safety while also ensuring transparency in the program, resulting in safer roads; and

Whereas, consistent with local, regional, national and international research, the Town of Ajax's ASE program has resulted in significant reductions in speed, increased speed compliance in Community Safety and School Zones, and

changes in driver behaviour as outlined in the October 23, 2023, Council report titled “Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Program Update”; and

Whereas, the Town of Ajax has not generated any net revenue from the Automated Speed Enforcement program. However, the Town has made considerable investments into resources and infrastructure to support this program, and entered into service agreements that cannot easily be cancelled; and

Whereas, despite clear evidence and proven results from municipalities like Ajax, municipalities were caught off guard by the Premier’s sudden announcement to cancel ASE programs across the province, made without adequate notice and consultation; and

Whereas, the Premier’s concerns regarding ASE can be addressed through amendments to provincial legislation, regulations and program standards that enable municipalities to utilize ASE within prescribed guidelines, without an outright ban on the technology; and

Whereas, on September 10, 2025, Mayor Collier wrote a letter to Premier Doug Ford calling on the continuation of ASE and offered to meet to highlight how these programs can be implemented with appropriate restraint and serve as valuable tools for improving safety that are supported by local residents.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council formally opposes the Province’s decision to abruptly cancel ASE, a public safety tool enabled through provincial regulations in December 2019; and
2. That Ajax Council requests the Provincial government to amend their legislation, regulations, and program standards governing ASE as follows:
 - a) Restrict the use of ASE to School locations
 - b) Use of ASE in areas that do not contain schools must be approved by the Minister of Transportation, supported by data clearly Internal demonstrating the need and a description of why alternative traffic calming measures are not suitable for the location.
 - c) Develop a revised fee schedule for ASE tickets that reduces the cost for lower speed infractions while maintaining higher penalties for excessive speeding and stunt driving
 - d) Develop new signage to include language indicating that the location is speed camera enforced

- e) Develop more visible ASE signage that includes the speed limit
 - f) That the Ministry of Transportation provide greater oversight and enforcement of Municipal ASE programs through regular audits; and
3. That should the provincial government proceed with banning the use of ASE despite Ajax and other municipalities immediate actions to address concerns and requests to work collaboratively with the Province and other municipalities to continue these programs, the Province be requested to reimburse municipalities for all costs incurred to implement ASE program; and
 4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax, local MPPs across the Region of Durham, John Henry, Chair of the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Regional Municipality of Durham, all Ontario Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), and the Ontario Traffic Council.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 365-885-6983 or Thomas.street@ajax.ca

Sincerely,



Thomas Street
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor S. Lee
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October 23, 2025

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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

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

418-2025

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

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

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

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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Encl.

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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

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

RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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