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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Welland City Council

**FROM:** Taylor Meadows, CPT, BURPI., RPP, MCIP  
Manager of Development Planning

**DATE:** November 20, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Response to Town of Pelham Memorandum RE: Inclusion of Clare Avenue  
Urbanization in 2026 Development Charges Review (dated November 4, 2025)

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The City's current Development Charge By-law No. 2022-163 will expire on August 18, 2027. The By-law will be updated through the preparation of a new Background Development Charge Study prior to the lapsing date. As part of the forthcoming study, a comprehensive review of applicable projects will be undertaken; including the request from Town of Pelham. The recovery of capital costs of development driven service expansions is governed by the Development Charges Act (1997) (DCA) and Ontario Regulation 82/98 (O.Reg. 82/98). The calculation and implementation of development charges (DC); including the requirement for municipalities to prepare Development Charge Background Studies and pass by-laws setting out the DC to be collected from developers are prescribed by the DCA and O.Reg. 82/98.

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Taylor Meadows,  
Manager of Development Planning

| PENDING MOTION REFERRAL/DEFERRAL SUMMARY<br>AS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2025 |  |                                |  |   |  |
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| CLERKS<br>REF.<br>NO.  | DIVISION<br>RESPONSIBLE<br>FOR ITEM                          | DATE<br>APPROVED BY<br>COUNCIL | SUBJECT/ACTION   | STATUS OF THE<br>ITEM   | COMMENTS/<br>COMPLETION<br>INFORMATION |
| 02-85<br>16-26   | Infrastructure<br>Services                                   | July 19, 2016                  | Draft Sidewalk Policy that focuses on the creation of new sidewalks and the improvement and maintenance of existing sidewalks.   | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> Quarter 4, 2024   |  |
|  |  |                                |  |   |  |
| 99-99  | Community<br>Services  | May 3, 2016                    | Report regarding potential alternatives to expand the use of waterway by the general public. Defers Report R&C-2017-08: Public Consultation Process - 'Go Quiet By-law' & Alternative Uses of the Waterway to the General Committee meeting on September 26, 2017.                                     | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> R&C-2017-06 - October 4, 2017 was received for information. |  |
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| 17-2   | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services<br>Traffic & By-laws   | September 19,<br>2017          | Refers back to staff for report regarding Section 8 Schedule 3 Food Vehicle, Section 7 Schedule 2 Food Premises and Exemption Section 10 Schedule 4 Hawker and Peddler from By-law 2011-173. Went to the May 15th Council Meeting to be deferred to staff for a report to a General Committee meeting. | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> Report coming back July 2024.                               |  |
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| 09-152<br>18-2   | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services and<br>Fire Department | June 5, 2018                   | Report on an education strategy to the public, tenants and landlords regarding rental housing.   | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> Fire and Planning to provide an update report in 2024.      |  |

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| 19-28                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | March 5, 2019                  | Request for a Community Teaching Garden to staff for study and review.   | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> To be brought to the Green Advisory Committee for consideration in 2024.   |  |
|                       |                                       |                                |  |  |  |
| 19-88                 | CAO                                   | July 9, 2019                   | Create a "Downtown Vacancy Mitigation Action Plan" between the City, Business, Community and applicable stakeholders that addresses vacancy rates in our downtown areas. | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> To be included in the upcoming Downtown Revitalization Strategy 2024 work. |  |
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| 17-19                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | September 17,<br>2019          | Staff to consult with public, agencies and other stakeholders regarding tree preservation.   | <b>Status:</b> Staff in process of drafting the guidelines.<br><br><b>To Complete:</b>           |  |
|                       |                                       |                                |  |  |  |
| 19-103                | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | September 17,<br>2019          | Report on possible enhancements to the public notification process for Committee of Adjustment hearings. Went to the October 1, 2019 Council meeting requesting that subsequent report be provided outlining costs for the two options provided. | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter in 2024            |  |
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| 08-48                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | February 18, 2020              | Refers back to staff a report regarding an Occupancy Standards By-law.   | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024.              |  |
|                       |                                       |                                |  |  |  |
| 19-94                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | February 18, 2020              | Refers back to staff matter regarding the petition from residents from 155 Gadsby Avenue, there be no change to the zoning, which is currently zoned as open space, in order to protect wild life.   | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> Ontario Land Tribunal matter at this time. |  |
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| 20-77                 | Infrastructure<br>Services            | June 16, 2020                  | WHEREAS due to the recent pandemic the City of Welland is not able to provide services that they normally would perform do to the safety of its employees; and further<br>WHEREAS if residents did in fact require a service that is normally provided by the City, in this case being a sewer related service and had to act immediately and contact an outside contractor and in resolving the issue a fee was paid.<br>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to create a report to reimburse part or all of the fee paid by the owner (with guidelines similar to the rodent control program to be adhered to) and the amount be capped and for a certain period to time. | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b>   |  |
|                       |                                       |                                |   |   |  |
| 20-106                | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | October 6, 2020                | Signed petition from the residents of Caithness Drive regarding turning an established residential area from a single family homes to duplexes and refers this petition to Planning staff for review.   | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> Will be considered as part of update to City's Official Plan in 2024.                                       |  |
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| 20-19                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | October 20, 2020               | Refers to staff for report the notice of motion regarding 113 Michael Drive, redesignates this area as Open Space and proceed with an RFP to have a park with playground equipment be installed at this location.   | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> Approval for Park Development and will be amended to Open Space in the updated to the City's Official Plan. |  |
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| 20-82                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services       | March 2, 2021                  | Report regarding a Municipal Comprehensive Review, under section 4.3.3.1 of the Official Plan, for the property outlined in Report P&B-2021-08 for an Employment Land conversion from Gateway Economic Centre to Agriculture.   | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> To be considered as part of the update to the Official Plan in 2024.  |  |
| 21-58                 | CAO & Planning<br>& Development<br>Services | March 2, 2021                  | Report regarding Brownfield Employment Lands that are non-employment producing within the city limits.  | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> Will be included in 2024 update to the Brownfield CIP.  |  |
| 21-59                 | CAO & Economic<br>Development               | March 2, 2021                  | Report on a strategy to aggressively pursue the acquisition of seaway lands from the Federal government, to discuss with them an accelerated process to declare such lands surplus and enter into discussions for the acquisition of identified properties and review options for "lease to own" such lands until such time as they become available. Staff identify Seaway lands of interest and develop servicing plans and other strategies as may be required and further staff identify other lands within and/or adjacent to employment lands identified in Welland's official plan that would be strategic acquisitions for the purpose of industrial/employment use and see if owners are interested in selling those lands to the municipality. If they are not interested the city would not pursue expropriation. In relation to all of the above staff would prepare strategies and associated costs to service lands so that they would be "shovel ready". | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> Update report to come in 2024 through Economic Development. Went to the September 16, 2025 General Committee Meeting. |  |
| 06-156                | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services       | April 20, 2021                 | Report as part of the Official Plan Review detailing what Urban Farming initiatives Council should consider accommodating.  | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b>   |  |



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| 21-92                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | July 6, 2021                   | Report regarding petition by residents of Seaway<br>Pointe Condominium at 330 Prince Charles Drive<br>regarding parking space for the Evertrust<br>Development at 350 Prince Charles Drives.  | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b><br>Applications were<br>approved and building is<br>currently under<br>construction. |  |
| 07-144                | Economic<br>Development               | January 31, 2023               | Dissolution of the Welland Development<br>Commission (WDC) referred back to staff for further<br>information.   | <b>Status:</b> In process.<br><b>To Complete:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter<br>of 2024.  |  |
| 05-50                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | March 7 & 28,<br>2023          | Refers back to staff regarding changes to the<br>Municipal Heritage Register from the Town of<br>Grimsby and Report P&B-2023-06.  | <b>Status:</b> In process<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Quarter 2024.  |  |
| 02-160                | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | March 27, 2023                 | Staff report re: having Council representation or<br>staff on the Committee of Adjustment, Grants and<br>Programs and Property Standards Committee.   | <b>Status:</b> In process<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Quarter 2024.  |  |
| 22-152                | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | March 27, 2023                 | Develop content for residents, simplifying and<br>explain the process to provide a better<br>understanding for interested parties, and to freely<br>provide these resources to members of the public<br>by posing online on the City website. | <b>Status:</b> In Progress<br><br><b>To Complete:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Quarter 2024.   |  |

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| 23-22                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services<br>Traffic and<br>By-laws Division | May 16, 2023                   | Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-15: Cash In Lieu of parking Policy. Went to the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting to consult with the development community and public with regards to the proposed Cash-In-Lieu Parking By-law with a final By-law for consideration.                                 | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><b>To Complete:</b>   |  |
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| 21-79                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services                                    | June 6, 2023                   | Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-22 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 368 Aqueduct Street and 155 Gadsby Avenue.  | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><b>To Complete:</b> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council.                            |  |
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| 22-137                | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services                                    | June 6, 2023                   | Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-20 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 50 Bruce Street.  | <b>Status:</b> In progress<br><b>To Complete:</b> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council. Went to CW on April 23/24. |  |
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| 02-160                | CAO  | September 5, 2023              | Refers back to staff notice of motion re: shall be notified in camera if any entity including but not limited to committees, commissions, agencies or boards that the city funds, or approves members or places members of council on, if this entity experiences any litigation involving its members. | <b>Status:</b><br><b>To Complete:</b>   |  |
|                       |  |                                |   |   |  |
| 02-160                | Clerks Division  | September 19, 2023             | Refers back to staff Report CLK-2023-19: Amendment to Hybrid Model – Meeting of Council.  | <b>Status:</b> In progress.<br><b>To Complete:</b>  |  |

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| 23-28    | Community Services              | December 19, 2023   | Presentation re: Crimestoppers Program and refers matter to staff for report.   | <u>Status:</u><br><u>To Complete:</u> |                                  |
|          |                                 |                     |   |                                       |                                  |
| 99-99    | Community Services              | January 9, 2024     | Prepare a report in regards to creating and allowing family caping along the west side of the former Welland Canal.   | <u>Status:</u><br><u>To Complete:</u> |                                  |
|          |                                 |                     |   |                                       |                                  |
| 23-22    | Infrastructure Services         | January 9, 2024     | Report that would address parking at Chippawa Park from the pavilion on First Avenue north to Laughlin Avenue on the park property which is currently grass/open space similar to Bugar Park. | <u>Status:</u><br><u>To Complete:</u> |                                  |
|          |                                 |                     |   |                                       |                                  |
| 24-36    | Planning & Development Services | March 19, 2024      | Petition from residents of the City of Welland opposing the planning application for the zoning at 44 Heron Street.   | <u>Status:</u><br><u>To Complete:</u> |                                  |
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| 24-22                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services<br>Traffic and<br>By-laws Division | April 23, 2024                 | Report to consider amending the City's Zoning By-law 2017-117 to include a requirement for visitor parking, as well as reviewing the parking requirements spaces per dwelling units in the surrounding municipalities. | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
|                       |  |                                |  |   |  |
| 24-22                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services<br>Traffic and<br>By-laws Division | May 14, 2024                   | Directs staff to create a report on increasing the maximum yearly eligible amount per resident under the Roden Rebate program.   | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
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| 24-22                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services<br>Traffic and<br>By-laws Division | July 9, 2024                   | Refers back to staff Report TRAF-2024-07: Update to Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 for investigation of removing the bicycle lanes and having parking only on one side.   | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
|                       |  |                                |   | -   |  |
| 02-160                | Clerk's Division   | August 13, 2024                | Code of conduct for members of Council Section 4.1 – Staff report back to Council on the working of this section in regards to its contradictory nature and how it would apply to freedom of expression and communicating individual councillors political positions to constituents. | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete</u>  |  |
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| 24-26                 | Infrastructure<br>Services   | September 3,<br>2024           | Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to have sidewalks installed on South Pelham Road between Foss and Thorold Roads.  | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
|                       |  |                                |   |   |  |
| 24-78                 | Infrastructure<br>Services   | September 3,<br>2024           | Refer to staff petition from residents of Coyle Creek Park opposing implementing the buffer zone around the perimeter of the pond.  | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
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| 24-78                 | Infrastructure<br>Services          | September 3,<br>2024           | Staff to provide a comprehensive report regarding the storm management pond at Coyle Creek. Report detail the city's responsibility and history to the maintenance of the surrounding park like setting over the past 10 years. | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
|                       |                                     |                                |   | -   |  |
| 24-26                 | Infrastructure<br>Services          | September 10,<br>2024          | Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to discuss road upgrades on South Pelham between Webber Street and Thorold Road..   | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
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| 21-30                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services                          | November 26,<br>2024           | Refers back to staff the notice of motion regarding increases in the number of encampments near public, private and business properties. | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
|                       |  |                                |  |   |  |
| 21-30                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services                          | December 10,<br>2024           | Refers Report PB-2024-30: 184 Denistoun Street – Proposed Niagara Regional Housing Project back to staff.                                | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
|                       |  |                                |  |   |  |
| 24-22                 | Planning & Dev.<br>Services<br>Traffic and<br>By-laws Division | December 17,<br>2024           | Prepare a report for a signalized school crossing on First Avenue for Quaker Road School. Report to include costs and location.          | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
|                       |  |                                |  |   |  |
| 25-47                 | Infrastructure<br>Services                                     | February 4, 2025               | Refers Report ENG-2025-06: Humberstone Landfill Host Municipality Compensation Agreement back to staff.                                  | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
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| 02-160                | Clerk's Division   | March 4, 2025                  | Notice of Motion from Councillor Lee re: staff report back on the estimated annual savings associated with this transition, including reductions in paper, printing and delivery costs. | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u>          |  |
|                       |  |                                |   |  |  |
| 25-22                 | Planning & Dev.<br>Services<br>Traffic and<br>By-laws Division | March 18, 2025                 | Staff to prepare a recommendation on whether the city would benefit from the creation of a Welland School Traffic Safety Action Committee.  | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u>          |  |
|                       |  |                                |   |  |  |
| 25-68                 | Infrastructure<br>Services                                     | April 8, 2025                  | Staff report on a Pavement Rejuvenation Program for budget years 2025 and 2026 with no impact to the tax levy.  | <u>Status:</u> Complete<br><br><u>To Complete:</u> | FIN-2025-15<br>September 16, 2025      |
|                       |  |                                |   |  |  |
| 25-73                 | Infrastructure<br>Services                                     | April 22, 2025                 | Staff to prepare a report regarding the Niagara Regional Police Services regarding updates and opportunities and staff to report back with further information and recommendations.     | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u>          |  |
|                       |  |                                |   |  |  |
| 25-22                 | Planning & Dev.<br>Services<br>Traffic and<br>By-laws Division | July 22, 2025                  | Report on parking control on Gram Avenue to include but not limited to 2 hour parking along the park, resident parking permits .  | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u>          |  |
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| 25-22                 | Planning &<br>Development<br>Services | July 22, 2025                  | Report on the feasibility finishing the missing section of fence along 695 Niagara Street.  | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u>          |  |
|                       |                                       |                                |   |  |  |
| 25-22                 | Infrastructure<br>Services            | July 22, 2025                  | Report to install a stop sign on Daimler Parkway and Magnolia Lane.   | <u>Status:</u> Complete<br><br><u>To Complete:</u> | ENG-2025-22<br>September 23, 2025      |
|                       |                                       |                                |   |  |  |
| 25-22                 | Infrastructure<br>Services            | July 22, 2025                  | Report on the suitability of establishing a Community Safety Zone along Rive Road between Downs Drive and Evan Street.  | <u>Status:</u> Complete<br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
|                       |                                       |                                |   |  |  |
| 02-85                 | Clerk's Division                      | August 12, 2025                | Refers the Terms of Reference for the Welland Accessibility Advisory Committee.   | <u>Status:</u> Complete<br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
|                       |                                       |                                |   |  |  |
| 25-22                 | Infrastructure<br>Services            | August 12, 2025                | Report on the suitability of establishing a Community Safety Zone on Plymouth Road from the train tracks north to Lincoln Street since it has two senior homes, a park, two day cares and a school located there.     | <u>Status:</u> Complete<br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
|                       |                                       |                                |   |  |  |
| 25-22                 | Infrastructure<br>Services            | August 12, 2025                | Report on the suitability of establishing a Community Safety Zone on Gaiser Road, specifically but not limited to Gaiser Road and Julia Drive, and Gaiser Road between South Pelham and Clare Avenue/Creekside Drive. | <u>Status:</u> Complete<br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
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| 25-22                 | Infrastructure<br>Services          | September 2,<br>2025           | Staff complete a review on Community Safety Zones that may meet the criteria city wide to include schools, day cares, senior homes, parks and possibly arena.   | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u>          | ENG-2025-30<br>October 14, 2025        |
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| 25-108                | Finance Division                    | September 2 & 23<br>2025       | Refers Report FIN-2025-20: South Niagara Hospital Contribution back to staff. Went to the Sept. 23 council meeting to be referred back to staff.  | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u>          |  |
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| 25-15                 | Fire Division                       | September 16,<br>2025          | Report for the naming of Fire Staton #3 to be in Honour of Captain Craig Bowman.  | <u>Status:</u> Complete<br><br><u>To Complete:</u> | FES-2025-04<br>September 23, 2025      |
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| 05-51                 | Finance Division                    | September 23,<br>2025          | Defers Report FIN-2025-23, Purchasing Policy Revision, for consideration at a meeting to be scheduled after the end of October 2025.  | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u>          |  |
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| 23-122                | Clerks Division                     | September 23,<br>2025          | Directs staff to review AMO's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan and prepare a report for Council with recommendations on actions the City of Welland could take as an organization to further advance reconciliation locally. | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u>          |  |

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| 25-45                 | Finance Division                          | September 23,<br>2025          | Council directs staff to:<br>1. Review the current Claim Form and related procedures applicable when property is damaged due to City construction activities; and<br>2. Identify opportunities to make the process more accessible and less burdensome for residents, including consideration of timelines, documentation requirements, and potential costs to claimants; and further<br>3. Report back to Council with a recommended revised form and procedure for consideration. | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
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| 25-111                | Infrastructure<br>Services                | September 23,<br>2025          | Staff to prepare a report on improved / brighter lighting on Quaker Road from Niagara to the east limit. Staff present temporary sidewalk solutions and any other feasible safety measures. This report to include options for brighter light fixtures and that the report be presented to council by November 18, 2025.  | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
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| 99-99                 | Community<br>Services                     | October 14, 2025               | Prepare a report and presentation for the six 2025 concerts on the canal series and to include all expenses on a spreadsheet prior to the 2026 budget as well as to include all sponsorship monies collected and surveys that were collected from the attendees.  | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |
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| 21-30                 | Clerks Division/<br>Community<br>Services | October 14, 2025               | Staff to follow up with the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre and the Ontario Solicitor General, Michael Kerzner on how they plan to respond to the state of emergency; and THAT Welland City Council ask the Ontario Ministry of Health to fund and establish in partnership with Niagara Health, more addiction treatment beds in the City of Welland.   | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u> |  |

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| 25-29                 | Clerks Division                        | October 14, 2025               | Refers back to staff Report CLK-2025-09: 2026 Council Meeting Schedule to consider an additional council meeting each month in 2026 prior to the municipal election. | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u>          |  |
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| 21-30                 | Clerks Division                        | October 28, 2025               | Refers back to staff (for consultation and how best to move this forward) re: Public Sex Offender Registries. General Committee Meeting                              | <u>Status:</u> Complete<br><br><u>To Complete:</u> | Letter from City Clerk<br>November 4, 2025 |
|                       |  |                                |  |  |  |
| 24-78                 | Infrastructure<br>Services<br>Engineer | November 4,<br>2025            | Report regarding fencing exemptions and fencing options around Coyle Creek Pond.   | <u>Status:</u><br><br><u>To Complete:</u>          |  |
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October 28, 2025

Minister Paul Calandra  
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**Sent via email:** [minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Calandra:

**Re: Water Safety Resolution**

Please be advised that the City Council of Niagara Falls at its meeting of October 28, 2025, passed the following resolution pertaining to a water safety resolution.

**THAT Council of the City of Niagara Falls urge 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,**

**THAT a copy of the attached 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.**

Attached, please find a copy of the City of Niagara Falls' resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Matson  
City Clerk

cc.

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Local Area Municipalities



## The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario

### Resolution

October 28, 2025

#### No. 20 – Motion – Water Safety Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Lori Lococo

Seconded by: Councillor Ruth-Ann Nieuwesteeg

### Motion

## THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

**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;

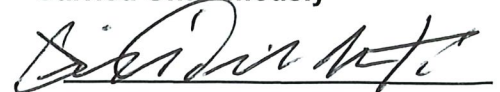
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** THAT the Council of The City of Niagara Falls respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

**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.

AND The Seal of the Corporation to hereto affixed.

  
MARGARET CORBETT  
DEPUTY CLERK

Carried Unanimously

  
JAMES M. DIODATI  
MAYOR



## Legal and Legislative Services

November 18, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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Honourable and Dear Sir,

**Re: City of Brampton – Provincial Decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of November 17, 2025 received and supported the resolution from the City of Brampton dated October 17, 2025 regarding the Province's decision to abruptly cancel Automated Speed Enforcement.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Brampton correspondence dated October 17, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Todd,  
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk

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Encl.

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October 17, 2025

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**Re: Provincial Decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)**

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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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## 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.

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.



**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](#).

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.

**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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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.

# 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

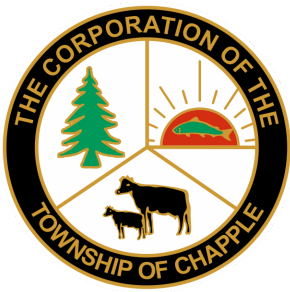
Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

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<br>CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT<br>Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained<br>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<br>(Check One)  |                 |
| Councillor B. Tardiff   |     |    |   |                 |
| Mayor J. Harrison       |     |    |   |                 |
|                         |     |    |   |                 |
| <b>TOTALS</b>           |     |    | <b>Carried X</b>  | <b>Defeated</b> |

**MAYOR:** Harrison



# The Corporation of the Township of Chapple

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November 12, 2025

Sent via email: [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
800 – 155 University Avenue  
Toronto, ON M5H 3B7

## **RE: Elect Respect Pledge**

Please be advised that at its Regular meeting on November 12, 2025, Council of the Township of Chapple passed the following resolution:

**RES-173-2025**

**Moved by: Vaughan Wilson**

**Seconded by: Trish Neilson**

Be it resolved that the correspondence from the Township of Southgate regarding the Elect Respect pledge; be received and supported as outlined below:

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 and municipal staff are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment; and

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

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

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

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

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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Chapple supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

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

Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Chapple Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at [www.electrespect.ca](http://www.electrespect.ca); and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, MP Doug Shipley and MPP Hon. Doug Downey, the Ontario Provincial Police, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Cindy Nielson  
CAO Clerk-Treasurer  
Township of Chapple

November 12, 2025

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

via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Curbside Recycling Eligibility for Non-Profit Organizations**

At its regular meeting held on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2025 – 223 – Curbside Recycling – Non Profits**

Mayor Sherry Senis – Councillor Brian Henry –

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

Whereas non-profit organizations, including our local food banks, have been deemed ineligible for producer blue box collection effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Township of Selwyn strongly urge the Province to re-instate the eligibility for curbside blue box collection as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, for non-profit 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, County and City of Peterborough, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and Ontario Municipalities for support.

Carried.

Under the Province's producer-responsibility framework, food banks and similar non-profit organizations have been deemed ineligible for curbside blue box collection effective January 1, 2026. This change will place an unreasonable burden on these essential community services that rely entirely on volunteers and donations.

Food banks play a critical role in addressing food insecurity — an issue of local, provincial, and national importance. These organizations receive large quantities of grocery items packaged in cardboard and other recyclable materials, yet they have no sustainable means to manage the associated recycling costs once municipal collection ends.

The Township of Selwyn strongly urges the Province of Ontario to reinstate eligibility for curbside blue box collection for non-profit organizations, such as food banks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Megin Hunter  
Office Assistant/ Receptionist  
Township of Selwyn

Cc: Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks  
MPP Dave Smith  
City of Peterborough  
Peterborough County  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
Ontario Municipalities

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Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Aaron Watt  
Deputy Clerk  
Tay Valley Township  
217 Harper Road  
Perth, Ontario  
K7H 3C6

SENT VIA EMAIL: [deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca](mailto:deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca)

RE: Endorsement of Tay Valley Township's Resolution – Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario

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Dear A. Watt,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, November 10, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Thompson  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel  
That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from Tay Valley Township,  
regarding Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or [afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,



Amanda Banting

Deputy Clerk  
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Cc: Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party, [mstiles-qp@ndp.on.ca](mailto:mstiles-qp@ndp.on.ca)  
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Enclosed:      Resolution – Municipality of Tweed – Collaboration Action Sustainable Waste  
Management in Ontario



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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca)

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

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

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Jessie Labonte  
Administrative Assistant  
Municipality of Wawa  
P.O. Box 500, 40 Broadway Ave.  
Wawa, Ontario  
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SENT VIA EMAIL: [jlabonte@wawa.cc](mailto:jlabonte@wawa.cc)

RE: Endorsement of the Municipality of Wawa's Resolution – Accessible and Effective Alcohol Container Return System in Ontario

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Dear J. Labonte,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, November 10, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding the Accessible and Effective Alcohol Container Return System in Ontario

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or [afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,



Amanda Banting

Deputy Clerk

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Enclosed: Municipality of Wawa's Resolution – Accessible and Effective Alcohol Container Return System in Ontario

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Cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, [todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org](mailto:todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), [fonom.infor@gmail.com](mailto:fonom.infor@gmail.com)  
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

|                                |                                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Resolution # RC25170           | Meeting Order: 8                   |
| Moved by:<br><i>L. K. Gots</i> | Seconded by:<br><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      |     |    |
| <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 |
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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:<br><i>Cathy Cannon</i> | Seconded by:<br><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     | YES | NO |
|--|-------------------|-----|----|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED          | MAYOR AND COUNCIL |     |    |
| <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 |
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| <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

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Amanda McNeil  
Legislative Coordinator  
Town of East Gwillimbury  
19000 Leslie Street  
Sharon, Ontario  
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SENT VIA EMAIL: [amcneil@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:amcneil@eastgwillimbury.ca)

RE: Endorsement of East Gwillimbury's Resolution – Opposition to Protect Ontario by  
Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

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Dear A. McNeil,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, November 10, 2025, Goderich  
Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Thompson  
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly  
That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from East Gwillimbury regarding  
the Opposition to Protect by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or  
[afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,



Amanda Banting

Deputy Clerk  
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Enclosed: Town of East Gwillimbury Resolution Regarding EG's Opposition to the Protect  
Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

Cc: The Honourable Rob Ford, Premier of Ontario, [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,  
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The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,  
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The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs, President of the  
Treasury Board, and MPP for York–Simcoe, [caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org](mailto:caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org)  
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October 28, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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*



*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  
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United Counties of  
**Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry**

**RESOLUTION**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Densham

**RESOLUTION NO 2025- 159**

**SECONDED BY**

**DATE** November 17, 2025

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses;

AND WHEREAS the municipalities within Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG) established South Nation Conservation (SNC) in 1947 and the Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA) in 1963;

AND WHEREAS local municipalities currently provide between 25% and 50% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 3%;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of acres of land, much of which was donated by local residents and entrusted to conservation authorities as a personal legacy for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined;

AND WHEREAS the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local

representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

AND FURTHER THAT while the United Counties of SDG supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down agency structure without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs;


AND FURTHER THAT the United Counties of SDG supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities to determine the most effective level of strategic consolidation to achieve both provincial and local objectives.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks, to the local MP and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and all municipalities and Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

☒ CARRIED

☐ DEFEATED

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Recorded Vote:

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| Councillor Bergeron   | _____ |
| Councillor Broad      | _____ |
| Councillor Densham    | _____ |
| Councillor Fraser     | _____ |
| Councillor Guindon    | _____ |
| Councillor Landry     | _____ |
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| Councillor McGillis   | _____ |
| Councillor St. Pierre | _____ |
| Councillor Williams   | _____ |
| Warden Lang           | _____ |



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The Honorable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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**Sent by E-Mail**

November 19, 2025

**Re: Solve the Crisis and Winter Homelessness Program Support**

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on November 17, 2025:

Whereas, we are approaching the cold winter months and the number of people experiencing homelessness in Ajax and Durham Region continues to rise drastically, with more than 1,000 people on Durham Region's by-name list as of August, including specifically 200 people in Ajax seeking support to change their housing status<sup>1</sup>; and

Whereas, in September 2024, Ajax Council passed a motion to support Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) [SolveTheCrisis.ca](http://SolveTheCrisis.ca)<sup>2</sup> campaign requesting that the provincial and federal governments take immediate action to solve the homelessness and mental health crisis gripping our communities; and

Whereas, while the provincial government has provided support for new programs such as Homeless and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hubs (HART Hubs), it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions; and

Whereas, according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, municipalities are providing [51.5% of the total reported homelessness program funding across all three levels of government](#), making a significant financial impact on municipal budgets<sup>3</sup>; and

Whereas, OBCM recently passed a motion at their October Meeting re-iterating the need for provincial support in addressing this crisis by allocating more funding to programs that address chronic homelessness; and

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council reconfirms their support of the Solve the Crisis Campaign and calls on Ajax residents to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting [SolveTheCrisis.ca](http://SolveTheCrisis.ca); and
2. That Ajax Council asks that the provincial government to take action on the requests of the Solve the Crisis Campaign that have not been fully addressed including:
  - a. Appoint a responsible ministry and Minister with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports.
  - b. This single Minister must strike a task force with sector representatives including municipalities, health care leaders, first responders, community services, the business community, and the tourism industry to develop an Ontario Action Plan.
  - c. Provide municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports, when deemed necessary.
  - d. Commit to funding the services our unhoused population needs, community by community, to fill in gaps in the system.
  - e. Invest in 24/7 community hubs or crisis centres to relieve pressure on emergency departments and first responders; and
3. That Ajax Council asks that the provincial government prepares a 2025/2026 winter homelessness response plan to help municipalities ensure that we can keep our unsheltered residents who are sleeping outdoors with the services they need to keep them safe in colder weather; and
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax, local MPPs across the Region of Durham, Durham Regional Council, all Ontario Municipalities, Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM).

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 365-885-6983 or [Thomas.street@ajax.ca](mailto:Thomas.street@ajax.ca)

Sincerely,

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Thomas Street  
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

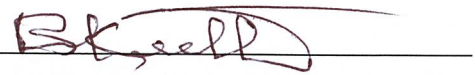



Copy: Councillor L. Bower  
Councillor R. Tyler Morin  
Rob Cerjanec, Ajax MPP  
Region of Durham Local MPPs  
Durham Regional Council  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Ontario's Big City Mayors






THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 155

| DIVISION LIST   | YES   | NO    | DATE: November 18, 2025  |
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| Councillor G. ASHFORD                                 | _____ | _____ | MOVED BY:<br>  |
| Councillor J. BELESKEY                                | _____ | _____ |  |
| Councillor P. BORNEMAN                                | _____ | _____ | SECONDED BY:<br>   |
| Councillor B. KEITH                                   | _____ | _____ |  |
| Councillor D. McCANN                                  | _____ | _____ |  |
| Councillor C. McDONALD                                | _____ | _____ |  |
| Mayor J. McGARVEY                                     | _____ | _____ |  |
| CARRIED: <u>✓</u> DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____ |       |       |  |

That Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the letter from the Township of South-West Oxford in opposition to the Provincial decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras and asks that this decision to ban ASE cameras be reconsidered, and that municipalities be permitted to continue using ASE cameras in school zones and urban areas where local councils deem them warranted; and

That this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, and copied to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Graydon Smith, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

  
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Mayor Jamie McGarvey



November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Sent via email.**

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras**

At the Regular Council meeting on October 21st, 2025, the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford directed staff to write a letter in opposition to the Provincial decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras.

In December 2019, the Province of Ontario established regulations allowing municipalities to use ASE cameras to address speeding and enhance public safety. Following provincial encouragement, municipalities adopted ASE technology to reduce speeding, prevent collisions, and save lives.

Research at local, regional, and international levels supports the effectiveness of ASE programs, indicating a significant reduction in speeding, improved compliance in school and community safety zones, and positive changes in driver behavior. The suggestion that the Provincial government views the ASE program as a “cash grab” is entirely unfounded, as revenue generated through ASE arises solely from individuals who choose to disregard posted speed limits. If drivers comply with speed regulations and adjust their behaviour accordingly, there would be no generated revenue from ASE cameras.

Municipal councils are directly responsible for the health and safety of their communities and are therefore best positioned to determine the areas of greatest concern regarding local driving conditions. Each municipality understands the unique traffic patterns, school zones, and community safety issues within its jurisdiction. Furthermore, policing and traffic enforcement are municipal responsibilities, and as such, municipalities should have the autonomy to determine whether and how to deploy ASE technology in the most effective and efficient manner to protect residents and road users.

Following significant municipal investment across Ontario, the recent decision, made without consultation, to cancel Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) programs has

raised serious concerns. Rather than an outright ban, adjustments to existing legislation and program standards would provide a more balanced and collaborative approach. Therefore, the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford respectfully requests that this decision to ban ASE cameras be reconsidered, and that municipalities be permitted to continue using ASE cameras in school zones and urban areas where local councils deem them warranted. At a time when police services are facing significant resource constraints that limit their capacity to enforce speed limits, ASE cameras remain a necessary tool to address community safety concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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

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

cc. The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation  
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
All Ontario Municipalities





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**Moved by: Mary Blank**  
**Seconded by: Ernie Peplinski**

**05-RC-18 Nov 2025**  
**18 November 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley, at their Regular Council Meeting on November 18, 2025, reviewed the correspondence and resolution from Brudenell, Lyndoch Raglan Township and passed unanimously the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley is in support of the City of Dryden's resolution requesting to incorporate mandatory water safety and Survive-to-Swim training into elementary curriculum for all Ontario students.

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be copied to the City of Dryden and 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.

**X CARRIED**

*Suzanne Klatt*

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Suzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk

***Replies to this correspondence can be forwarded  
electronically to [dclerk@madawaskavalley.ca](mailto:dclerk@madawaskavalley.ca)***



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 154

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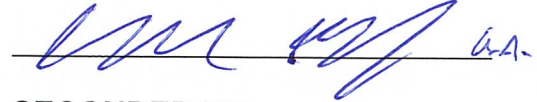
YES NO

DATE: November 18, 2025

Councillor G. ASHFORD  
Councillor J. BELESKEY  
Councillor P. BORNEMAN  
Councillor B. KEITH  
Councillor D. McCANN  
Councillor C. McDONALD  
Mayor J. McGARVEY

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MOVED BY:

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SECONDED BY:



CARRIED: ☒ DEFEATED: ☐ Postponed to: \_\_\_\_\_

That Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's call 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, MP Scott Aitchison and MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

  
Mayor Jamie McGarvey

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**

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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.

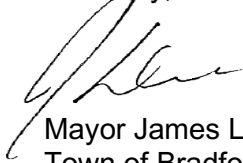
This measure would extend the relief already provided for purpose-built rental housing to families seeking to buy their first home. It represents a practical, immediate step toward improving affordability and supporting new housing supply.

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)

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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[treynolds@townofbwg.com](mailto:treynolds@townofbwg.com)

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  
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November 19, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Public Input Coordinator  
Via Email: [ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities**

Please be advised that at its Regular Meeting held Monday, November 17, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed the following resolution respecting the matter referenced in the above subject line:

**195-11172025**

**Moved By:** Councillor Neufeld

**Seconded By:** Councillor Patterson

**Whereas** the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the "Act"), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

**And whereas** there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

**And whereas** on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government's intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville:**

- Wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities; and,



- Directs the Acting Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried.**

Please accept this correspondence as an official confirmation of Council's decision with respect to the same. Any questions may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Angela Toole  
Acting Manager of Municipal Governance/Clerk  
519-733-2305 ext. 223  
[atoole@kingsville.ca](mailto:atoole@kingsville.ca)

cc. Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex  
Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Windsor West  
Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh  
Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington  
Essex Region Conservation Authority  
Conservation Ontario  
AMCTO  
AMO  
All Ontario Municipalities

November 19, 2025

**Re: Impacts of Provincial Bill 60 on Tenants in Hamilton - REVISED**

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, passed the following resolution:

Item 9.3 of the General Issues Committee Minutes 25-016:

**9.3 Impacts of Provincial Bill 60 on Tenants in Hamilton - REVISED**

WHEREAS, on October 23, the Provincial government introduced Bill 60, Fighting Delays, Building Faster, which seeks to weaken rent control and make rental tenure less secure;

WHEREAS, Council has introduced bylaws and policies to protect tenants from renovictions and to strengthen protections for tenants;

WHEREAS, Council has enacted new legislation to improve property standards, ensure health and safety in apartment buildings, and implement an Adequate Temperature Bylaw to address the impacts of extreme heat;

WHEREAS, the majority of residents living in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are tenants; approximately one third of all City residents rent their homes; and tenant populations in suburban and rural Wards are growing rapidly;

WHEREAS, through Ward 2 Tenant Town Halls, the Ward 2 Tenant Survey, and the Ward 2 Tenant Council, tenants have expressed anxiety about rental tenancy and rent control including the impacts they've faced since the Provincial government changed legislation in 2018 to eliminate it;

WHEREAS, the Provincial government has suggested it will backtrack on some parts of its proposed legislation but has not confirmed what the impact will be, what will be changed, or how this legislation will be implemented; and,

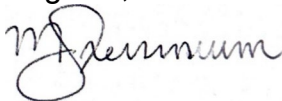
WHEREAS, a similar motion, entitled Impacts of Provincial Legislation that Weakens Rental Protections was passed by the City of Toronto's Executive Committee on November 4, 2025.



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, inform the Government of Ontario and all Hamilton Members of Provincial Parliament of its opposition to changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act* in Bill 60 and the weakening of tenant rights including contemplated changes to “security of tenure” or a further weakening of rent control;
- (b) That the General Issues Committee direct the City Solicitor to work with the Hamilton Legal Clinic and report back in Q1 2026 through a Closed Session Information Report to review legal options and provide advice to protect renters and challenge the provisions of Bill 60, including potential Charter protections;
- (c) That staff from the Housing Services Division report back to the General Issues Committee, through an Information Report and presentation, on the potential impact of Bill 60 including changes to “security of tenure” and rent control, in Q4 2025; and
- (d) That this resolution be circulated to AMO, FCM and all Ontario municipalities.

Regards,



Matthew Trennum  
City Clerk

cc.

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