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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

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

DATE: January 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Summary of 2025 Meetings of Council

Pursuant to Council's January 19, 2016 motion, the Office of the City Clerk prepares an annual summary of meetings held in the previous year.

This memo accompanies the 2025 summary, outlining the meetings held by Council and its committees and comparing scheduled versus actual meetings.

Meeting	Scheduled Amount	Actual Amount Held
Council Meeting	21	21
General Committee Meeting	10	10
Special Council Meeting	0	1
Special Council Meeting - Budget	5	2
Special General Committee Meeting	0	1
Committee-of-the-Whole (In-camera)	0	17
Council – Staff Workshops	3	3

The data reflects all regular, special, and rescheduled meetings held in 2025.

Attachment: 2025 Meetings of Council – Details and Totals

2025 Meetings of Council

Date	Meeting	Purpose	Start Time	End Time
January 14	Special General Committee	General Committee received presentations, information and reports from staff.	6:00 P.M.	7:05 P.M.
January 14	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:06 P.M.	10:54 P.M.
January 14	COTW	Security of the property of the municipality or local board: - (1) Potential purchase of lands.	10:38 P.M.	10:52 P.M.
January 28	General Committee	General Committee received presentations, information and reports from staff.	5:01 P.M.	11:03 P.M.
February 4	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - (1) Citizens appointments to the LGBTQ2+ and Welland Heritage Advisory Committees.	6:34 P.M.	6:45 P.M.
February 4	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	10:15 P.M.
February 11	Council Workshop # 1	Council reviewed Temporary Procurement Policy Related to Tariffs, Customer Service Strategy and By-Law Division Review.	N/A.	N/A
February 18	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - (1) HR matter Security of the property of the municipality or local board: - (1) I.T. Strategic Master Plan – Risk Overview Receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose: - (1) Draft Condition of Approval – Legal Review	5:04 P.M.	6:32 P.M.
February 18	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	10:12 P.M.
February 25	General Committee	General Committee received presentations, information and reports from staff.	5:31 P.M.	9:51 P.M.
March 4	COTW	For the purpose of educating or training the members of Council. - (1) Emergency Training Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - (2) HR matter	5:04 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.	5:33 P.M. and 6:59 P.M.
March 4	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:03 P.M.	8:59 P.M.

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March 18	COTW	Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; - (1) Memorial Park Pool Update.	6:07 P.M.	6:52 P.M.
March 18	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:01 P.M.	9:21 P.M.
March 25	General Committee	General Committee received presentations, information and reports from staff.	5:02 P.M.	8:31 P.M.
April 8	COTW	Security of the property of the municipality or local board: - (2) I.T. Strategic Master Plan	6:31 P.M.	6:42 P.M.
April 8	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:02 P.M.	10:50 P.M.
April 15	Council Workshop # 2	Council reviewed Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan, Notice of Motions - Realities, Challenges & Path Forward and Public Engagement,	N/A	N/A
April 22	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	10:57 P.M.
April 29	Special Council Meeting	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	6:02 P.M.	6:12 P.M.
April 29	General Committee	General Committee received presentations, information and reports from staff.	6:15 P.M.	9:23 P.M.
May 6	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - (2) Citizens appointments to the Welland Arenas Advisory Committee	6:32 P.M.	6:41 P.M.
May 6	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	8:54 P.M.
May 20	COTW	Security of the property of the municipality or local board: - (1) Property Matter Update Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; - (1) Settlement of Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) Development Charge By-law Appeal Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations - (1) Bargaining Update	6:03 P.M.	6:42 P.M.
May 20	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:02 P.M.	8:23 P.M.
May 27	General Committee	General Committee received presentations, information and reports from staff.	7:00 P.M.	8:08 P.M.

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June 3	COTW	<p>Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (3) Citizen appointment to the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee - (1) Treasurer Appointment Bylaw <p>Security of the property of the municipal or local board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (1) Corporate Security Audit – Final Report 	5:45 P.M.	6:58 P.M.
June 3	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:04 P.M.	10:40 P.M.
June 17	COTW	<p>A matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (1) Under the Business Corporations Act - Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation. - (1) Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corporation Annual General Meeting - Election and Confirmation of Director. <p>Security of the property of the municipality or local board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (2) Property Matter <p>Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (1) Update on Facility Tenant Matter <p>A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transfer of Gateway Community Improvement Incentives. 	5:31 P.M.	6:46 P.M.
June 17	Council & Welland Hydro AGM	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	<p>7:02 P.M. Recessed Council at 7:14 to 7:38 P.M. to hold Welland Hydro AGM</p>	9:55 P.M.
June 24	General Committee	General Committee received presentations, information and reports from staff.	7:01 P.M.	10:19 P.M.

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July 8	COTW	<p>Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - (3) Human Resources Matter.</p> <p>Receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; - (1) Hunters Pointe Redevelopment Subdivision</p>	5:35 P.M.	6:39 P.M.
July 8	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	10:59 P.M.
July 22	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	9:54 P.M.
August 12	COTW	<p>Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; - (1) Litigation Update.</p> <p>A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group or persons, or organization: - (1) Procurement Matter.</p> <p>Labour relations or employee negotiations; - (1) HR Update.</p> <p>Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and - (4) Citizen appointment to the Town and Gown Committee.</p>	5:31 P.M. Recessed at 7:03 P.M.	10:09 P.M. Reconvened at 9:37 P.M.
August 12	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:08 P.M.	10:11 P.M.
September 2	COTW	<p>Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; - (1) Potential Sale of City-owned Lands. - (1) Declare Lands Surplus.</p>	5:35 P.M.	6:01 P.M.
September 2	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	6:08 P.M.	9:46 P.M.
September 9	Council Workshop #3	Council received presentations from staff reviewing the Advisory Committee Review, Affordable Housing Progress, Reserve Details.	N/A	N/A

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September 16	General Committee	General Committee received presentations, information and reports from staff.	6:03 P.M.	9:48 P.M.
September 23	COTW	Labour relations or employee negotiations; and - (1) CUPE Bargaining Update. Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; - (1) Quaker Road Reconstruction Land Requirements. - (1) District School Board of Niagara Partnership Agreement.	6:03 P.M.	6:59 P.M.
September 23	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	9:31 P.M.
October 14	COTW	Security of the property of the municipality or local board; - (1) City Surplus Lands.	6:33 P.M.	7:03 P.M.
October 14	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:05 P.M.	10:16 P.M.
October 28	General Committee	General Committee received presentations, information and reports from staff.	7:00 P.M.	10:39 P.M.
November 4	COTW	Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and - (1) Lease Agreement. - (1) Land Requirements Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; - (1) Human Resource Planning Update. - (1) Fire Station 1 and 2 Update. - (6) Citizen appointment to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.	5:09 P.M.	6:59 P.M.
November 4	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:00 P.M.	9:57 P.M.
November 10	Special Council/Budget	CANCELLED – Budget Drop-In Session was held.	N/A	N/A
November 12	Special Council/Budget	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	5:04 P.M.	8:22 P.M.
November 17	Special Council/Budget	CANCELLED – Budget Drop-In Session was held.	N/A	N/A

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November 18	COTW	A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization: - (1) Grant Funding.	6:48 P.M.	6:58 P.M.
November 18	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:05 P.M.	10:11 P.M.
November 25	General Committee	General Committee received presentations, information and reports from staff.	6:03 P.M.	9:04 P.M.
November 26	Special Council/Budget	CANCELLED	N/A	N/A
December 2	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:03 P.M.	8:14 P.M.
December 3	Special Council/Budget	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	5:01 P.M.	10:23 P.M.
December 9	General Committee	General Committee received presentations, information and reports from staff.	6:00 P.M.	9:45 P.M.
December 16	COTW	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and - (5) Citizen appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; - (1) Central Station Education Update.	6:20 P.M.	6:58 P.M.
December 16	Council	Council considered correspondence, reports and by-laws as provided in the agenda.	7:04 P.M.	8:22 P.M.

**PENDING MOTION REFERRAL/DEFERRAL SUMMARY
AS OF JANUARY 13, 2026**

CLERKS REF. NO.	DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEM	DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL	SUBJECT/ACTION	STATUS OF THE ITEM	COMMENTS/ COMPLETION INFORMATION
02-85 16-26	Infrastructure Services	July 19, 2016	Draft Sidewalk Policy that focuses on the creation of new sidewalks and the improvement and maintenance of existing sidewalks.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Quarter 4, 2024	
99-99	Community 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.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> R&C-2017-06 - October 4, 2017 was received for information.	
17-2	Planning & Development Services Traffic & By-laws	September 19, 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.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Report coming back July 2024.	
09-152 18-2	Planning & Development Services and Fire Department	June 5, 2018	Report on an education strategy to the public, tenants and landlords regarding rental housing.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Fire and Planning to provide an update report in 2024.	

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19-28	Planning & Development Services	March 5, 2019	Request for a Community Teaching Garden to staff for study and review.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> 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.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> To be included in the upcoming Downtown Revitalization Strategy 2024 work.	

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17-19	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Staff to consult with public, agencies and other stakeholders regarding tree preservation.	Status: Staff in process of drafting the guidelines. To Complete:	
19-103	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 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.	Status: In progress To Complete: 3 rd Quarter in 2024	
08-48	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff a report regarding an Occupancy Standards By-law.	Status: In progress To Complete: 2 nd Quarter 2024.	
19-94	Planning & Development 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.	Status: In progress To Complete: Ontario Land Tribunal matter at this time.	

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20-77	Infrastructure Services	June 16, 2020	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 of time.</p>	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u>	
20-106	Planning & Development 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.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Will be considered as part of update to City's Official Plan in 2024.	
20-19	Planning & Development 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.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> 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 & Development 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.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> To be considered as part of the update to the Official Plan in 2024.	
21-58	CAO & Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding Brownfield Employment Lands that are non-employment producing within the city limits.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Will be included in 2024 update to the Brownfield CIP.	
21-59	CAO & Economic 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".	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Update report to come in 2024 through Economic Development. Went to the September 16, 2025 General Committee Meeting.	
06-156	Planning & Development Services	April 20, 2021	Report as part of the Official Plan Review detailing what Urban Farming initiatives Council should consider accommodating.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u>	

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

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23-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and 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.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u>	
21-79	Planning & Development 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.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council.	
22-137	Planning & Development 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.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council. Went to CW on April 23/24.	
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.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
02-160	Clerks Division	September 19, 2023	Refers back to staff Report CLK-2023-19: Amendment to Hybrid Model – Meeting of Council.	<u>Status:</u> In progress. <u>To Complete:</u>	

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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> <u>To Complete:</u>	
99-99	Community Services	January 9, 2024	Prepare a report in regards to creating and allowing family camping along the west side of the former Welland Canal.	<u>Status:</u> <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 Burgar Park.	<u>Status:</u> <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> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	
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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> <u>To Complete</u>	
24-26	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to have sidewalks installed on South Pelham Road between Foss and Thorold Roads.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-78	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-78	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-26	Infrastructure Services	September 10, 2024	Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to discuss road upgrades on South Pelham between Webber Street and Thorold Road..	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
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21-30	Planning & Development Services	November 26, 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	
21-30	Planning & Development Services	December 10, 2024	Refers Report PB-2024-30: 184 Denistoun Street – Proposed Niagara Regional Housing Project back to staff.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	December 17, 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-47	Infrastructure Services	February 4, 2025	Refers Report ENG-2025-06: Humberstone Landfill Host Municipality Compensation Agreement back to staff.	<u>Status:</u> <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> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-73	Infrastructure 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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25-22	Planning & Development Services	July 22, 2025	Report on the feasibility finishing the missing section of fence along 695 Niagara Street.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Infrastructure 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 <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 <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Infrastructure 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 <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Infrastructure 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 <u>To Complete:</u>	

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25-108	Finance Division	September 2 & 23 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	
05-51	Finance Division	September 23, 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> Complete <u>To Complete:</u>	FIN-2025-23 December 2, 2025
23-122	Clerks Division	September 23, 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> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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25-45	Infrastructure Services	September 23, 2025	<p>Council directs staff to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the current Claim Form and related procedures applicable when property is damaged due to City construction activities; and 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 3. Report back to Council with a recommended revised form and procedure for consideration. 	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-111	Infrastructure Services	September 23, 2025	<p>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.</p>	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
21-30	Clerks Division/ Community Services	October 14, 2025	<p>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.</p>	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-78	Infrastructure Services Engineer	November 4, 2025	Report regarding fencing exemptions and fencing options around Coyle Creek Pond.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	November 18, 2025	Refers petition from residents on Kaywood Court restricting parking on Kaywood Court from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-19	Planning & Dev. Services and Economic Development Services	December 16, 2025	Report to Council with an update with the development of LIV Communities along the waterway.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

Economic Development Brief

January 15, 2026

Statistics and Trends

Labour market conditions

Seasonally adjusted labour market conditions in Niagara showed improvements across all indicators in December, with the exception of the unemployment rate. Labour market conditions in Ontario and Canada also showed modest improvement.

Month-over-month data from November to December 2025 show the following:

- Population: Niagara grew by 0.05% (200 people), while Ontario also grew by 0.05%.
- Labour force: Niagara increased by 0.4% (900 people), while Ontario increased by 0.3%.
- Employment: Niagara increased by 0.1% (200 people), while Ontario increased by 0.3%.
- Unemployment rate: Niagara increased by 0.3% to 6.9%, while Ontario remained the same at 7.6%.
- Participation rate: Niagara increased by 0.2% to 58.9%, while Ontario increased by 0.1% to 65%.

Source: *Statistics Canada, Table: 14-10-0459-01*

Although Niagara's unemployment rate increased slightly, this reflected an increase in labour force participation that outpaced employment growth during the period. Employment levels did not decline; instead, new entrants to the labour force have not yet been absorbed.

Economic Development Updates

First Niagara Greenhouse Growers AGM takes place

Niagara greenhouse operators have formed the Niagara Greenhouse Growers to address growing municipal pressures related to by-laws, development charges, and regulations. Their first AGM was in December. Chair John Boekestyn says greenhouses should not be treated like subdivisions or shopping plazas, as they receive fewer municipal services and face different operational realities. The group, which began in Lincoln and now represents most Niagara greenhouses, aims to advocate for the modern, highly automated greenhouse sector that plays a key role in the region's agricultural economy.

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Seaway could double traffic with federal investment

Marine industry leaders are calling on the federal government to invest in the St. Lawrence Seaway through the \$5 billion Trade Diversification Corridors Fund, saying the system has significant unused capacity and could potentially double its traffic. They argue that extending the navigation season, improving icebreaking capacity, and investing in modern infrastructure and technology would deliver quick economic returns and strengthen trade links. The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway corridor already contributes \$66.1 billion to the economy and supports nearly 360,000 jobs, and industry leaders say greater government partnership is needed to fully unlock its potential.

Ontario government launches Destination Niagara Strategy

The Ontario government has launched the Destination Niagara Strategy, a multibillion-dollar plan to position Niagara as a world-renowned, four-season tourism destination while supporting jobs, local businesses, and economic growth. The strategy aims to attract 25 million annual visitors and double the region's tourism impact, adding an estimated \$3 billion to Ontario's GDP each year. Investments will focus on five pillars: new tourism attractions, expanded gaming, wine and culinary tourism, arts and culture, and major transportation improvements to enhance access to the region. Key projects include potential theme parks, an observation wheel, revitalized heritage sites, improved transit and air access, and expanded partnerships with Niagara Parks and the private sector. To view the strategy, [CLICK HERE](#).

New Innovation Ecosystem website launched

NiagaraInnovation.ca has been launched to help Niagara entrepreneurs navigate Niagara's innovation landscape. Built in collaboration with partners across the region, the platform brings programs, events, tools, and organizations together in one place. The goal is to reduce confusion, strengthen coordination, and make it easier for innovators to find the right support at every stage of their journey. The website reflects a shared commitment to collaboration, clarity, and impact. It's a step forward for founders. It's a valuable resource for partners. And it's an important milestone for Niagara's innovation ecosystem. To view the website, [CLICK HERE](#).

Feds announce support for Ontario's steel industry including Niagara firms

Canada's AI Minister Evan Solomon and St. Catharines MP Chris Bittle announced tariff relief funding during a visit to Kit Steel in Welland aimed at helping local manufacturers respond, adapt, and compete amid shifting market conditions. The federal government is investing \$3.4 million through the Regional Tariff Relief Initiative to support four Ontario steel companies, including Niagara-based firms Kit Steel (Welland) and Steelcon Fabrication Inc. (St. Catharines/Welland). The funding includes \$650,000 for Kit Steel and \$1 million for Steelcon Fabrication Inc. The initiative is designed to help businesses protect jobs, enhance competitiveness, and pursue new growth opportunities in Canada and abroad.

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Innovate Niagara releases annual report, Year In Success

Innovate Niagara has launched their annual report 2025 Year In Success. The annual report highlights founder stories and startup spotlights from across Niagara; key milestones achieved through their programs; highlights from workshops, pitch events, and community gatherings; and the launch of the Niagara Innovation Ecosystem Mapping Tool. To view the report, [CLICK HERE](#).

MPP Oosterhoff announces over \$31 million in manufacturing investments in Niagara

The Ontario government is supporting a \$31.98 million investment by seven Niagara-based manufacturers that will create more than 70 new good paying jobs in the region. The province is contributing \$5.3 million through the Regional Development Program's Southwestern Ontario Development Fund to help companies expand operations, boost innovation, and strengthen local supply chains. Projects recipients include Ophardt Hygiene Technologies (Lincoln), Galaxy Pallets (West Lincoln), Bradshaw Iron Works (Welland), Black Creek Metal (Thorold), CMI Heavy Industries (Fort Erie), Decora Powder Coatings (St. Catharines), and the City of Port Colborne (East Side Employment Lands).

Niagara College enhances clean energy training with provincial investment

Niagara College and the Province of Ontario are investing in advanced instructional equipment at the Welland Campus to enhance training for students in the Renewable Energies Technician program, with a total project cost of \$612,084. The upgraded facilities, including a solar training roof, heat pump trainers, and geothermal systems, provide hands-on learning to prepare graduates for careers in solar, wind, geothermal, and energy efficiency technologies. With strong provincial support and growing industry demand, the program equips students with the skills needed for high-demand clean-energy careers both in Canada and abroad.

Strengthening marine and trade partnerships: Chamber of Marine Commerce

The City of St. Catharines and the City of Welland have officially joined the Chamber of Marine Commerce reinforcing Niagara's role within the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence trade network. This partnership underscores the strategic importance of the Welland Canal as a key economic corridor connecting local industries to national and global markets. By participating in the Welland Canal Corridor initiative, St. Catharines is supporting sustainable trade, fostering regional collaboration, and ensuring local perspectives help shape the future of Canada's marine economy.

EarlyON Child and Family Centre: new location

Parents, caregivers, and their little ones will be welcomed at the new EarlyON Child and Family Centre location at the Lincoln Community Hub (formerly Beamsville District Secondary School), located at 4317 Central Avenue, Beamsville. This expanded service offering enhances access to early years programming right here in our community, supporting healthy child development and strong families.

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Beamsville Early Learning and Child Care Centre expansion: Lincoln Community Hub

The Beamsville Early Learning and Child Care Centre is expanding, significantly increasing licensed childcare capacity for west Niagara families. The centre will grow from approx. 93 to 930 square metres across two floors, expanding from 39 to 113 child spaces. The expansion will add infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms, allowing care for children aged one to four years, along with expanded outdoor play areas and additional parking. Construction will begin in spring 2026 and be largely completed by year end. This project responds to strong demand, with extensive waitlists currently in place, and will create new employment opportunities for early childhood educators. The expansion also aligns with Niagara Region's childcare strategy under the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System, supported through provincial and federal funding. By increasing access to high-quality childcare, the project supports workforce participation and contributes to long-term economic growth in the Town of Lincoln.

Moyers Farm groundbreaking

Congratulations to Moyers Farm on the official groundbreaking of their new candy apple processing facility in Lincoln. The family-owned business with roots in farming dating back to 1799 is expanding operations locally, marking a major milestone in the growth of Lincoln's agri-business sector. This development showcases continued investment in Lincoln's agricultural economy, helps support local jobs, and further strengthens our rural community while reinforcing Lincoln's reputation as a leader in agri-innovation and enterprise.

St. Catharines 150: Launch of anniversary celebrations

On January 5, 2026, Mayor Mat Siscoe officially launched the City of St. Catharines' 150th anniversary celebrations with a ceremonial flag raising at City Hall. The milestone year is guided by the theme "Our Common Ground," reflecting the shared history, values, and experiences that have shaped the community since the City's incorporation on May 1, 1876. The event brought together community leaders and representatives from all levels of government, members of Council, and senior leadership. Planned initiatives throughout 2026 include a community celebration on Saturday, May 2 at Montebello Park; an enhanced Canada Day celebration on July 1, including a first-of-its-kind evening experience; the appointment of a Poet Laureate for the anniversary year; public art initiatives, including a juried City Hall exhibition, a downtown mural, and a Five Corners installation honouring indigenous history; weekly social media storytelling highlighting diverse local histories; a 150th anniversary tree planting legacy project; and pop-up activations at community events throughout the year. Additional programming and participation opportunities will be announced throughout 2026.

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

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December 17, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

Attention: Local Area Municipalities

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Endorse the Development of a Code of Conduct for Human Trafficking Prevention in Niagara Region

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on December 15, 2025, passed the following resolution:

Resolution Number: RC-2025-115

Moved by: Mayor Sandra Easton; Seconded by: Councillor Anna Murre

WHEREAS Human trafficking in Niagara is currently a persistent challenge impacting the hospitality and tourism sectors; and

WHEREAS Human trafficking is a critical issue due to the region's proximity to the U.S. border and the thriving tourism and hospitality sectors, which create environments where sexual and labour exploitation can go unnoticed; and

WHEREAS Women, newcomers, racially marginalized people, people experiencing poverty, people living with disabilities, and children in the child welfare system are disproportionately targeted and impacted by the harms perpetuated by traffickers; and

WHEREAS 60% of human trafficking cases in Ontario occur along the corridor linking Toronto and Niagara; and

WHEREAS Data from the Niagara Regional Police Service comparing 2023 to 2024 indicates the number of human trafficking investigations increased by 61%; the number of victims identified increased by 700%; the number of accused charged increased by 190%; the number of criminal charges laid increased by 75%; and the number of referrals from NRPS' Human Trafficking Unit to Victim Services Niagara increased by 133%; and

WHEREAS Human trafficking thrives in secrecy, but with leadership and commitment, local government can be on the front line of prevention and protection. 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 Local businesses and organizations are key to preventing human trafficking through proactive measures such as the 4 Ps: prevention, protection, partnership, and prosecution; and

WHEREAS Local area municipalities have already begun to assist in making the Niagara region inhospitable to human traffickers; and

WHEREAS Tools of Empowerment for Success (TOES) Niagara and Brock University have undertaken work funded by Women and Gender Equality Canada to develop a Code of Conduct to Prevent Human Trafficking in the Niagara Region through education, increasing awareness, and providing resources, including prevention strategies; and

WHEREAS TOES Niagara and Brock University created a Steering Committee of representatives from across tourism, business, education, law enforcement, government, and non-profit sectors to engage in broad community collaboration through focus groups, surveys, and feed-back sessions to develop the Code of Conduct for Human Trafficking Prevention in the Niagara Region.

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

1. Recognize that human trafficking in Niagara has serious impacts on the health and wellness of local residents and their families, as well as negative economic impacts on local businesses and communities; and
2. Endorse the work of TOES Niagara and Brock University in developing a Code of Conduct for the Prevention of Human Trafficking in the Niagara Region; and
3. Commit to reviewing and assessing the applicable local government sectoral guidelines and responsibilities outlined in The Code upon its finalization, with the intent to implement measures that align with regional priorities and capacity; and
4. Write letters to all Niagara's Local Area Municipalities and Niagara Region encouraging them to also endorse the work of TOES Niagara and Brock University in the development of the Code of Conduct for the Prevention of Human Trafficking in the Niagara Region and commit to reviewing and assessing the applicable local government sectoral guidelines and responsibilities outlined in The Code upon its finalization,

with the intent to implement measures that align with municipal priorities and capacity; and

5. Requests that a copy of this resolution be circulated to Niagara's four MPs; Niagara's four MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO); Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM); and the Ontario and Canadian Associations of Chiefs of Police, Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) and RCMP.

CARRIED

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

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
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JK/dp

c.c. Local Area Municipalities
Region of Niagara
Niagara Area MPs
Niagara Area MPPs
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO)
Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)
Ontario and Canadian Associations of Chiefs of Police
Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS)
The Royal Canadian Mounted Police



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December 3, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Peterborough Police Services Board Chair; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Subject: Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and

Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and

Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to “ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area” and

Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuing the secure



custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and

Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing; and

Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all matters originate within that municipality; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure, including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and

Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements — including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations — necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and

Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and

Whereas policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of the costs to implement provincial mandates;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services; and



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That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Peterborough Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy
City Clerk



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair

Mayor Jeff Leal

Drew Merrett, Vice-Chair

Councillor Gary Baldwin

Steve Girardi

December 18, 2025

City of Peterborough (Sent via email)
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Attention: Members of Council

Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer

Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services

John Kennedy, Clerk

Members of Council, Mr. Raina, Mr. Freymond and Mr. Kennedy:

Re: Council Resolution – Stable Funding for Police Service Boards

The Peterborough Police Service Board unanimously passed the following motion at their Board meeting held on December 16, 2025:

Moved by Drew Merrett

Seconded by Jeff Leal

That the Board receive for consideration and endorsement the Peterborough City Council resolution made November 3, 2025 regarding stable funding for Police Service Boards.

Accordingly, the Board sends this letter in support of Council's call for the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities; the Board believes increased and sustainable funding support from the Province is necessary to ensure the Board can meet its legislated mandate of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

Mary ten Doeschate,
Chair



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January 7, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney P.C., O.C., M.P.
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The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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RE: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 7th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Resolution No: 2026-01-07-07

Moved by: Councillor Banks

Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's resolution regarding Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded 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 all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

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,



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CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
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Hon. Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Ontario
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario
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January 7, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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RE: Solve the Crisis and Winter Homelessness Program Support

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 7th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Ajax.

Resolution No: 2026-01-07-05

Moved by: Councillor Quade

Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Ajax's resolution regarding Solve the Crisis and Winter Homelessness Program Support as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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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 status¹; and

Whereas, in September 2024, Ajax Council passed a motion to support Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) SolvethCrisis.ca² 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 budgets³; 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; 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

Sincerely,



**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**



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January 7, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Affordable Rental Housing

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 7th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa.

Resolution No: 2026-01-07-06

Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt

Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Municipality of Wawa's resolution regarding Affordable Rental Housing as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Resolution # RC25177	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: <i>M. Hefield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Stevens</i>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa request the Province of Ontario provide adequate protection against excessive and malicious rent increases for all rental units occupied for residential purposes while maintaining the ability for landlords to operate a viable and sustainable business, and that the Clerk for the Municipality of Wawa send a letter to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPP Bill Rosenberg, MP Terry Sheehan, and other municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
		MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Cathy Cannon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Jim Hoffmann	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Joseph Opato	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN		

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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January 7, 2026

His Worship Frank Campion
Mayor of City of Welland
60 East Main Street
Welland, Ontario L3B 3X4

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 20, 2025, outlining proposed measures to protect vulnerable Canadian citizens.

I have taken note of your proposals and acknowledge their importance. I would highlight that the legislative authority governing both bail and criminal sentencing in Canada falls under the purview of my colleague the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding him a copy of your correspondence for his information and consideration.

I believe it is critical that Canadians have confidence in their criminal justice system. I can assure you that the Government of Canada is firmly committed to delivering public safety results for Canadians, including combatting repeat and violent sexual crime. As both Secretary of State (Combatting Crime) and as Member of Parliament for Brampton North—Caledon, I share this commitment.

I would like to highlight the recent introduction of Bill C-14, referred to as the *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act*, which was tabled in the House of Commons in October 2025. Bill C-14 introduces a series of targeted measures that aim to make bail laws stricter and sentencing laws tougher for repeat and violent offenders, including sexual offenders, support the front lines, and invest in long-term crime prevention. In addition, the introduction of Bill C-16, the *Protecting Victims Act*, on December 9, 2025, represents one of the most significant updates to Canada's Criminal Code in decades. This legislation is designed to confront emerging threats and provide stronger protections for victims and survivors, reinforcing our shared goal of a safer and more resilient society.

In the case of individuals convicted of sex offences, we are ensuring that effective measures are in place to protect communities. As you are aware, one of these measures is the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR), which was established under the *Sex Offenders Information Registration Act* (SOIRA) in 2004.

Under SOIRA, registered sex offenders have a legal obligation to report information to the police, including their names, contact information, physical description, address of residence, vehicle information, as well as their place of employment, volunteer activities, and the type of work they do. This information helps police prevent and investigate crimes of a sexual nature by providing up-to-date information relating to convicted sex offenders. Offenders who do not comply with reporting obligations under SOIRA are subject to penalties under the *Criminal Code*.

In addition, mechanisms are also in place to notify the public when a high-risk offender returns to their community. When a high-risk offender is about to be released from custody, the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) advises local police and provides detailed information to law enforcement about that individual. The CSC provides police with a comprehensive information package on Federal offenders who potentially pose a threat to any person and are being released after completing their entire sentence.

To ensure the public is aware of high-risk offenders in the community, most Provinces and Territories have legislation or policies in place to issue public notifications regarding these individuals, and the majority of local police across Canada publicize information about any released offenders where they consider there to be a heightened risk to the public.

Furthermore, in December 2024, the Government of Canada brought into force the *High Risk Child Sex Offender Database Act* (HRCSDA). The HRCSDA requires the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to create a publicly accessible database of high-risk child sex offenders in Canada. Once the database is operational, it will offer a new resource for the public to contribute to their own safety based on verified information.

Ultimately, the effectiveness of these legislative changes relies on continued collaboration with our provincial, territorial and municipal partners, particularly in managing and resourcing key areas of the justice system under their jurisdiction including policing, prosecutions, bail processes, courts and victim services.

Crime prevention is a key pillar of community safety, reducing victimization, and strengthening social cohesion. Public Safety Canada's (PS) approach to crime prevention is to address the underlying conditions that produce crime, to help disrupt the cycle of criminal behavior and repeat offending. Through PS' National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS), the Government of Canada currently invests over \$47 million annually in community-based crime prevention efforts that target youth. Recognizing the value of local knowledge, PS supports locally-led initiatives by working with communities to implement projects that reflect their unique safety needs and priorities.

Funding under the NCPS is used to reduce risk factors and build protective factors among vulnerable youth; prevent youth violence; and foster crime prevention in Northern and Indigenous communities. The focus of the NCPS is on influencing the behaviours that can increase the likelihood of criminality, effectively working to address all types of crime. Accordingly, the NCPS focuses on children, youth, and young adults between the ages of 6 to 30.

My colleagues the Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Public Safety, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and myself, will continue to engage with our partners and stakeholders to support public safety. We welcome continued dialogue with you and your council as we advance these reforms together.

Protecting Canadians is a Government of Canada priority and we will continue to pursue sound policies and investments that are proven to prevent crime and victimization, and keep our communities and citizens safe.

Thank you again for writing and for your service to your community.

Yours sincerely,



The Honourable Ruby Sahota, P.C., M.P.
Secretary of State (Combatting Crime)

c.c.: The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, P.C., K.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety

The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and
Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency



October 24, 2025

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

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

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

RESOLUTION #C-2025-10-22

MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie
SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADOPTED



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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

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



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November 5, 2025

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

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Room 281
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management

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

445-2025
Moved By: Ted Oke
Seconded by: Aaron Neeb

That South Huron Council support the October 21, 2025 Resolution of Tay Valley Township regarding Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management; and

That the supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to Premier Ford, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
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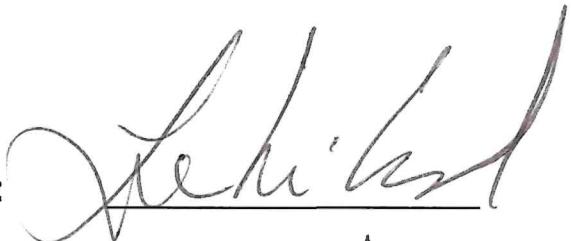
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cc: AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; and all Ontario Municipalities

PREScott
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THE FORT TOWN

Regular Council
December 15, 2025
245-2025

Moved by:


Seconded by: Justin Kirby

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott support the Municipality of Tweed's, the Tay Valley Township's, and the Municipality of South Huron's resolutions regarding waste incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

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

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 is unsuitable;

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 environmental jeopardizing our future generations;

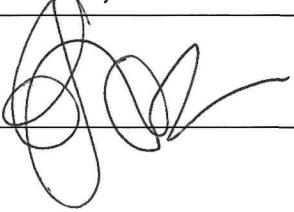
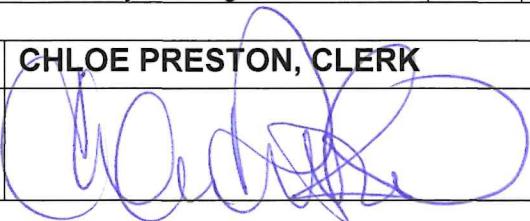
AND WHEREAS we have worldwide technology that will allow us to use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy;

PREScott
EST 1784
THE FORT TOWN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott 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.

REQUESTED BY:			
RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO	
Councillor Leanne Burton			
Councillor Mary Campbell			
Councillor Justin Kirkby			
CARRIED: <i>P</i>	Councillor Lee McConnell		
TABLED:	Mayor Gauri Shankar		
DEFEATED:	Councillor Ray Young		
RECORDED VOTE:	Councillor Tracey Young		

GAURI SHANKAR, MAYOR	CHLOE PRESTON, CLERK
	



Town of Saugeen Shores
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January 14, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL

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

Re: Motion Regarding the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

At the January 5, 2026, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, the following motion was passed:

Resolution 010-2026

Moved by: Councillor D. Myette
Seconded by: Councillor R. Stack

Whereas the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority “The Authority” was established in 1950, 75 years ago by a group of municipalities, as a response to problems associated with flooding; and

Whereas the Town of Saugeen Shores is the single largest member by apportionment in this collection of 8 member municipalities, comprising of the main channel and mouth of the Saugeen River at Southampton. The Town of Saugeen Shores is the largest contributor of annual levies that cover the operation of the Authority; and

Whereas the member municipalities cover 44% of the operational costs of the SVCA, 7% coming from the Provincial funding and the remaining is generated through internally generated revenue and permitting fees; and

Whereas the fees charged by Conservation Authorities have been frozen for 3 years which has had the effect of shifting the financial burden onto levies and by extension the property tax payers; and

Whereas the Provincial Conservation Authorities Association (Conservation Ontario) has and continues to provide the respective Authorities with guidance, oversight, and consistency of regulation application; and

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Whereas the development of the “Agency” is proposed to be funded by municipalities and serves only to add another layer of Government bureaucracy, which by definition will serve only to increase financial burden on member Municipalities; and

Whereas one of the stated objectives of the “Agency” is development of a single digital permitting platform. This approach will serve to alienate a significant portion of our residents who do not have access to internet services, due to rural location or due to religious beliefs; and

Whereas the SVCA is located in a primarily rural geographic region, that due to the proposed consolidation of 7 Authorities will be seemingly overshadowed by much larger and more densely populated authorities with much larger urban components; and

Whereas the SVCA has worked hard to achieve a streamlined and efficient operation and service delivery model, due in large part to the direct oversight by a Board comprised of member municipalities appointed elected officials; and

Whereas the proposed consolidated Huron-Superior Authority would be comprised of up to 80 municipalities, 23,000 sq/km and by extension, a Board of Directors that would be so large as to be unmanageable, and would surely result in smaller rural municipalities losing direct control over the operation of the Authority; and

Whereas the inclusion of Lakehead Region CA in North West Ontario, could have detrimental repercussions arising from travel distance and geographic differences alone; and

Whereas the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority owns and manages thousands of acres of CA land, many of which are income generating, through user fees, land leases, managed forest harvest, and campground fees. The Amalgamation plan does not address how these assets, which by extension belong to member Municipalities, would be equitably divested. Many of these properties were granted to the Authority, specifically detailing the nature and terms of ownership which legally must be maintained going forward; and

Whereas Authorities across the province have liquid assets in the form of trusts, and reserves that belong to member municipalities which run the risk of being swallowed up by large Authorities with larger budgets and resources.

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Now Therefore, be it Resolved that the Town of Saugeen Shores requests that the Amalgamation into the "Huron Superior Regional Conservation Authority" as outlined in ERO 025-1257 be reconsidered. This in order to maintain the local oversight and protect against as yet unforeseen consequences which will serve to undermine the SVCA's ability to provide regional knowledge-based service delivery and management of properties under our stewardship and ownership; and

Further ensure that should the amalgamations go forward that consideration be given to grouping Rural Authorities with similar watershed characteristics together, while grouping more Urban Authorities together for similar reasons; and

Further ensure that any transitional costs are fully funded by the Province and not borne by member Municipalities, and that Municipalities are provided with clear funding models in 2026 so as to allow for sufficient planning data for the 2027 budgets; and

Further that Saugeen Shores Council urges the Province to engage with affected municipalities and First Nations communities in a meaningful way to collaboratively review the service delivery model and standardize only where necessary paying attention to the different needs of Rural and Urban Authorities. That the Province use this approach rather than develop another level of administration and the associated financial burden that would surely result; and

Finally that this resolution be included in the Municipalities ERO response and be forwarded to the:

- Premier of Ontario;
- Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks;
- Bruce County Council;
- All of Ontario's Municipalities;
- Huron Bruce MPP/ Minister of Rural Affairs;
- The board of Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
- AMO; and,
- Conservation Ontario.



Town of Saugeen Shores
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Ashlyn Kennedy".

Ashlyn Kennedy
Licensing and Records Clerk

cc: Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks;
Bruce County Council;
All Ontario Municipalities;
Huron Bruce MPP/ Minister of Rural Affairs;
The board of Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
AMO; and,
Conservation Ontario.

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By email

January 12, 2026

To Mayors and Chairs of Police Service Boards in Strong Mayor Power Municipalities,

We are writing to provide information on the powers and roles of municipalities, mayors, and police service boards in establishing a police service board budget, particularly in municipalities with Strong Mayor Powers.

In a strong mayor municipality, the Head of Council has the responsibility to prepare and propose the municipal budget on or before February 1 of each year, which would be subject to a council amendment, head of council veto and council override process.

This municipal budget includes estimates of amounts required during the year, including any amounts required for boards, such as the police service boards budget established in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA). **The Head of Council's strong mayor budget powers do not include the power to limit police service board budget increases or veto estimates submitted by police service boards.**

The CSPA provides the purposes for which the funding is to be provided to a police service board, establishes a process for submitting budget estimates, municipal approval of such a budget, and the mechanisms available to address disagreements.

Under section 50 of the CSPA, a police service board must submit their operating and capital estimates to the municipality, which is then responsible for establishing an overall budget for the police service board. **Although municipalities are not required to adopt the board's estimates as submitted, they cannot approve or reject specific line items within the estimates.** Municipalities are required to provide police service boards with sufficient funding to comply with the CSPA and its regulations, as well as pay the expenses of the board's operation, excluding remuneration for board members.

There are dispute resolution mechanisms established under the CSPA to address situations in which a police service board is not satisfied that the budget is sufficient to permit the board to comply with the legislation and pay for the board's operation.

The CSPA provides two dispute resolution pathways: the board and municipality may jointly apply to the Commission Chair of the Ontario Police Arbitration and Adjudication Commission (OPAAC) to appoint a conciliation officer, or the board may give the municipality written notice referring the matter to arbitration.

In arbitration, a municipality can argue, among other things, that costs could be reduced if the board entered an agreement to receive services from another police service. If the municipality can show that the board could reasonably have obtained policing services under an agreement (under section 14 of the CSPA, with another police service board or the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police) at a lower cost while still meeting applicable standards, the arbitrator cannot deem the budget insufficient to the extent of the amount that could have been saved by entering into the agreement.

For example, if a police service board seeks funding for a \$15 million policing budget, and the municipality can demonstrate that equivalent services meeting all standards could have been provided through a budget at \$13 million, where some services are provided pursuant to an agreement with another police service, in this case, the arbitrator could not find the budget insufficient to the extent of the additional \$2 million.

Following arbitration, the municipality shall amend the board's budget to reflect the arbitrator's decision.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to protecting our communities. Please consider this information as you work toward establishing police service budgets. If you or your administrative staff require additional information, please contact Nicole Rogers, Manager, Community Safety Policy Unit, Ministry of the Solicitor General, at Nicole.Rogers@ontario.ca or Shira Babins, Manager, Financial Analysis and Reporting Unit, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, at Shira.Babins@ontario.ca.

Your work and dedication are important in advancing shared priorities and strengthening public safety to protect Ontario.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner
Solicitor General



The Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Chiefs of Police

Clerks and CAOs, Strong Mayor Powered Municipalities



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 22-26

Date: Jan 13, 2026

Moved By: Ron Giardetti

Seconded By: Don Smith

THAT Council hereby receives and supports the resolution from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville regarding Bill 9, Municipal Accountability Act, 2025;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay-Superior North, the Honourable Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

Resolution No. CC- 179 - 2025

Date: December 18, 2025

Moved by

Tony Deschamps

Seconded by

Nancy Peckford

WHEREAS on May 1, 2025, Bill 9, Municipal Accountability Act, 2025, re-introduced legislation originally proposed under Bill 241; and

WHEREAS Bill 9, if passed, would enable the creation of a new, standardized municipal code of conduct, an integrity commissioner inquiry process that would be consistent throughout the province and mandatory code of conduct training for members of council and certain local boards; and

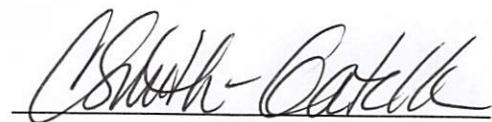
WHEREAS Bill 9, Municipal Accountability Act, 2025, was ordered for a third reading on October 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville deems it advisable for Bill 9 to be passed promptly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville calls for Bill 9 to proceed to its third reading forthwith; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Steve Clark, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Defeated _____ Deferred _____


Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden

THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH
COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Council - Updated



Agenda Number: 7.

Resolution Number 03.01.26

Date: January 12, 2026

Moved By Lee Anne Andriessen

Seconded By Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports item 7.22 Township of Perry Resolution re: Removal of HST and GST From New Homes; and

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth's supporting resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Perth-Wellington MP, Perth-Wellington MPP, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.

ACTION ON MOTION:

[Signature]
MAYOR OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL

CARRIED



*The Corporation of the
Township of Perry*

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: December 17, 2025

Resolution No.: 2025- 448

Moved By: Joe Lumley

Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby support the October 21, 2025 resolution of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the removal of the HST/GST from new homes purchased as primary residences to support housing affordability;

And that Council endorse the related November 3, 2025 supporting resolution of the Municipality of South Huron;

And that Council's supporting resolution be circulated to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Municipality of South Huron, the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Scott Aitchison and MPP Graydon Smith, AMO, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried: ✓ **Defeated:** _____


Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE

Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		



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January 15, 2026

Sent by email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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

Re: Bill 68, Plan to Protect Ontario Act, and ERO Posting 025-1257

At the January 12, 2026, Regular meeting, Stratford City Council considered resolutions from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and the Long Point Region Conservation Authority regarding Bill 68 and ERO Posting 025-1257 relating to the proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities.

At the meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution:

R2026-21

THAT CA-2026-007, being resolutions regarding Bill 68: Plan to Protect Ontario Act, be endorsed.

A copy of the endorsed resolution has been provided below:

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 City of Stratford established the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (initially formed in 1947);

AND WHEREAS local municipalities currently provide approximately 35% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 2% (2026 budget);

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. Many of these properties were entrusted to the UTRCA 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 Corporation of the City of Stratford 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 City of Stratford 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 City of Stratford 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,
- local MPPs,
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association,
- area Indigenous communities,
- all municipalities,
- Conservation Authorities, and
- Conservation Ontario.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk
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Cc: The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks,
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament for Perth – Wellington,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario municipalities,
The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority,
Long Point Region Conservation Authority, and
Conservation Ontario.

January 15, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister

Re: Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 15, 2026, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aylmer supports the City of Welland's call to action for justice and protection of Canada's children; and,

Whereas the safety and well-being of children is a fundamental responsibility shared by all levels of government; and,

Whereas recent incidents involving sexual offences against children have deeply affected communities across Ontario and Canada, raising serious concerns about public safety and the adequacy of existing legislative protections; and,

Whereas violent sexual crimes against children represent some of the most serious offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and have lifelong impacts on victims, families, and communities; and,

Whereas municipalities play a critical role in advocating for policies that protect residents and promote safe communities; and,

Whereas there is a growing concern that gaps in bail, sentencing, parole eligibility, and offender monitoring allow high-risk individuals to re-enter communities pre-maturely, placing children at continued risk;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children, including but not limited to:

1. Bail and Sentencing Provisions - ensuring that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual offences against children are subject to the strictest possible bail conditions and sentencing outcomes that reflect the severity of these crimes;
2. Parole and Early Release - limiting parole eligibility, statutory release, or other forms of early release for offenders convicted of sexual offences against children who pose ongoing risks to public safety;
3. Sex Offender Monitoring - strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and related provincial tools to improve accuracy, enforcement, and timely access to information for law enforcement; and
4. Victim and Community Safety - prioritizing the protection of children and community safety within the justice system above administrative or procedural efficiencies;

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario
The Attorney General of Ontario
The Solicitor General of Ontario
The Prime Minister of Canada
The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Member of Provincial Parliament, Rob Flack
Member of Parliament, Andrew Lawton
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and;
All 444 Ontario Municipalities

And be it further resolved that Council encourages municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to work collaboratively to present a unified municipal voice advocating for stronger protections for children across Canada.

Yours sincerely,

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Hon. Rob Flack rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Mr. Andrew Lawton andrew.lawton@parl.gc.ca

Mayor Frank Campion c/o Theresa Ettore Theresa.ettore@welland.ca

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All municipalities



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January 15, 2026

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution - Support the City of Peterborough – Elect Respect Pledge

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution #8, January 13, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

Carried

Support the City of Peterborough – Elect Respect Pledge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Township of Larder Lake Council supports the *Elect Respect* pledge and commits to:

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

AND THAT the Township of Larder Lake Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the *Elect Respect* campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario’s Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Office of the Mayor of Burlington, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The originating correspondence is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,



Crystal Labbe

CAO/ Clerk Treasurer