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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

FROM: Jessica Ruddell, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: October 31, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025 CAO Awards of Excellence – Award Results

The CAO Awards of Excellence celebrate employees and teams who exemplify the City's core values: Efficiency, Innovation, Integrity, Resiliency, Leadership, and Safety.

This annual program recognizes individuals whose efforts make a lasting impact on municipal operations, community service, and organizational culture. The 2025 awards reflect the exceptional talent and dedication across all departments, underscoring the City's ongoing commitment to service excellence.

This year's nominations reflected a wide range of accomplishments – from innovative process improvements and community engagement initiatives to leadership excellence and exemplary teamwork – showcasing the passion and professionalism that define the City of Welland.

The 2025 CAO Awards of Excellence were presented in the following categories:

- **Efficiency Excellence Award**
Recognizes individuals who optimize resources and processes, achieving meaningful time and cost savings while maintaining exceptional results.
2025 Award Winner: Mike Dakin

- **Innovation Award**

Celebrates creativity and forward thinking, highlighting groundbreaking solutions that enhance municipal services and community outcomes.

2025 Award Winners: Communications Team (Paul Orlando, Jane Walker-Scott, and Terri Sheppard)

- **Integrity Award**

Honours those who uphold the highest ethical standards, transparency, and fairness, earning the trust and respect of colleagues and the community.

2025 Award Winner: Adam Murphy

- **Resiliency Award**

Acknowledges individuals who demonstrate perseverance, optimism, and adaptability while navigating challenges and inspiring others to do the same.

2025 Award Winner: Adam Whalen

- **Leadership Excellence Award**

Recognizes exceptional leaders who foster communication, inclusion, and professional growth, guiding their teams toward shared success.

2025 Award Winner: Taylor Meadows

- **Safety Excellence Award**

Highlights dedication to a culture of safety, implementing proactive measures that protect employees and the public while setting high standards for workplace safety.

2025 Award Winners: Parks and Forestry Team (Anthony DeChellis, Patrick Bisson, Ryan Nolan, and Barry Mills)

In addition, a special Honour of Excellence Award was presented to Acting Fire Chief Matt Richardson in recognition of his extraordinary leadership and the overwhelming support received from colleagues across the organization.

Each award recipient embodies the values that drive our collective success. The winners were celebrated at the Years of Service Recognition Event on October 30,

2025, where they received a certificate and an engraved plaque in appreciation of their outstanding contributions.

The CAO Awards of Excellence are more than a recognition program – they are a celebration of the people who make Welland a great place to live, work, and thrive. By acknowledging the achievements of our staff, the City continues to build a culture of excellence, collaboration, and pride that strengthens both our organization and our community.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Lina DeChellis, Director of Economic Development & Strategic Initiatives

DATE: October 30, 2025

SUBJECT: Physician Recruitment Incentive – Dr. Femi Afolabi

I'm pleased to inform Council that Dr. Femi Afolabi has chosen Welland for his family practice and is practicing at Intrepid Medical Centre located at 905 Niagara St. Dr. Afolabi is currently accepting new patients. If you know of anyone looking for a Family Physician, they can become a patient by calling 905-361-1449 or emailing welland@intrepidhealthgroup.com.

City staff have been working closely with the Region's Physician Recruitment Specialist and have been successful in attracting 16 new family physicians since the approval of the Physician Recruitment Incentive in June 2023.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Amanda Degazio, Manager of Business and Community Services

DATE: October 30, 2025

SUBJECT: Rotary Park of Welland Partnership, Outdoor Fitness Equipment Project

In 2019, the City of Welland and the Rotary Club of Welland entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) naming The Rotary Park of Welland, following the Club's 100th Anniversary Project Contest in 2018. Over the years, the City and the Rotary Club have worked collaboratively to enhance the park with features that improve the livability and experience for both residents and visitors. The initial project included new signage, an area of reflection, and additional seating.

The MOU established a framework for continued partnership, allowing the City and the Rotary Club to work together in planning and implementing future enhancements to the park.

Through this partnership, Rotary representatives approached City staff to explore new opportunities for investment and support within the park. Together, the next project was identified based on a recommendation from the Council approved Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan, which encourages investment in outdoor fitness infrastructure along the Welland Recreational Corridor.

Outdoor exercise offers far more than just physical health benefits; it plays a key role in enhancing overall quality of life. Outdoor environments can improve mental health, elevate mood, and strengthen social connections, creating a more vibrant and engaged community.

This project will be funded by the Rotary Club of Welland and overseen by the City's Community Services department. Installation of the outdoor fitness equipment is

anticipated to be completed by Spring 2026, furthering the shared commitment to enhancing public spaces and promoting community health and wellness.

Staff thank the Rotary Club and all their members for the continued community spirit, support and dedication to enhancing health and wellbeing in Welland.



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October 24, 2025

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The Honourable Mark Carney
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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Honourable Mark Carney and Doug Ford:

Re: Urgent Reforms to Criminal Laws and the Bail System

Please be advised that, at its meeting of October 14, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolutions received from the Regional Municipality of Niagara, City of Welland, Town of Lincoln and City of Niagara Falls, regarding urgent reforms to criminal laws and the bail system, ensuring that repeat violent offenders are not released into communities where they may reoffend and endanger public safety.

The resolutions are attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Attorney General of Ontario
Solicitor General of Ontario
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs
Niagara MPs - Dean Allison, Tony Baldinelli, Chris Bittle, Fred Davies
Niagara MPPs - Jeff Burch, Wayne Gates, Sam Oosterhoff, Jennifer Stevens
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Regional Municipality of Niagara
Local Area Municipalities

September 26, 2025

CL 14-2025, September 25, 2025

DISTRIBUTION LIST

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Motion Respecting Call to Strengthen Laws, Sentencing and Parole Restrictions

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2025, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Welland and the broader Niagara Region have been deeply shaken by the recent violent sexual assault of a toddler in Welland;

WHEREAS court documents confirm the accused was previously convicted of sexual assault of a minor, ordered to register as a sex offender, but was released from his original sentence months early with limited conditions;

WHEREAS the release of repeat sexual offenders into our communities poses an unacceptable risk to children, families, and public safety;

WHEREAS municipalities lack the authority to legislate sentencing and offender release policies, but the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada hold responsibility for ensuring that laws, sentencing guidelines, parole, and release practices protect the public from repeat violent and sexual offenders;

WHEREAS Canada's existing criminal justice system has permitted offenders convicted of the most serious crimes, including crimes against children, to be released prematurely despite ongoing risks to the community, and such leniencies in bail, sentencing, and release conditions have contributed to repeat victimization of children and other vulnerable Canadians; and

WHEREAS Niagara South Member of Parliament Fred Davies is presenting a petition to the House of Commons demanding changes to the Criminal Code to make bail and early release provisions more restrictive for repeat violent and child sex offenders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **FORMALLY CALL** on the Governments of Ontario and Canada to review and strengthen laws, sentencing provisions, and parole eligibility for individuals convicted of sexual offences, ensuring that repeat offenders are not prematurely released into communities where they pose an ongoing threat;
2. That Regional Council **REQUEST** that the Province of Ontario establish stricter monitoring measures, including mandatory long-term supervision orders, GPS monitoring, and enhanced public safety provisions for all individuals convicted of sexual offences;
3. That Regional Council **REQUEST** that the Attorney General of Ontario, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services report back to municipalities on steps being taken to address gaps in legislation, sentencing, and supervision of repeat sex offenders;
4. That Niagara Regional Council **EXPRESS** its support for amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada to make bail, sentencing, and release conditions more restrictive for repeat violent offenders, particularly sex offenders, and that this support be communicated to MP Fred Davies for inclusion in his petition to the House of Commons; and
5. That a copy of this motion **BE SENT** to:
 - The Premier of Ontario;
 - The Attorney General of Ontario;
 - The Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
 - The Prime Minister of Canada;
 - The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
 - The Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs;
 - All Niagara-area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);
 - All Niagara-area Members of Parliament (MPs); and
 - All local area municipalities.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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Niagara MPPs
Niagara MPs
Local Area Municipalities

September 29, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

Attention: Honorable Michael Parsa

At its meeting on September 23, 2025, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

"THAT Council formally requests the Province of Ontario to expand the Victim Quick Response Program+ (VQRP+) beyond immediate, short-term emergency relief, to include long-term, practical supports for victims of violent crime - considering the recent sexual assault of a three-year-old child in Welland (August 31, 2025)—by considering:

- 1. Broader compensation-style supports, including:**
 - Replacement of essential personal and household items
 - Relocation or moving expenses
 - Income loss or wage replacement compensation
 - Broader healthcare-related supports
- 2. Flexible application timelines for children and sexual assault survivors, removing strict deadlines that may hinder access to needed assistance.**
- 3. Recognition of trauma-informed restorative needs, such as the right to replace items that serve as reminders of violence, to help restore dignity and well-being.**
- 4. An interministerial review be undertaken to align Ontario's victim support programs with best practices across Canadian jurisdictions."**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT copies of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the local MPP, urging immediate policy reform.

Yours truly,



Tara Stephens

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

c.c.: - J. Burch, Ontario MPP, sent via-e-mail

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- All Niagara Municipalities, sent via-e-mail
 - Regional Municipality of Niagara, sent via e-mail



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September 24, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Right Hon. Prime Minister, Mark Carney
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Bail Reform to Strengthen Community Safety

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council meeting held on September 22, 2025, endorsed the attached correspondence from the City of Thorold dated September 10, 2025, regarding Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry, and the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford, dated September 10, 2025, regarding Bail Reform, and passed the following motion regarding Bail Reform to Strengthen Community Safety:

Resolution Number: RC-2025-82

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Greg Reimer

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln shares in the grief, shock, and outrage of the City of Welland and all Niagara residents following the recent tragic and violent act that has shaken the community's sense of safety; and

WHEREAS municipalities are on the front lines of community safety, bearing the direct impact when criminal laws and justice systems fail to adequately protect residents from repeat violent offenders; and

WHEREAS the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford, has joined the call of the City of Welland by urging the Government of Canada to deliver urgent and lasting reforms to criminal laws and the bail system to ensure that violent offenders are not released back into communities where they pose ongoing risks to public safety as attached as Appendix 'A'; and

WHEREAS residents across Niagara and Ontario are calling for meaningful change to restore confidence in the justice system and provide stronger protections for vulnerable populations, particularly children; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thorold, recognizing these same urgent concerns, has adopted the resolution attached as Appendix 'B', requesting that the Government of Ontario amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000 to permit public access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry, thereby empowering residents with information to take informed precautions while balancing transparency, safety, and individual privacy; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln stands in solidarity with the City of Welland and the City of Thorold and affirms that local voices must be amplified to all levels of government to ensure lasting reforms that prioritize community safety and justice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Lincoln:

1. Strongly support the call of the City of Welland and the Premier of Ontario for the Government of Canada to implement urgent reforms to criminal laws and the bail system, ensuring that repeat violent offenders are not released into communities where they may reoffend and endanger public safety; and
2. Endorse the resolution of the City of Thorold requesting that the Government of Ontario amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000 to allow public access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry, with appropriate safeguards to protect privacy while prioritizing community safety and the protection of children; and
3. Affirm that meaningful legislative reform at both the federal and provincial levels is urgently required to restore public trust, protect communities, and ensure that the justice system prioritizes victims and community well-being; and
4. Requests that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, all Niagara-area Members of Parliament (MPs), all Niagara-area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Regional Municipality of Niagara and all Niagara local municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

CARRIED

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

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

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JK/dp

c.c. Premier of Ontario
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Attorney General of Ontario
Solicitor General of Ontario
Niagara MPs and MPPs
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities



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September 10, 2025

Mayor Frank Campion
City of Welland

Dear Mayor Campion:

I was horrified to learn about the disgusting assault of a young, innocent child that took place in your community during a recent home invasion. This scumbag deserves to rot in prison for the rest of their life. Our justice system must do everything possible to prioritize the safety of the public over criminals.

I want to thank you for your practical and common-sense proposals to reform Canada's broken bail system to ensure violent, repeat offenders remain behind bars. For our part, Ontario has and will continue to implement every measure possible to crack down on criminals and keep our streets safe. These include additional investments in police and correctional capacity, strengthened enforcement of bail requirements and stricter restrictions for sex offenders.

As you know, criminal law is a federal responsibility. Our government has both publicly and privately been pushing the federal government to get serious about strengthening bail requirements at every opportunity. I will continue to make the case for bail reform to Prime Minister Carney and his government, and I appreciate your support and collaboration as we do so.

Once again, please accept my thanks for your common-sense proposals. Violent and repeat criminals who commit disgusting, heinous crimes have no place on our streets or in our communities. My government will continue to do everything in our power to put criminals behind bars where they belong and keep our children and communities safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Ford".

Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

c: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Zee Hamid, Associate Solicitor General
MPP Sam Oosterhoff



Thorold

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Nicholas Debono, City Clerk
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September 10, 2025

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To All Concerned Organizations

Re: 14.3 Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry – City of Thorold Council Resolution

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on September 9, 2025, considered the aforementioned topic and passed the following resolution:

The Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

WHEREAS the current provisions of *Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry)*, 2000, restrict access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry to law enforcement agencies, limiting public awareness of individuals convicted of sexual offences living within their communities;

WHEREAS public access to information about registered sex offenders can empower City residents to take informed precautions to enhance community safety, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children;

AND WHEREAS transparency and access to information are key components of public safety policy, and a public version of the registry could balance safety and privacy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That Council **FORMALLY REQUESTS** that the Government of Ontario amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000, to permit public access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry; and
2. That a copy of this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, and Niagara region municipalities.

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono

City Clerk, City of Thorold

cc. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
All regional Members of Provincial Parliament

- Sam Oosterhoff
- Jennifer Stevens
- Wayne Gates
- Jeff Burch

Niagara Regional Municipalities

- Niagara Falls
- Port Colborne
- St Catharines
- Welland
- Grimsby
- Lincoln
- Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Pelham
- Wainfleet
- West Lincoln
- Fort Erie

Niagara Region





The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario

Resolution

September 16, 2025

No. 18 – Motion - Call for Reforms Following Heinous Crime in Welland

Moved by: Councillor Mona Patel

Seconded by: Councillor Chris Dabrowski

Motion

WHEREAS the recent assault of a child in Welland has shaken our entire region, and our communities share in the grief and outrage.

WHEREAS this horrific crime was committed by a repeat offender, highlighting the failures of the current justice system.

WHEREAS the revolving door of justice is putting our children, families, and neighborhoods at risk, with offenders too often released back into our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Niagara Falls stand with the City of Welland in calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to take urgent action to:

- End the revolving door justice system.
- Strengthen bail laws and ensure repeat offenders are kept off our streets.
- Impose tougher sentencing for serious crimes, particularly those involving children.
- Strengthen and expand the Sexual Offender Registry, including stronger monitoring and restrictions for repeat and high-risk offenders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Premier and all Niagara municipalities, all Niagara Members of Provincial Parliament, all Niagara Members of Parliament, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Minister of Public Safety, the Attorney General of Ontario, and the Solicitor General of Ontario, urging them to join this call for action to protect our communities.

.AND The Seal of the Corporation to hereto affixed.

Carried Unanimously

**WILLIAM G. MATSON
CITY CLERK**

JAMES M. DIODATI

September 4, 2025

The Right Honourable Prime Minister Mark Carney

Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Re: Call for Reforms Following Heinous Crime in Welland

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

On behalf of the City of Welland, I write to you with a heavy and aggrieved heart following the recent brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child in our community. This appalling act has shaken the community to its core, leaving families devastated and our entire city demanding swift and decisive action to ensure such an atrocity can never happen again. While no legislation can undo the profound trauma inflicted, this horrific crime demands that we confront the shortcomings of our justice system in protecting society's most vulnerable. I therefore urge your government to take immediate and decisive action by considering:

- **Reform to bail and sentencing provisions** to ensure that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes, especially when involving minors, face stricter consequences, with no opportunity for early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- **Elimination of parole for heinous offences of this nature**, ensuring that offenders serve their full sentences without exception.
- **More stringent use and enforcement of the National Sex Offender Registry**, with mechanisms to better protect communities by ensuring timely awareness of offenders residing in their midst.

Canadians must have absolute confidence that our justice system places public safety—especially the protection of children—above all else. Communities like Welland cannot and should not live under the shadow of legislative or enforcement gaps that risk allowing such offenders to strike again. Mr. Prime Minister, I must impress upon you that strengthening these protections at the national level is not so much a request, but a collective responsibility that must be met without delay. Our residents, and indeed all Canadians, demand the assurance that every possible measure is being taken to safeguard our children.

This is an urgent call to action, and I expect your government's leadership to match the gravity of this moment. I stand ready to work with you in advancing the decisive reforms our communities so desperately need.

Sincerely,

Frank Campion

Mayor

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Motion Respecting State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2025, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Niagara Region issued three separate declarations of emergency in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction on February 23, 2023, recognizing that the scope and scale of the crisis surpasses the Region's capacity to respond effectively; and

WHEREAS following the submission of the three declarations of emergency, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) has engaged with the Region's Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC); and

WHEREAS these issues have continued to intensify and add further strain to the social support system in Niagara over the past two years; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are continuing to experience similar challenges; and

WHEREAS a coordinated, province-wide approach and associated funding support is required to address the growing emergency of mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction, the scale of which falls well beyond the scope of what a municipality can address.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Region **ADVOCATES** that the Province support a coordinated approach between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address ongoing challenges related to mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction;
2. That Niagara Region **FORMALLY ADVOCATES** for Provincial funding to address identified gaps in programs and services contributing to the state of emergency including affordable housing, supportive housing, addictions treatment, and mental health supports for vulnerable populations; and

3. That this motion **BE SENT** to the Provincial and Federal Governments, FCM, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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October 24, 2025

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

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

RE: Municipality of Tweed – Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on October 21st, 2025 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2025-10-22

MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie
SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township Support the Municipality of Tweed’s resolution regarding waste incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

AND WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the members of council, MPP's and MPs to make the decisions that will result in the most positive outcomes for now and future generations;

AND WHEREAS, with large urban centres now looking in rural areas of our province and entire country for lands to bury their garbage waste;

AND WHEREAS, a large landfill site owned by a large urban centre which receives 50% of their garbage at the present time is expected to be full by 2029 creating more environmental impacts;

AND WHEREAS, continuing to bury garbage in the ground will result in our future generations having lost potable groundwater as a result of garbage leachate rendering it unusable;

AND WHEREAS, burying garbage, particularly organic waste in landfills, leads to the production of methane a greenhouse gas, which escapes into the atmosphere and contributes to climate change causing more environmental destruction;

AND WHEREAS, we continue to destroy our environment jeopardizing our future generations;

AND WHEREAS, we have worldwide technology that will allow us the use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy;

AND WHEREAS, the incineration of household and other municipal waste has a long tradition in Germany, which currently has 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of around 25 million tons;

AND WHEREAS, with a strong focus on community involvement, innovative infrastructure, and sustainable practices, Germany has set a high bar for municipal recycling programs that the rest of the world can learn from and emulate;

AND WHEREAS, at the present time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its garbage waste at a municipal level. This places the country as the most effective and prominent country when it comes to recycling in the entire world. This highlights the citizen's strength and motivation to deal with environmental issues on a daily basis;

AND WHEREAS, German schools often integrate recycling education into their curriculum. This early exposure to the importance of recycling instills a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, creating a culture of sustainability that transcends generations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township support the Municipality of Tweed in investigating the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments and manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices, so that future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement;

AND THAT, this support be sent to Premier Ford, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party, and all Ontario Municipalities."

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party,
All Municipalities in Ontario

October 17, 2025

Sent by email

See Distribution List on page 6

Re: Provincial Decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)

The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of October 1, 2025 was approved by Council on October 15, 2025, pursuant to Council Resolution C230-2025:

CW303-2025

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 Brampton - where auto-insurance rates remain among the highest in Ontario - 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 incorrectly, Brampton 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 - that prioritize public safety, resulting in safer roads; and,

Whereas consistent with local, regional, national and international research by third parties including Sick Kids & Toronto Metropolitan University, the Canadian Automobile Association, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Traffic Injury Research Foundation, and the Ontario Traffic Council; the City of Brampton'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 September 10, 2025 Council report titled "Automated Speed Enforcement – Traffic Safety Update";

Whereas the average recorded speed for ticket issued is 15.7 km/h over the posted limit, demonstrating that Brampton's existing threshold is both reasonable and aligned with best practices; and

Whereas between twenty and thirty percent of ASE ticket revenue is collected by the Province of Ontario.

Whereas Brampton is working to improve road safety and uphold its commitment to Vision Zero, through its ASE program and complementary traffic-calming measures such as speedbumps/humps, roundabouts, road diets, and improved signage, in order to reduce speeds, prevent collisions, and promote lawful driving behaviour.

Whereas the City of Brampton has already implemented a significant number of speedbumps, likely the most in the province with 834 locations and anticipates installing an additional 33 individual locations this year, but because speedbumps cannot be deployed in all areas around schools, a comprehensive approach to traffic calming, including Automated Speed Enforcement, has proven effective in reducing vehicle speeds, changing driver behaviour, preventing fatal collisions, and enhancing public safety;

Whereas polling in Brampton demonstrates strong and consistent public support for ASE as a tool to reduce speeding, including: Mainstreet Research (Early September 2025) showing 65% overall support, and the City-led Telephone Townhall poll (July 2025) showing 86% of participants support for speed cameras near schools and parks to help curb speeding; and

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

Whereas a preliminary estimate of private sector investment by companies delivering ASE solutions indicates the creation of 62 jobs and \$14 million dollars of investment in the province; and

Whereas the Premier believes some municipalities have misused ASE; but that is no reason to shut down municipal ASE programs that have proven successful at changing driver behaviour and improving public safety; and

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

Whereas Brampton's ASE program is considered best-practice and rather than banning, the Premier should meet with Mayor Patrick Brown and other municipal leaders to develop improved provincial legislation, regulations and program standards related to the ASE program; and,

Whereas it is reckless to abandon what works, and essential to maintain a program that preserves public safety, and, especially, at a very minimum, safety in school locations; and,

Whereas should the ASE program be cancelled, the considerable municipal investments to implement this provincially shaped program must be reimbursed, and additional funding must be provided to implement alternate, although not necessarily as effective, traffic calming measures.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That Brampton City 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 a letter from Council be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Transportation, and local MPPs outlining Brampton's position, calling for the continuation of ASE, and Brampton Council request that the Premier meet with Mayor Patrick Brown, and other municipal leaders to negotiate consistent implementation across municipalities that utilizes best practices to uphold the public safety benefits of ASE; and,
3. That the City of Brampton immediately implement the following ASE program enhancements to accommodate concerns and maintain the technology as an effective public safety tool:
 - a. Limit the use of ASE cameras to school locations
 - b. Maintain the existing threshold and implement variable threshold speeds:
 - Maintain existing speed threshold during peak hours around schools
 - Implement a higher speed threshold for non-peak hours to enforce excessive speeding & stunt driving
 - c. Develop and implement a process to limit the number of tickets that can be issued to a single license plate within a defined period of time, excluding excessive speeding or stunt driving
 - d. Prohibit the operation of an ASE camera for six months following a speed limit change
 - e. Require that surplus ASE revenues be reinvested in road safety-related infrastructure, initiatives, and education
 - f. Require that staff report annually to Council, through the budget process, on the allocation and use of surplus ASE revenues
 - g. Require that staff report annually to Council on outcomes of the ASE program (e.g., number of tickets, speed reductions, speed limit compliance, collisions, injuries/fatalities, etc.); and,

4. That the City of Brampton request 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 demonstrating the need and a description of why alternative traffic calming measures are not suitable for the location.
 - c. Eliminate provincial fees and charges from ASE tickets, including:
 - MTO fee, currently \$8.25 per ticket, for providing registered license plate owner information
 - Victim surcharge fee ranging from \$10 to \$125 - or 25% of the fine for speeding offences greater than \$1,000
 - d. 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
 - e. Extend voluntary electronic notification (SMS and/or email) to license plate holders to reduce the notification period for ASE offences, similar to license plate renewal notifications
 - f. Develop new signage to include language indicating that the location is speed camera enforced
 - g. Develop more visible ASE signage that includes the speed limit
 - h. Require municipalities to reinvest surplus ASE revenue into road safety-related infrastructure, initiatives and education
 - i. Require greater transparency from municipalities by implementing the following reporting requirements:
 - Report annually to municipal Council on how surplus ASE funds are spent.
 - Require annual public reporting of program outcomes (e.g., number of tickets, speed reductions, speed limit compliance, collisions, injuries/fatalities, etc.).

- j. Establish program standards across all municipalities for key program elements - like speed thresholds - through a process led by the Ministry of Transportation and in consultation with municipalities to ensure consistency and transparency for all municipalities in Ontario.
 - k. That the Ministry of Transportation provide greater oversight and enforcement of Municipal ASE programs through regular audits; and
- 5. That, should the provincial government proceed with banning the use of ASE despite Brampton's immediate actions to address concerns and requests to work collaboratively with the Province and other municipalities to continue these programs, the Province must reimburse municipalities for all costs incurred to implement ASE program; and,
 - 6. Staff be directed to report back on potential impacts of an ASE ban on Brampton's road safety strategy and financial investments; and,
 - 7. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, Brampton members of Provincial Parliament, local MPPs across the Region of Peel, all Ontario Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), and the Ontario Traffic Council; and,
 - 8. That the City develop an advocacy campaign consistent with this motion.

Note: Item **RM 45/2025** has been added to the Referred Matters List for the report requested in clause 6 of the recommendation above, and assigned to Michael Kralt, Director, Automated Enforcement and Court Administration, Legislative Services.

Yours truly,

Sonya Pacheco

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VIA EMAIL

Friday, October 3, 2025

Corporate Services Department
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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General
The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety
The Honourable Ruby Sahota, Secretary of State
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General

Please be advised that at its meeting held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities

WHEREAS community safety is the foremost responsibility of all levels of government, including federal, provincial/territorial, and municipal authorities;
AND WHEREAS recent violent home invasions in Halton Region and across Canada highlight the ongoing need to evaluate and strengthen bail laws and the administration of justice to better protect communities;

AND WHEREAS repeat violent offenders continue to be granted bail in some instances, placing victims, families, and first responders at risk, and public confidence in the justice system is undermined when such offenders are quickly returned to the community;

AND WHEREAS the federal government passed Bill C-48, which came into force in January 2024, introducing key reforms to the Criminal Code, including:

- A new reverse onus provision targeting repeat violent offending involving weapons,
- An expanded list of firearms offences triggering reverse onus,

- Requirements for courts to consider an accused's violent history and state on the record their consideration of community safety;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has committed to tabling additional legislation during the Fall 2025 session of Parliament to further strengthen community safety, including reforms related to bail and sentencing;

AND WHEREAS the provinces and territories are responsible for the administration of justice, including:

- Appointing justices of the peace and judges,
- Managing court operations and bail monitoring,
- Hiring and managing Crown Attorneys,
- Funding and overseeing provincial police services and detention centres;

AND WHEREAS on November 13, 2024, the Police Association of Ontario (PAO), the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA), and the Toronto Police Association (TPA), representing 35,000 police members in Ontario, called for urgent action to ensure violent and repeat offenders are not released pending trial, and similar calls have been echoed by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and Canada's Premiers;

AND WHEREAS strengthening bail provisions and the broader justice system requires ongoing collaboration across all levels of government, and doing so would reduce pressures on local police services, the courts, and municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:

THAT Halton Regional Council:

1. Recognizes the steps already taken by the federal government through Bill C-48 and acknowledges the commitment to introduce further legislation in Fall 2025;
2. Calls on the Government of Canada to prioritize and expedite the introduction of its promised bail and sentencing reforms in the upcoming session of Parliament;
3. Calls on the Province of Ontario to invest in and strengthen the administration of justice, including:
 - Enhancing bail enforcement and monitoring,

- Increasing resources for Crown prosecutors and court operations, including the previously announced courthouse for Halton
- Expanding judicial capacity and detention infrastructure;
- 4. Encourages a national, coordinated approach involving all levels of government to ensure community safety is not compromised by gaps in bail or sentencing systems.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- THAT Halton Regional Council calls for the following policy considerations in future reforms:
 - Expanding reverse onus provisions for repeat violent offenders,
 - Establishing stronger mandatory bail conditions, including firearm prohibitions, curfews, electronic monitoring, and no-contact orders,
 - Limiting multiple bail releases for individuals with histories of serious violent offences,
 - Improving inter-agency information sharing among police, Crown prosecutors, and corrections,
 - Prioritizing victim and community impact in bail decisions;
- THAT Halton Regional Council calls on the federal and provincial governments to review Criminal Code time limits and rules for stay of proceedings in cases involving serious and violent offences;
- THAT this motion be forwarded to:
 - The Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Minister of Public Safety, the Secretary of State (Combatting Crime),
 - The Premier of Ontario, Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario,
 - All federal and provincial parties in the House of Commons and Ontario Legislature;
 - Halton's Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament,
 - The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Association of Ontario, and the Ontario Provincial Police Association;
 - Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) and Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG);

- Halton's Local Municipalities;
- THAT this motion be shared with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all municipalities across Ontario and Canada, encouraging them to pass similar motions in a spirit of collaborative, cross-jurisdictional reform.

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

Sincerely,



Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
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c.
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Don Davies, Interim Leader of NDP
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October 23, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Norfolk County Council – Letter of support for the Regional Municipality of Waterloo

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County, Council passed the following resolution on October 15, 2025, Council-in-Committee meeting:

Resolution No. CIC-263

Moved By: Councillor Van Paassen

Seconded By: Councillor Brunton

That Council support the resolution from the municipality of Waterloo, and send a letter to all ministers, ministries and all municipalities.

In addition, Council endorsed the following resolution made by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/2, Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of for 'eligible' sources only; and

Whereas 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include business improvement areas, places of worship, daycares, camp grounds, public facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks; and

Whereas the province amended Ontario Regulation 391/2 to not expand services for new public space recycling; and

Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Therefore, be it resolved that Region of Waterloo Council request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21, Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources as stated above; and

Further that Council request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

That Minister McCarthy be asked to provide more information on the estimated \$171M in savings for municipalities through this program. of their residents and businesses

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact the Office of the County Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca.

Sincerely,

T. Rodrigues

Tracey Rodrigues
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October 28, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier's Office
Room 281
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: East Gwillimbury's Opposition to the *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*.

For your information and records, at its meeting of Municipal Council held on October 21, 2025, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

WHEREAS on April 17, 2025, the Government of Ontario brought forth Bill 5: "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy", a broad omnibus legislation that introduces sweeping changes to multiple environmental and planning statutes, including the Environmental Assessment Act, Endangered Species Act, Ontario Heritage Act, and others; and

WHEREAS this legislation was passed through the legislature in 49 days, thus limiting opportunities to provide feedback; and

WHEREAS Bill 5 received Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS the "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy" Act, 2025 enables the creation of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), which allow the provincial cabinet to exempt projects from compliance with municipal bylaws, environmental protections, and Indigenous consultation obligations; and

WHEREAS lands under protection through various provisions, such as the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Greenbelt Protected Countryside, constitute 83% of the total EG area, which makes EG relevant in environmental stewardship for the Region and the Province; and

WHEREAS the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan are foundational to protecting the ecological and hydrological integrity of the region, and the provisions in the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 directly conflict with the objectives of these plans; and

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WHEREAS in alignment with the 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan, EG Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2023 and approved the EG's Thinking Green Environmental Strategy in 2024, highlighting EG's commitments and efforts to preserve and restore the environment as EG grows; and

WHEREAS the Town of East Gwillimbury achieved 92% of its 2024 housing target, regardless of current environmental provisions, demonstrating that promoting sustainable growth is not only responsible but necessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges the stated goals of economic growth and development in the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, but expresses serious concerns with the Act as it interferes with local planning, limits public consultation, is inconsistent with the principles of free, prior and informed consent in consultation processes with Indigenous communities, and weakens protections to heritage and species, and formally opposes the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 in its current form; and

THAT Council endorses the position of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in requesting that municipalities be included in the development of any regulatory frameworks related to Special Economic Zones; and

THAT Council directs staff to submit this resolution to:

- *The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario*
- *The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- *The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*
- *The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs, President of the Treasury Board, and MPP for York-Simcoe*
- *The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)*
- *All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration*
- *The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)*
- *Donna Big Canoe, Chief of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation*
- *Abram Benedict, Ontario Regional Chief (ORC) for the Chiefs of Ontario;*
and

THAT Council encourages residents to contact their MPPs to express concerns about the impacts of the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, on local governance, environmental protection, and Indigenous rights..

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Amanda McNeil, Hon. B.A., M.M.St.
Legislative Coordinator

CC:

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs, President of the
Treasury Board, and MPP for York–Simcoe
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October 27, 2025

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

The Honourable Doug Ford MPP
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Dear Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford:

Re: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability

At its meeting of October 21, 2025, the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury adopted the enclosed motion calling on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to remove the federal and provincial portions of the HST from new homes purchased as primary residences.

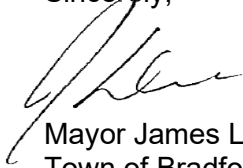
This measure would extend the relief already provided for purpose-built rental housing to families seeking to buy their first home. It represents a practical, immediate step toward improving affordability and supporting new housing supply.

For an average new home in our community, the 13 percent HST adds tens of thousands of dollars to the purchase price, a burden that directly undermines our shared goal of making homeownership affordable for working families and seniors. Removing that tax would provide meaningful relief.

Bradford West Gwillimbury is one of Ontario's fastest-growing municipalities, investing heavily in growth-related infrastructure while working to keep housing within reach. We urge both levels of government to work together on this change as part of a broader strategy to make homeownership attainable again for young Canadians. Simply put, cutting taxes in this way will help make life more affordable.

We would welcome the opportunity to contribute to any federal-provincial review of housing-related taxation and policy tools that can help deliver more affordable homes.

Sincerely,



Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury



Jonathan Scott
Councillor, Ward 2

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cc:

Hon. François-Phillipe Champagne PC MP

Hon Peter Bethlenfavy MPP

Hon. Caroline Mulroney MPP

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

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Hon. Gregor Robertson PC MP

Hon. Rob Flack MPP

Scot Davidson MP

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

October 27, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-343

Moved by: Councillor Scott

Seconded by: Councillor Duhaney

WHEREAS housing affordability is one of the most pressing issues facing Ontario families;

WHEREAS the federal government recently announced GST relief for first-time homebuyers on new homes, and the Province of Ontario removed the provincial share of HST on new purpose-built rental housing; and

WHEREAS the current HST rate on new homes in Ontario is 13%, which adds tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of a typical home, e.g. about \$117,000 on a \$900,000 home in Bradford before any existing rebates;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury calls on the Government of Canada to remove the GST/HST from all new homes purchased as primary residences, and to work in partnership with the Government of Ontario to ensure full elimination of the provincial portion as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Please find enclosed a letter from Mayor James Leduc and Ward 2 Councillor Jonathan Scott.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance
Hon. Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Ontario
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario
Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Municipalities in Ontario

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 5.4.1.
Resolution Number 2025-241
Title: Resolution of Support - Stop the Spray Canada
Date: October 15, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution No. 125-2025 passed on August 7, 2025 by the The Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam, regarding the aerial spraying of glyphosate;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks; our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and all Ontario Municipalities.


MAYOR

CARRIED



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ITEM REQUEST FORM

This Item Request Form and any written submission or background information for consideration by the Clerk and the Mayor must be submitted to the Clerk by:

9 a.m. - Ten (10) calendar days prior to the requested meeting date

Requester: Luc Léonard, Mayor		
Date: July 21, 2025		
Head of Department	Councillor X	Citizen
Email Address:		
Item to be discussed: /That Council adopt a resolution for provincial action to eliminate aerial spraying of glyphosate.		
Description of Item: Following an announcement on July 17, 2025 of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in regards to the aerial spraying of the Gordon Cosens Forest which affects the Municipality of Moonbeam, attached is a resolution to urge the provincial government to take action to end the aerial spraying of glyphosate due to the negative impact on the environment; wildlife; use of land; drinking water; and human health.		

The Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam

WHEREAS, the use of aerial spraying of glyphosate for forestry poses significant biodiversity loss; harmful health affects on wildlife; loss of use of land for recreational, tourism, and hunting/ gathering purposes; water contamination; and concerns about the affects on human health.

- Loss of biodiversity as glyphosate kills broadleaf plants, and reduces habitat diversity. This can also lead to soil erosion due to loss of vegetation and loss of habitat and nutrient sources for wildlife, insects, and aquatic life. Glyphosate promotes monoculture, which reduces forest resilience, and also kills non-targeted species.
- Species such as moose, birds, snowshoe hares, and insects lose their food and shelter due to glyphosate spraying, and the ability to move away from spraying safely has not been adequately studied.
- Sprayed areas can look dead or scorched. The land use for recreation, tourism, and hunting/ gathering can be lost. Future growth of vegetation can be impeded, with an uncertain future for land use. Berries such as blueberries and raspberries are killed after being sprayed;
- Contamination of waterways including rivers, lakes and wetlands by winds carrying glyphosate and potential spills harming aquatic life and ecosystems;
- Contamination of drinking water sources with glyphosate, posing potential human health risks;

- Aerial glyphosate spraying can drift into nearby communities, roads, and waterways. Chronic exposure to glyphosate has suspected negative impact contributing to human health, including endocrine disruption and concerns that it is carcinogenic.

- The need for more comprehensive, long-term solutions that cannot be achieved through isolated municipal efforts;

AND WHEREAS, municipalities have a limited ability to address the issue of the aerial spraying of glyphosate, particularly on crown land, and require provincial leadership and regulation;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has a responsibility to protect the environment and public health, and must take action to reduce the harm caused by aerial spraying of glyphosate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Municipality of Moonbeam urges the Federal and Provincial Governments to take immediate action to end the aerial spraying of glyphosate.
2. The Municipality of Moonbeam calls for the province to form and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise on the best courses of action to protect the land, vegetation, wildlife, waterways, air and humans from the harmful effects of aerial spraying of glyphosate.
3. The Municipality of Moonbeam commits to working with the Province of Ontario and other municipalities to advocate for stronger provincial leadership on aerial spraying of glyphosate.
4. The Municipality of Moonbeam directs its staff to actively participate in any provincial initiatives or task forces related to the aerial spraying of glyphosate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following: the Honourable Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other relevant provincial and regional agencies.

July 21, 2025

Luc Léonard, Mayor

Brigitte Gravel, Clerk

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 5.4.2.
Resolution Number 2025-241
Title: Resolution of Support - Closure of Before and After School Programs
Date: October 15, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater, at its Regular Meeting of September 2, 2025, passed a Resolution urging the Province of Ontario to address the staffing shortages leading to the closure of before and after school programs;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St-Charles is experiencing a similar challenge, whereby financing for before and after school programming is provided through the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, but the managing organization has been unable to recruit sufficient staff to operate programs in our local school, despite the existence of a substantial waiting list of families requiring care;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of St-Charles recognizes the importance of before and after school programs in providing a trusted, safe, and consistent environment for children outside of regular school hours—support that many working parents and guardians rely upon to balance their employment and family responsibilities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of St-Charles hereby supports the Municipality of Bluewater's September 2, 2025 resolution regarding the closure of before and after school programs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education; John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming—Cochrane; and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

Good afternoon,

For your information and consideration please see the resolution below, passed at the Township of Assiginack's Council meeting on October 21, 2025.

Resolution Number **97-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Elliot **Seconded**
By Councillor Bowerman

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;
AND WHEREAS the Township of Assiginack recognizes the vital importance of maintaining a fire department that is adequately equipped, housed, and staffed with volunteer firefighters who are properly trained to respond to any emergency within our boundaries or neighboring communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Assiginack supports the implementation of the Mandatory Firefighter Certification, understanding that there will be additional expenditures for training and related costs.

FURTHER, Council respectfully requests that the legislation be amended to provide a two-year extension, from July 1, 2026, until July 1, 2028, for the certification requirements. and also requests that the current two-year period for full certification from the date of hire be removed to better accommodate the realities faced by volunteer firefighters.

AND FURTHER, this resolution be sent to the Solicitor General, the Premier of Ontario, the Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

Stasia Carr

Clerk

Township of Assiginack

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

October 29, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General
The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety
The Honourable Ruby Sahota, Secretary of State
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General

BY EMAIL ONLY

RE: Resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their October 23, 2025 Council meeting, and at the request of the Regional Municipality of Halton, passed the following resolution regarding Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities.

Whereas community safety is a top priority for all levels of government;

And whereas, Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the motion passed by the Regional Municipality of Halton, enclosed herewith;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Wasaga Beach:

1. Supports Halton Region's motion and the steps already taken by the federal government, including Bill C-48;
2. Urges the Government of Canada to move quickly on its promise to further strengthen bail and sentencing laws;
3. Calls on the Province of Ontario to invest more in the justice system, including:
 - a. Better bail enforcement and monitoring,
 - b. More resources for prosecutors and courts,
 - c. More judges and detention facilities;
4. Supports a coordinated national approach involving all levels of government to improve community safety and fix gaps in bail and sentencing;

And be it further resolved that the Town of Wasaga Beach supports these future reforms:

- Expanding reverse onus for repeat violent offenders,
- Stronger mandatory bail conditions (e.g., firearm bans, curfews, electronic monitoring),
- Limits on multiple bail releases for serious violent offenders,
- Better information-sharing between police, prosecutors, and correctional services,
- Making community and victim impact a key part of bail decisions;



TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

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mayor@wasagabeach.com

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

And further that the Town supports reviewing time limits and rules in the Criminal Code that could lead to serious cases being thrown out;

And that this motion be shared with:

- Federal and provincial government leaders and relevant ministers,
- Local MPs and MPPs,
- Police and justice associations,
- Municipal associations like AMO and FCM,
- Regional Municipality of Halton
- All municipalities within the Province of Ontario

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2225.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

/mps

cc: Federal and provincial government leaders and relevant ministers,
Local MPs and MPPs,
Police and justice associations,
Municipal associations like AMO and FCM,
Regional Municipality of Halton
All municipalities within the Province of Ontario



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Resolution # RC25170	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>L. K. Gots</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hayfield</i>

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced new regulations, effective January 1, 2025, requiring grocery stores with over 4,000 square feet of retail space to accept empty alcohol containers and return deposits as a condition of maintaining their liquor licenses; and

WHEREAS many large retailers have raised concerns about this obligation due to logistical challenges, including costs, space limitations, and insufficient infrastructure to manage high volumes of returned containers and local residents in Wawa are very upset that there will be no location in the community or area accepting empty alcohol containers; and

WHEREAS this change may negatively impact vulnerable populations, including low-income individuals who depend on bottle returns as a modest yet vital source of income and will increase the amount of waste being dumped at the municipal landfill; and

WHEREAS the ongoing privatization and deregulation of Ontario's previously effective bottle return program threaten to undermine decades of progress in sustainable waste management, environmental stewardship, and circular economy practices; and

WHEREAS the lack of a clear, accessible, and equitable alternative for recycling alcohol containers may place additional strain on municipal waste systems and contribute to increased environmental degradation;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the development of an accessible, province-wide, and publicly accountable alcohol container return system that:

1. Protects low-income earners and vulnerable residents who rely on bottle returns;
2. Closes gaps in the deposit-return cycle to reduce landfill waste and environmental harm;
3. Provides adequate infrastructure, training, and support to retailers participating in the return system;
4. Ensures strong, consistent enforcement and oversight of return program compliance;
5. Safeguards the public interest in recycling and waste diversion amid increasing privatization pressures;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the Government of Ontario to collaborate meaningfully with municipalities, retailers, environmental organizations, and experts to implement a fair, effective, and inclusive solution that ensures the long-term success of Ontario's deposit-return and recycling systems;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their support and consideration.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Resolution # RC25121	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>

WHEREAS The Beer Store has closed more than 70 of its store locations across the Province since the Ford Government made the decision to end its exclusivity agreement with The Beer Store and allowed other locations like convenience and grocery stores to sell beer, wine and mixed alcoholic drinks; and

WHEREAS many of the retail stores being closed are in small, northern communities such as Chapleau, Atikokan, Powassan and Blind River where The Beer Store is very important to the local community; and

WHEREAS the presence of The Beer Store in Northern Ontario communities and in Wawa, provides good paying jobs, convenient access to beer sales for tourists looking to purchase a variety of Canadian made beer products not carried in other locations and contributes to the local and provincial economy; and

WHEREAS The Beer Store closure in Wawa would lead to job losses in the community and negatively impact the local economy;

NOWHEREFORE Council of the Municipality of Wawa request that the Provincial Government take the steps necessary to preserve the presence of The Beer Store in small, rural and northern communities and that it request that The Beer Store reconsider its decision to close additional Beer Stores in Ontario, especially in small, northern communities.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy the Minister of Finance, Honourable Victor Fedeli the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Bill Rosenberg the M.P.P. Algoma-Manitoulin, FONOM, NOMA, and AMO.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

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October 17, 2025

The Beer Store
Corporate Office | 2258 Coleraine Drive
Bolton, ON L7E 3A9

Attention: Roy Benin

Dear Mr. Benin.

The closing of The Beer Store is the final nail in the coffin for those of us in the town of Wawa who are interested in our environment and recycling. I am not a consumer of alcohol, but since 1992, I have picked up the sad, abandoned packaging others have thrown out on the sides of our roads.

As a volunteer, I have cleaned our outdoors of trash by the truckloads and most of it was made up of beer and wine containers. Having a European background and knowing that even pop cans have a deposit of 10 cents on them there, it is with tears in my eyes that I see the loss of a place to turn in recyclables.

I fought the bureaucracy, wrote to companies and ministers about the abuse of our environment and the renewable resources until finally a deposit was established here in Ontario. The program encourages people to turn in their recyclables rather than putting them in the landfill and the pennies add up.

Here in the north, we live in an "untouched" wilderness and try to promote this for tourism, hunting, and fishing. Often, one of the first stops in town is The Beer Store. Why is this now closed when the nearest store is over 200 km away and there is now no place to accept the empties? Our grocery store had beer and wine when that program was first introduced, but has now cut back as they don't want to accept the recyclables. The one convenience store is also not set up for recyclables and doesn't carry the selection of products The Beer Store did.

So, while it is still possible to purchase a limited selection in our town, the loss of the recycling program affects us deeply. Many organizations, such as skating clubs, hockey teams, Boy Scouts/Girl Guides and even retirees profit from the deposit through bottle drives. These assist the community and keep our outdoors clean to benefit the environment as well. Cans and bottles do not disintegrate in the outdoors. To the contrary, broken glass hurts people and wildlife both. Why are we going backwards on this important recycling project? Why are we in the North forgotten.

We will be drowning in beer cans without a recycling program. What is the solution? Please find one as it is you and this government that have made these changes.

Sincerely,



Karin Grundt
Garbologist
P.O. Box 1430
Wawa, ON P0S 1K0



Date:

8 October 2025

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Moved By:

Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded By:

Councillor Alex Boughen

Whereas conservation authorities serve a critical function in safeguarding Ontario's natural heritage, overseeing watershed management, mitigating flood risks, and advancing climate resilience;

And whereas the Province of Ontario's recent mandate to freeze conservation authority fees has significantly hindered their capacity to deliver essential services;

And whereas Conservation Authorities are now expected to process an increasing volume of permit applications under a fee structure that remains frozen, despite rising costs of living and wage pressures, further compounding operational and fiscal challenges;

And whereas municipalities are increasingly compelled to absorb the resulting financial shortfalls, leading to unsustainable downloading of costs onto local taxpayers;

And whereas the intent behind the provincial fee freeze was to reduce development-related expenses and accelerate housing supply;

And whereas this policy has inadvertently shifted the financial burden from a user-pay cost recovery model to the municipal tax base, thereby straining local budgets and compromising the principle of fair and equitable funding;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming urges the Province of Ontario to reconsider the fee freeze mandate and to implement a funding framework that protects municipal taxpayers from cost recovery deficits, while supporting a sustainable and balanced approach to conservation authority financing.

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred

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Gary L. Atkinson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Netty McEwen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alex Boughen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Council Resolution

Date: October 29, 2025

Plympton-Wyoming Resolution-Conservation Fee Freeze

Resolution Number: 2025-310

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Latimer

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming-Conservation Reconsideration of the Fee Freeze Mandate and that a copy of this resolution as well as Plympton-Wyoming resolution be sent to the list of representatives provided by The Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

Result: Carried

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2025-310 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of Calvin Township
on the 28th day of October, 2025.

Donna Maitland
CAO/Clerk/Treasurer



Date: 8 October 2025 2

Moved By: Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded By: Councillor Alex Boughen

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October 30, 2025

Re: Rent Protection for Tenants

At its Council Meeting of October 28, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS this council understands that the need for affordable rental housing not only applies to new builds but also to the protection of existing affordable units.

WHEREAS the removal of rent control in 2018 on any new residential rental unit opened the door to excessive year over year rent increases and the resulting anxiety and mental anguish that come with unpredictable rental costs and loss of housing security.

WHEREAS the loss of rent control has caused a high number of people across Ontario to be forced out of their homes due to their inability to afford their rent increases.

AND WHEREAS without protection from excessive and malicious rent increases, many Cambridge renters will also be at risk of being priced out of their own homes.

WHEREAS unlimited rent increases can be used as a tool by landlords acting in bad faith to remove existing tenants in order to replace them with new tenants at increased rates.

WHEREAS providing housing stability, maintaining affordable housing stock, and protecting renters from unfair rent increases is of utmost importance to this council.

AND WHEREAS This council recognizes that landlords are essential to a flourishing and affordable housing system,

AND WHEREAS maintaining Ontario as a location that is attractive to landlords is of utmost importance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Cambridge City Council request the Province of Ontario provide adequate protection against excessive and malicious rent increases for all rental units occupied for residential purposes while maintaining the ability for landlords to operate a viable and sustainable business, and that the City Clerk for the City of Cambridge send a letter to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPP Jess Dixon, MPP Brian Riddell, and other municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Shaw
City Clerk

CC: (via email)
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
MPP Jess Dixon
MPP Brian Riddell
Ontario Municipalities

From: Regional.Clerk <regional.clerk@york.ca>

Sent: October 30, 2025 12:22 PM

Subject: Regional Council Decision - Town of Aurora Council Resolution - Elect Respect Campaign Support

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On October 23, 2025, Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council endorses the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:
 - a. Treating all individuals with respect in every setting; public, private, and digital;
 - b. Speaking out against harassment, intimidation, and personal attacks;
 - c. Keeping debate focused on ideas and public policy, not individuals;
 - d. Fostering an environment where people of all backgrounds feel safe and supported in seeking and holding public office;
 - e. Urging relevant authorities to ensure the safety and protection of elected officials facing threats or abuse;
 - f. Demonstrating leadership through integrity, accountability, and mutual respect among colleagues and constituents; and
2. Council encourages other municipalities, elected officials, organizations, and residents to support the Elect Respect initiative and sign the pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and
3. 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), local Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), York Regional Police and all Ontario municipalities.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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