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November 4, 2025

Mayor Campion & Members of Council
c/o Tara Stephens
Director of Legislative Services / City Clerk
City of Welland
60 East Main Street
Welland, ON L3B 3X4

Dear Mayor Campion and Members of Council:

RE: Inclusion of Clare Avenue Urbanization in 2026 Development Charges Review

We are writing on behalf of the Town of Pelham to formally request that the City of Welland include in its 2026 Development Charges Review its proportional share of the urbanization of a portion of Clare Avenue, as set out below.

The Northwest Welland Secondary Plan Area encompasses approximately 190 hectares of land planned to accommodate upwards of 4,378 residential units and 12,049 residents. The planned collector road within this area is designed to outlet onto Clare Avenue, including a portion that is owned and maintained by the Town of Pelham. Consequently, growth in the Northwest Welland Secondary Plan Area will place significant demands on Clare Avenue within Pelham. This makes coordinated planning and equitable funding of Clare Avenue's urbanization essential to both municipalities.

We understand that Welland plans to complete a comprehensive review of its development charges in 2026. The *Development Charges Act, 1997* authorizes a municipality to impose development charges with respect to services that are provided outside the municipality. As such, it is appropriate and reasonable for Welland's 2026 Development Charges By-law to impose development charges for urbanizing a portion of Clare Avenue, within Pelham, to reflect the need associated with development of the Northwest Welland Secondary Plan Area, with payment directed to the Town of Pelham to support the required works.

The Town of Pelham completed a development charges review in 2023/2024 and included the full cost of Clare Avenue urbanization in its Development Charges Background Study. However, given the direct relationship between development in the Northwest Welland Secondary Plan Area and the increased demands on Clare Avenue, it is necessary for Welland address its proportional share through its 2026 Development Charges Review.

We respectfully request Welland's cooperation in this matter and look forward to working together to ensure coordinated planning and cost-sharing for infrastructure that supports growth in both municipalities.

Sincerely,

Pamela Duesling

Pam Duesling, PhD, MCIP, RPP, Ec.D., CMMII
Director of Community Planning & Development
Town of Pelham


David Cribbs (Nov 5, 2025 07:45:39 EST)

David Cribbs, BA, MA, JD, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Pelham

Economic Development Brief

November 14, 2025

Statistics and Trends

Labour market conditions

Seasonally adjusted labour market conditions in Niagara did not improve across most indicators in October, with the exception of population growth. Ontario and Canada performed slightly better with positive population, labour market, and job growth.

Month-over-month data from September to August 2025 show the following:

- Population: Niagara grew by 0.1% (300 people), while Ontario grew by the same rate.
- Labour force: Niagara decreased by 0.4% (1,100 people), while Ontario increased by 0.1%.
- Employment: Niagara decreased by 0.4% (1,100 people), while Ontario increased by 0.2%.
- Unemployment rate: Niagara increased by 0.1% to 7.2%, while Ontario remained at 7.8%.
- Participation rate: Niagara decreased by 0.3% to 59.3%, while Ontario decreased by 0.1% to 64.8%.

Niagara's seasonally adjusted labour force indicators showed little improvement but did not decline as sharply as in previous months. Unadjusted figures, however, showed solid gains: employment rose 0.7% (1,600 people) and the unemployment rate fell to 6.5%. Seasonal adjustment removes expected seasonal fluctuations to reveal underlying trends. So, while employment grew in October, the increase was smaller than typical for that month based on past patterns.

Bank of Canada rules out recession but predicts slow growth with rate cut

On October 29, the Bank of Canada cut its policy interest rate by 0.25 percentage points to 2.5%, citing a softening labour market and ongoing trade uncertainty with the US, but indicated that a recession is not expected under current conditions. Although growth remains weak at around 1% in the second half of 2025, the economy is adjusting to new trade realities, and fiscal policy rather than monetary policy will need to lead targeted responses to tariff impacts.

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

2025 living wage rates released for Ontario regions

The Ontario Living Wage Network recently released 2025 living wages by region. A living wage represents the hourly rate a worker needs to earn to cover basic expenses and participate fully in their community. For 2025, the living wage for Niagara is \$21.40 per hour, compared with \$27.20 for the GTA; \$24.60 for Bruce, Grey, Huron, Perth, and Simcoe; \$23.40 for Ottawa; \$23.00 for Dufferin, Guelph, Wellington, and Waterloo; \$22.60 for Hamilton; and \$21.05 for London, Elgin, and Oxford. For more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

Economic Development Updates**Port Colborne Approves \$136 million infrastructure project to unlock industrial growth**

Port Colborne council has approved a \$136 million water and wastewater infrastructure project to service the city's east side, opening more than 400 hectares of industrial land, including the site of Asahi Kasei's lithium-ion battery separator plant that could create about 1,000 jobs. Funded largely through grants, regional support, and development charges, the project also includes a \$24.2 million canal crossing. The initiative, described as the city's largest ever jobs investment, will modernize aging infrastructure and establish new municipal enterprises to manage the systems while keeping project debt separate from the city's finances.

Welland completes purchase of employment lands to support job creation

The City of Welland has purchased two parcels of land at 432 and 476 Ridge Road totaling 58 acres, including 47.6 acres of developable land, to create its seventh business park. Strategically situated near Highway 140, Highway 406, Highway 58A, and existing employment lands, the site is expected to accommodate up to 18 lots and generate between 200 and 800 jobs. This acquisition expands Welland's inventory of employment lands, which are designated to attract a range of industries, including advanced manufacturing, technology, and green innovation, supporting the city's strategic goal of fostering economic growth through infrastructure investment and sustainable development.

Niagara College expands beverage innovation capacity with major Pilot Plant renovation

Niagara College has completed a major upgrade of its Beverage Pilot Plant at the Food and Beverage Innovation Centre, expanding capacity and adding industry standard equipment to help Canadian beverage companies develop, test, and scale new products safely and efficiently. The HACCP certified facility now supports small batch production from 50 to 1,000 L, including automated canning, pasteurization, carbonation, and shelf-life testing, bridging the gap many startups face before meeting co-manufacturer minimums. This renovation strengthens the college's role in applied research and commercialization, enabling faster product development, deeper collaboration with entrepreneurs, and hands-on learning opportunities for students.

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Major upgrades made to historic Niagara Falls train station

The Niagara Falls Bridge Street train station has been renovated with a modernized interior, improved amenities, and preserved heritage features, as part of a \$4.4 million project funded by federal and provincial governments. The upgrades, including enhanced waiting areas, digital transit displays, and dedicated spaces for GO Transit, Via Rail, and WEGO, aim to prepare the region for increased ridership and support future all-day, two-way, hourly GO train service.

Province increases GO Train trips to St. Catharines and Niagara Falls

Starting November 1, weekend GO Train service on the Lakeshore West line to Niagara Falls will increase, with eight trips, four each day, operating on both Saturday and Sunday. Beginning October 27, all Lakeshore West trips, weekdays and weekends, will stop at the new Confederation GO Station in Stoney Creek, including seven select trips extended to West Harbour GO Station. This expansion, part of the Niagara Extension Project, aims to improve commuting options for Niagara residents and enhance travel opportunities for visitors across the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Research helps robots navigate complex greenhouse environments

Brock University engineers, led by Shengrong Bu and Shahryar Rahnamayan, have developed an advanced obstacle detection system that enables robots to navigate the complex, narrow environments of greenhouses. In partnership with Kevares Autonomous Services, the team integrated data from depth cameras, RGB cameras, ultrasound, and LiDAR using a sensor fusion algorithm and AI models, allowing robots to detect and avoid obstacles in real time. The system supports a wide range of greenhouse tasks including planting, watering, harvesting, and monitoring plant health while enhancing productivity and crop quality. Supported by the Greenhouse Technology Network and FedDev Ontario, the project aims to increase efficiency and innovation in Niagara's greenhouse industry, which comprises 163 greenhouses spanning 21 million square feet and serves as a key driver of the region's agricultural economy.

Niagara District Airport 2025–2045 Master Plan released

The Niagara District Airport 2025–2045 Master Plan was released on October 28. It envisions transforming the airport from a modest general aviation facility into a modern regional gateway, enhancing connectivity for residents and visitors while generating over \$1 billion in economic output and serving millions of passengers. The plan outlines phased infrastructure investments, including runway extensions, a new terminal with security and customs facilities, apron expansions, and commercial development, while incorporating advanced technologies such as electric aircraft and vertiports, all guided by sustainable practices and effective governance. By strategically sequencing growth, leveraging Niagara's tourism potential, and fostering partnerships with airlines and government, the airport aims to become a catalyst for regional economic growth, improved travel options, and long-term community benefits. To view the plan, [CLICK HERE](#).

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St. Catharines launches new social media series: Behind the Business

InvestInSTC has launched Behind the Business, a monthly series that highlights local entrepreneurs. The first feature spotlights Maverick's Donut Company, where owners Kayvin and Giselle share their journey of taking a leap into entrepreneurship and building a business that brings joy, and donuts, to the community. The series will continue to showcase the vibrancy and creativity of St. Catharines' business community.

Niagara College Research & Innovation celebrates 370 projects for 166 partners

Niagara College Research & Innovation has released its 2024-25 edition of Research and Innovation by the Numbers. The report reveals that the department leveraged \$9,326,893 in funding from a variety of sources, working with 166 unique industry and community partners on a total of 370 projects and services. To view the report, [CLICK HERE](#).

Haj-Ahmad Family Foundation supports Niagara College with \$500,000 gift

The Haj-Ahmad Family Foundation is donating \$500,000 to Niagara College's Together campaign to support the new 75,000 SF Healthcare Education building at the Welland Campus, set to open in 2027. The facility will expand teaching, learning, and patient care spaces, accommodating an additional 800 students in high demand healthcare programs, including nursing, paramedicine, and pharmacy, while also funding scholarships and naming the new pharmacy lab in honor of the family. This transformative gift aims to strengthen Niagara's frontline care capacity and support the next generation of skilled healthcare professionals.

Government of Canada invests in expansion of Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum

The Government of Canada is investing \$2 million through the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund to expand and modernize the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum. The project, scheduled for completion in 2027, will improve accessibility, preservation conditions, and exhibition space, particularly for showcasing Indigenous and Black histories, and accommodate growing public and educational programming. Officials say the investment will strengthen community connections, celebrate local heritage, and create an inclusive, barrier free cultural space for all visitors.

Jill Croteau wins Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Award

Congratulations to Jill Croteau, Physician Recruitment Specialist with Niagara Region, recipient of the Excellence in the Public Sector Award at the 2025 Women in Business Awards. This award celebrates leadership within government and the broader public sector, recognizing women who drive positive change and enrich their communities. Jill is an outstanding example of dedication, integrity, and vision in public service.

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

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November 6, 2025

Via email: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Office of the Prime Minister
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Dear Hon. Mark Carney,

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

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their November 3, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

444-2025

Moved By: Ted Oke

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

That South Huron Council supports the October 21, 2025 Resolution of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding removing HST/GST from new homes to support housing affordability; and

That the supporting resolution and originating documentation 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, MP Lobb and MPP Thompson, AMO, and to 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: Minister of Finance and National Revenue, Hon. Francois-Philippe Champagne, minister-ministre@fin.gc.ca; Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Hon. Gregor Robertson, gregor.robertson@parl.gc.ca; Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford, doug.fordco@pc.ola.org; Ontario Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org; Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack, rob.flack@pc.ola.org; MP Lobb, ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca; MPP Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; and all Ontario Municipalities

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
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

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.

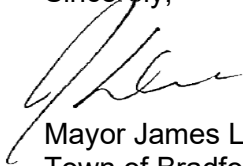
This measure would extend the relief already provided for purpose-built rental housing to families seeking to buy their first home. It represents a practical, immediate step toward improving affordability and supporting new housing supply.

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.

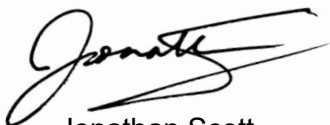
Bradford West Gwillimbury is one of Ontario's fastest-growing municipalities, investing heavily in growth-related infrastructure while working to keep housing within reach. We urge both levels of government to work together on this change as part of a broader strategy to make homeownership attainable 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)

All Ontario Municipalities

Hon. Gregor Robertson PC MP

Hon. Rob Flack MPP

Scot Davidson MP

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

November 7, 2025

The Honorable Todd McCarthy, MPP
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**

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan at its meeting on November 3, 2025, passed the following resolution:

R329-2025

Moved by Deputy-Mayor Bonnie Clark
Seconded by Councillor Terry Holmes

That Council hereby supports Resolution #191-25 from the Town of Whitby regarding extended producer responsibility for blue box recycling collection and impacts to small businesses located in mixed-use properties; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Municipalities, Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA), the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC), and the County of Peterborough for support.

CARRIED

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Yours truly,

Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

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Elizabeth Roy
Mayor

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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:

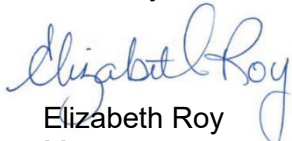
1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby requests that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks amend Blue Box Regulation 391/21 to require Producers to provide blue box collection services to businesses located in mixed-use properties;

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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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Resolution # RC25180	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

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

AND THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Premier Doug Ford, relevant MPs and MPPs, FONOM and NOMA, Superior East Mayor's Group and posted on the municipal website.

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)		Melanie Pilon		
<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



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Resolution # RC25177	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>A. Wopato</i>

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; and

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; and

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 Wawa renters will also be at risk of being priced out of their own homes; and

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; and

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

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

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

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa 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 Clerk for the Municipality of Wawa send a letter to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPP Bill Rosenberg, MP Terry Sheehan, and other municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement 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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Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

Please note at their meeting on November 5, 2025, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 203-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

Whereas the Province of Ontario designated producers to be responsible to collect recycling in the Province; and

Whereas nonprofit organizations, including our local food banks, have been deemed ineligible for producer blue box collection effective January 1 2026; and

Whereas food insecurity is a local, provincial and federal issue; and

Whereas food banks need to receive grocery items that are delivered in cardboard boxes and cartons which generate copious amounts of recyclable material; and

Whereas food banks are volunteer and donation based with no revenue collected to pay for services such as removal of recyclable materials;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the County of Peterborough strongly urges the Province to re-instate the eligibility for curbside blue box collection January 1 2026, for nonprofit organizations, such as food banks; and

That this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Dave Smith, MPP Laurie Scott, MPP David Piccini, the City of Peterborough, EOWC, AMO, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Thanks!

Holly Salisko

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Regular Council November 3, 2025 203 -2025

Moved by: T. Young


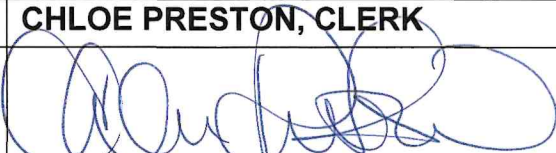
Seconded by: Burton

THAT Council support the Edwardsburgh
Cardinal resolution regarding Ontario
Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF);

AND THAT Council direct staff to
circulate their support to all recipients
of the
original resolution

and
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REQUESTED BY:		
RECORDED VOTE		
	YES	NO
Councillor Leanne Burton		
Councillor Mary Campbell		
Councillor Justin Kirkby		
Councillor Lee McConnell		
Mayor Gauri Shankar		
Councillor Ray Young		
Councillor Tracey Young		

GAURI SHANKAR, MAYOR	CHLOE PRESTON, CLERK
	

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Charette'.

Natalie Charette
Interim Clerk
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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:

- ☐ Louanne Caza
☐ Elaine Fic
☒ Annie Keft
☒ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

- ☒ Louanne Caza
☐ Elaine Fic
☐ Annie Keft
☐ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 317/2025

DATE: November 12, 2025

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 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 Township of McGarry respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honorable 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 requested by _____

I declare this motion

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
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Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *

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:

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

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

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

RESOLUTION # 321/2025

DATE: November 12, 2025

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 homes; 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 \$900,000.00 home in Bradford before any existing rebates;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of McGarry 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,

Recorded vote requested by _____

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<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.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price

DATE: 22-Sep-25

SECONDED BY: Kiewning

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 Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
Council	Yes	No		
Councillor C. Kiewning				
Councillor B. Latham				
Councillor M. MacKinnon				
Councillor R. Noel				
Councillor M. Price			Disposition of Resolution (Check One)	
Councillor B. Tardiff				
Mayor J. Harrison				
TOTALS			Carried X	Defeated

MAYOR: Harrison



FORTFRANCES

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

ORAL MOTION

*Moved by Steven Maki, Seconded by Kaleb Firth,
Motion Carried by Council.*

THAT Council support and endorse the City of Dryden Resolution No. 14 urging 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.