



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, May 8, 2026

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May 6, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL: [clerk@forterie.ca](mailto:clerk@forterie.ca)

Town of Fort Erie  
Peter Todd, Town Clerk  
1 Municipal Drive  
Fort Erie, ON, L2A 2S6

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Response to Provincial Proposal on Regional Governance**

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on May 4, 2026, endorsed the attached correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie, dated April 16, 2026, regarding a Response to Provincial Proposal on Regional Governance, with the following motion:

Resolution Number: RC-2026:40

Moved by: Councillor Mike Mikolic; Seconded by: Councillor Adam Russell

That Council receive and file as information and endorse Item 1.7 of the Council Information Package week ending April 17, 2026, pertaining to correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie, dated April 16, 2026, regarding Response to Provincial Proposal on Regional Governance.

**CARRIED (5 to 4)**

**In Favor (5): Councillor Brunet, Councillor Mikolic, Councillor Pachereva, Councillor Rintjema, and Councillor Russell**

**Opposed (4): Mayor Easton, Councillor Reimer, Councillor Timmers, and Councillor Murre**

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

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

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cc: The Premier of Ontario  
The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Niagara MPPs  
Region of Niagara  
Local area municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)  
Durham Region  
Halton Region  
District of Muskoka  
Peel Region  
Region of Waterloo  
York Region  
Simcoe County



## Legal and Legislative Services

April 16, 2026

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

The Honourable Robert Flack, Minister of Municipal  
Affairs and Housing  
College Park, 17<sup>th</sup> floor  
777 Bay Street, Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
[minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

Honourable and Dear Sirs:

**Re: Response to Provincial Proposal on Regional Governance**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its Regular Council meeting of April 13, 2026 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** Canada is one of the oldest and most stable democracies in the world; and

**Whereas** Ontario is the most populous province in Canada; and

**Whereas** one of the hallmarks of a democracy is the right to elect its leaders by popular vote; and

**Whereas** another hallmark of democracy is rule by the majority as exercised through elected representatives; and

**Whereas** the Province of Ontario has introduced legislation, the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*, that will alter governance in the Regions of Durham, Halton, Muskoka, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York and Simcoe County; and

**Whereas** the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026* proposes the appointment by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the Chairs of those Regional Councils and the Warden of Simcoe County; and

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**Whereas** those unelected, appointed Regional Chairs and County Warden will also be given the power to veto decisions made by the popularly elected members of those Councils, which represents a significant departure from established democratic practices and undermines both the right of residents to elect their leaders and the principle of majority rule; and

**Whereas** significant changes in local governance should be informed by evidence, financial analysis, sound justification and public consultation, none of which has been the basis for the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*.

**Now therefore be it resolved,**

1. **That:** The Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing remove from the pending legislation any provision that grants to an appointed Regional Chair and County Warden extraordinary (“strong”) powers, including the power to veto decisions made by the majority of the popularly elected mayors or members of those Regional or County Councils; and
2. **That:** The Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ensure that any weighted voting process imposed on the Niagara Region Council respects fair representation by population and ensures that every local municipality has a meaningful voice reflecting the geographic diversity of the Region and the needs of both urban and rural communities; and
3. **That:** The Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing reconsider appointing Regional Chairs and the Simcoe County Warden in favour of direct election by the residents or election by a majority of the members of the Council which they represent; and
4. **That:** The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing consult the local municipalities in Niagara before establishing any weighted voting system in Niagara or proceeding with “Strong Chair” powers for the appointed Chair in Niagara; and
5. **That:** The Mayor and Town staff provide comments to the Provincial Government during the commenting period for the proposed *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*; and

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6. **That:** This resolution be circulated to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Niagara's four MPPs, the Niagara Region, all local area municipalities in Niagara, the Regions of Durham, Halton, Muskoka, Peel, Waterloo and York and Simcoe County, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association for support.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Peter Todd,  
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk

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c.c: Niagara Region MPP's [wgates-co@ndp.on.ca](mailto:wgates-co@ndp.on.ca) ; [JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca](mailto:JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca) ; [JBurch-QP@ndp.on.ca](mailto:JBurch-QP@ndp.on.ca) ;  
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Rural Ontario Municipal Association [roma@roma.on.ca](mailto:roma@roma.on.ca)

## **Memo**

**To:** Council

**From:** Victoria Steele, Director of Legislative

**Date:** April 27, 2026

**Re:** Comments on MMAH Proposal 26-MMAH010 and 26-MMAH026

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On April 2, 2026 the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) released two proposals. A summary of each proposal is below.

The Province is seeking feedback on the proposed changes by May 2, 2026 for 26-MMAH010 and May 17, 2026 for 26-MMAH026. Staff have reviewed the proposed legislation, with consideration for the Town's context, and comments are summarized throughout this memo.

Upon receipt and approval of this memo, staff will forward the comments contained below to the Province, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, the Niagara Region, and the Niagara local area municipalities.

[26-MMAH010 – Proposed amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001, and Municipal Elections Act, 1996 to strengthen upper-tier municipal governance](#)

### **Provincial Appointment of Upper-Tier Heads of Council**

- Proposed authority for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint the upper-tier head of Council by Minister's Order, including Niagara Region.

### **Changes to Council Composition**

- Niagara Region would be composed of the appointed heads of Council of the 12 lower-tier municipalities. Similarly, Simcoe County Council would be composed of the heads of Council of the 16 lower-tier municipalities. These changes would come into effect November 15, 2026.

### **Weighted Voting Authority**

- Minister would be granted regulation-making authority to establish weighted voting rules for upper-tier councils beginning with the 2026–2030 term.

[26-MMAH026 – Proposed Regulatory Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Update Strong Mayor Designation, Election Year Rules, and Support Regional Governance Changes](#)

MMAH is proposing changes to the Strong Mayor framework in 3 areas:

## **1. Election-Year Restrictions for Strong Mayor Municipalities**

- Outgoing heads of Council would be prohibited from proposing the municipal budget for the year immediately following a regular municipal election.
- New restricted acts rules would apply during an election year where:
  - Three-quarters of outgoing Council members will not return, or
  - The outgoing head of Council will not be re-elected.
- During this period, heads of Council would be restricted from:
  - Appointing or removing the CAO or municipal division heads.
  - Changing the municipal organizational structure.
  - Disposing of property over \$50,000 (unless already budget-authorized).
  - Authorizing expenditures or liabilities over \$50,000 (unless already budget-authorized).
- These rules would come into force immediately upon filing, in advance of the 2026 municipal election nomination period.

## **2. Support for Proposed Better Regional Governance Act, 2026**

- Amendments would extend strong mayor powers to select upper-tier municipalities to support regional governance reforms, including Niagara.
- Proposed effective date: November 15, 2026.

## **3. Updates Based on Council Composition**

- Maintains policy that only municipalities with six or more Council members are eligible for Strong Mayor designation.

### Town Comments on 26-MMAH-010 and 26-MMAH026

The proposed composition of Niagara Region Council reflects the Province's objective of reducing the number of elected officials; however, further analysis is needed to ensure this structure achieves meaningful efficiencies. The Town believes additional work is required to:

- Review municipal service delivery and efficiencies between Niagara Region and local area municipalities (as directed by Regional Council).
- Assess the workload and time commitments placed on Mayors serving both at the local tier and on Regional Council.

The Town is very concerned about the fairness of weighted voting, particularly its potential impact on smaller municipalities. It is critical that any weighted voting system ensures smaller municipalities retain a meaningful and equitable voice in decision-making.

The Town does not support the appointment of an upper-tier Regional Chair by Ministerial Order. The Regional Chair plays a critical leadership role in agenda setting, regional prioritization, and intergovernmental coordination. This position should remain accountable either through election by the public or selection by Regional Council from among its elected members. An appointed Chair would introduce a level of provincial control that is inconsistent with principles of local democratic governance and reduces direct accountability to residents.

The Town is supportive of changes to include election-year restrictions for Strong Mayor Powers. The changes strengthen accountability and limits major decisions during election transitions.

### Conclusion

Upon receipt and approval of this memo, staff will forward the comments contained below to the Province, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, the Niagara Region, and the Niagara local area municipalities. Staff will continue to monitor the changes and discuss potential implications with municipal partners.

Respectfully submitted by,



Victoria Steele

Director of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Respectfully approved by,



Sarah Kim

Chief Administrative Officer

May 5, 2026

**CL 7-2026, April 30, 2026**

**CSC 3-2026, April 15, 2026**

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Motion Respecting A New Deal for Niagara

Regional Council, at its meeting held on April 30, 2026, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Niagara Region is a critical economic driver within Ontario and Canada, and a globally recognized tourism destination, welcoming approximately 14 million visitors annually (Niagara Falls Tourism/Ontario's Destination Niagara) and generating approximately \$3 billion in tourism-related economic activity;

WHEREAS the Niagara Region is one of the busiest border crossings between Canada and the U.S. and is bounded on 3 sides by water, which increases vehicular traffic traversing Niagara and policing and rescue responsibilities for our municipalities;

WHEREAS Niagara's visitor economy and border location place unique and sustained pressures on regional and local infrastructure, including roads, waste management (Public Works), transit (Niagara Transit), policing (Niagara Regional Police), paramedic services (Niagara EMS), water and wastewater systems, and public spaces;

WHEREAS Niagara municipalities are responsible for delivering essential services that support both residents and visitors, while relying only on property tax revenues that do not scale with tourism or trade corridor demands;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has identified that Ontario's current provincial-municipal fiscal framework is unsustainable, citing ongoing provincial downloading and a structural mismatch between municipal responsibilities and available revenue tools;

WHEREAS AMO has called for a comprehensive review of municipal service delivery responsibilities ("who does what") and the development of new fiscal tools to ensure municipalities can meet growing service demands;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has advocated for a modernized federal-municipal partnership, including predictable, long-term infrastructure funding, expanded housing investments, and direct federal engagement with municipalities to address national priorities;

WHEREAS Niagara Region is experiencing increasing financial pressures related to housing affordability, homelessness, transit expansion, climate adaptation, and state-of-good-repair infrastructure, all of which are compounded by population growth and visitor impacts; and

WHEREAS the economic benefits generated by Niagara's tourism sector and commercial trade significantly contribute to provincial and federal revenues, yet municipalities bear a disproportionate share of the costs required to sustain this economic activity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **CALL UPON** the Province of Ontario to initiate, in partnership with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), a comprehensive review of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework, including a reassessment of municipal service responsibilities; the elimination or mitigation of ongoing provincial downloading; the identification of new, sustainable municipal revenue tools, with the Region of Niagara as the pilot;
2. That Niagara Regional Council **ADVOCATES** for a "New Deal for Niagara" that recognizes the Region's unique role as Canada's leading tourism destination and includes dedicated, predictable funding for tourism-supporting infrastructure; investment in regional transit and transportation networks; all emergency services; public health; support for housing and homelessness initiatives; revenue-sharing mechanisms that reflect visitor-driven economic activity;
3. That the Province of Ontario **BE REQUESTED** to ensure that any future transfer of responsibilities to municipalities is accompanied by full and ongoing funding in line with inflation;
4. That the Government of Canada, consistent with recommendations from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), **BE REQUESTED** to expand permanent, direct federal funding streams to municipalities; increase investments in affordable housing and enabling infrastructure; recognize and support high impact tourism and trade corridor regions such as Niagara;
5. That Niagara Regional Council **REQUEST** that both the federal and provincial governments formally recognize the infrastructure and service demands associated with hosting approximately 14 million visitors annually and generating approximately \$3 billion in tourism activity, as reported by Niagara Falls Tourism and Ontario's Destination Niagara; and

6. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Jennie Stevens, MPP for St. Catharines, Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for West Niagara, Jeff Burch, MPP for South Niagara, Wayne Gates MPP Niagara Falls, Prime Minister of Canada; Mark Carney, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and all Niagara-area municipalities requesting their support.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk  
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CLK-C 2026-041

Distribution List:

- Prime Minister of Canada
- Premier of Ontario
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- J. Burch, MPP
- W. Gates, MPP
- S. Oosterhof, MPP
- J. Stevens, MPP
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- Local Area Municipalities



**Municipality of Huron Shores**  
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May 1, 2026

**Subject:** *Tar and Chip*

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #26-08-16 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the request of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider the use of lighter-grade oils for chip-and-tar surface treatment, or develop a suitable alternative, in recognition of the reduced durability and increased maintenance costs experienced by municipalities;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Good Roads, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk  
NR/KN

Cc: Ministry of the Environment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Good Roads, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities



Box 608, Little Current, POP 1K0  
705-368-3500

Please see below a Resolution passed by the Council of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

If your Council supports this motion please share with the appropriate Ministries and Organizations.

Thank You

**Resolution No. 75-03-2026**

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: P. Aelick

**Whereas** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, like many municipalities, utilizes chip-and-tar surface treatment on a significant portion of its road network; and

**Whereas** the Town has observed a substantial decrease in the length of time these treated roads remain in acceptable condition; and

**Whereas** the quality and durability of the oil used in the surface treatment appears to be a contributing factor; and

**Whereas** the Ministry of the Environment amended its regulations several years ago, permitting only lighter-grade oils for environmental considerations; and

**Whereas** the reduced durability of the lighter-grade product has resulted in more frequent resurfacing cycles and has consequently led to increasing maintenance costs;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands respectfully requests that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil, taking into account the increased number of applications required, as well as the associated additional time, energy, and financial burden placed on municipalities or develops a better alternative oil.

And Further that this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, AMO, Good Roads, FONOM, MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all other municipalities.

Carried



**Municipality of Huron Shores**  
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May 1, 2026

**Subject:** *Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal for 2026 Provincial Budget*

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #26-08-15 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the resolution of the Town of Saugeen Shores endorsing the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) proposal to include \$10 million per year in the 2026 Provincial Budget for the Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant program;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk  
NR/KN

Cc: Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities

March 23, 2026

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Minister of Finance  
minister.fin@ontario.ca

The Honourable Graham McGregor, MPP  
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
graham.mcgregor@pc.ola.org

**RE: Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding**

At the March 23, 2026, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, the attached motion was passed endorsing the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hailey Leigh-Mossley".

Hailey Leigh-Mossley  
Deputy Clerk  
Encl.

cc. MPP Lisa Thompson  
All Ontario Municipalities

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SAUGEEN SHORES

**MOVED BY:** C. Grace

**RESOLUTION NO:** 096-2026

**SECONDED BY:** M. Myatt

**DATE:** March 23, 2026

Whereas older buildings have inherent sustainability and provide economic, environmental and social benefits for Ontario communities; and,

Whereas re-use of existing buildings reduces the need for increased infrastructure that accompanies new builds such as sewer and water services, new roads and sidewalks; and,

Whereas re-use of existing building can reduce construction waste and extend the life expectancy of landfills; and,

Whereas keeping older buildings helps a community remain visually richer and enhances identity while building its tourism brand and appeal; and,

Whereas creating a new, application-based, matching grant program of \$10M/year, modelled on an existing Alberta program would incentivize owners and smaller developers to keep, fix and reuse heritage buildings to create new housing; and,

Whereas such a grant program would provide an alternative to the Ontario heritage property tax relief program, which has limited impact on developers and reduces municipal revenues; and,

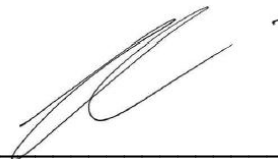
Whereas such a grant program would provide a simpler and more direct way for heritage building owners to fund renovations or conservation; and,

Whereas Ontario developers surveyed by the National Trust for Canada in 2014 ranked a heritage-revolving fund as their top incentive to encourage heritage development if:

- the grants are simple to apply for and to administer; and,
- the fund is large enough to meet at least 33% of the demand so that applicants have a reasonable chance of recovering the cost and effort of applying.

Therefore, be it Resolved That the Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores endorse the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding, and that this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and MPP Lisa Thompson, and be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

- Carried
- Carried, as amended
- Defeated
- Deferred
- Referred
- Tabled
- Withdrawn



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Mayor

Sent by Email

May 1, 2026

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Subject: Corr. 06-26  
Tracy Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees, Durham District School Board  
Re: Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on April 27, 2026 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 06-26, from Tracy Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees, Durham District School Board, dated March 26, 2026, regarding a Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Durham Region MP's, Durham Region MPP's, John Henry, Regional Chair, The Regional Municipality of Durham, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), all Ontario Municipalities, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, and all Durham District School Board Trustees.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your information.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: Juanita Nathan, MP Pickering-Brooklin  
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Ryan Turnbull, MP Whitby  
Rhonda Kirkland, MP Oshawa  
Jamil Jivani, MP Bowmanville-Oshawa North  
Jacob Mantle, MP York-Durham  
Hon. Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham  
Rob Cerjanec, MPP Ajax  
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby  
Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa  
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
John Henry, Regional Chair, The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association  
Durham District School Board Trustees

Chief Administrative Officer



## Durham District School Board

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March 26, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier  
Premier's Office  
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And

The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education  
Ministry of Education  
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Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca); [minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca)

Re: Request for Provincial School Board Governance Consultation Process

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board, I am writing to request that a province-wide consultation process take place before making any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees.

The potential elimination of trustees is concerning and represents a significant shift in Ontario's education governance. Trustees serve as a longstanding, essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system. Any change of this magnitude should not be considered without seeking input through evidence-based research and meaningful public engagement.

It is essential that communities have an opportunity to fully understand and respond to the implications of a proposal that would remove school board trustees, which may have unintended negative consequences on the communities that we are elected to serve. We understand you have recently heard from a number of other boards across the province, and we strongly agree with the statement from our colleagues at Avon Maitland DSB that *"transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of this proposal is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue."*

Durham Region includes diverse, urban, suburban, and rural communities, all with vastly varying histories and needs. Local representation ensures the unique needs of each of our communities are considered and met. As a Board of Trustees, we are firmly and proudly



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@DDSBschools

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committed to promoting meaningful learning, connected communities, and well-being, being responsive to the priorities of the local community in carrying out our duties and responsibilities.

In parallel to this letter, we are also writing to the Ombudsman's Office to request an immediate review of the potential impacts of removing school board trustees with respect to fairness, openness, transparency, and accountability.

We thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Tracy Brown  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Durham District School Board

cc.

Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) for Durham Region  
Members of Parliament (MPs) for Durham Region  
Regional Chair, Mayors and Council for Durham Region Municipalities  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association and Members Board  
DDSB Board of Trustees



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

AGENDA ITEM

5a)

Date: April 28, 2026

Resolution 2026 – 083	
MOVED BY:	SECONDED BY:
<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Marie Cartwright <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Harper <input type="checkbox"/> Glenn Hart <input type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Kukko <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gayle Westhaver	<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Marie Cartwright <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Harper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glenn Hart <input type="checkbox"/> Suzanne Kukko <input type="checkbox"/> Gayle Westhaver

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council supports the Municipality of Shuniah’s resolution regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF);  
 AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated as requested.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
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MAYOR – SUZANNE KUKKO	Clerk: TIM COBBAN		



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April 28, 2026

Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
Legislative Building  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2E7

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on April 28, 2026:

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering a resolution passed by the Town of Lincoln regarding extending the deadlines for notices of intention to designate listed heritage properties, endorse the resolution:

**WHEREAS** amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS** the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

**WHEREAS** the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

**WHEREAS** many municipalities, including the Town of Lincoln, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Council of the Town of Lincoln endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and
2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and
3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Should you have any questions, please contact Julia Wushke, by email at [jwushke@woolwich.ca](mailto:jwushke@woolwich.ca) or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith  
Municipal Clerk  
Corporate Services  
Township of Woolwich

C.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Mike Harris, MPP  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association  
all Ontario municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Resolution # RC26092	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>J. Chopat</i>

**WHEREAS** housing affordability remains a critical issue in Ontario and across Canada, with the national average home sale price at approximately \$675,000, making homeownership increasingly difficult for first-time buyers; and

**WHEREAS** under the current Ontario Land Transfer Tax regime, first-time home buyers may receive a rebate of up to \$4,000 toward provincial land transfer tax, which fully offsets the tax only on homes valued up to approximately \$368,000, a level substantially below the current average home price; and

**WHEREAS** at a home purchase price of \$675,000 the provincial land transfer tax before any rebate can exceed \$8,000, meaning that even with the current maximum \$4,000 rebate first time buyers must pay a significant tax burden at closing that undermines housing affordability; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa acknowledges and applauds recent efforts by the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to improve housing affordability, including measures to reduce or rebate GST/HST on new housing construction and purchases; and

**WHEREAS** the vast majority of residential real estate transactions in Ontario, including both resale and new homes, are subject to provincial Land Transfer Tax, meaning that enhancements to the Land Transfer Tax rebate would provide broader and more immediate financial relief to first-time homebuyers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa formally requests that the Province of Ontario consider amending the Land Transfer Tax Act to:

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- 1. Increase the value threshold at which the first-time home buyer rebate fully offsets provincial Land Transfer Tax to a level that reflects current housing market realities (for example, to no less than \$675,000, aligning with the 2025 national average home price); and
2. Increase the maximum rebate amount available to first time home buyers accordingly (such as to a minimum of \$8,000, or a proportional figure tied to the new threshold) to meaningfully reduce upfront tax costs for first-time purchasers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such amendments be designed to enhance housing affordability and access to homeownership for first-time buyers in urban, suburban, and rural communities alike; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for consideration and advocacy.

Table with 4 columns: RESOLUTION RESULT, RECORDED VOTE, YES, NO. Rows include CARRIED (checked), DEFEATED, TABLED, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and 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.

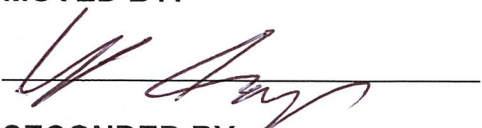

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 – 054

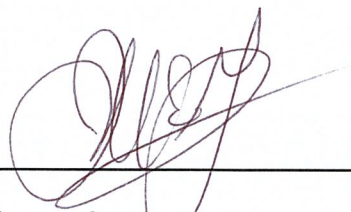
DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: May 5, 2026
Councillor <b>G. ASHFORD</b>	_____	_____	<b>MOVED BY:</b> 
Councillor <b>J. BELESKEY</b>	_____	_____	
Councillor <b>P. BORNEMAN</b>	_____	_____	<b>SECONDED BY:</b> 
Councillor <b>B. KEITH</b>	_____	_____	
Councillor <b>D. McCANN</b>	_____	_____	
Councillor <b>C. McDONALD</b>	_____	_____	
Mayor <b>J. McGARVEY</b>	_____	_____	

**CARRIED:**  **DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postponed to:** \_\_\_\_\_

That Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the City of Peterborough's Resolution attached as Schedule A which

1. urges the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to collaborate on the design, funding, and implementation of a Guaranteed Basic Income for all Canadian residents;
2. calls upon the Province of Ontario to reinstate a basic income pilot with a view to province-wide implementation; and

That this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, our local MPP and MP, relevant federal and provincial Ministers, AMO, FCM, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

  
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**Mayor Jamie McGarvey**



Office of the City Clerk, City Hall  
500 George Street North  
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April 24, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;  
Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario;  
MP Emma Harrison;  
Paul Thompson, Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;  
Rob Wright, Deputy Minister of Labour and Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;  
Cliff Groen, Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;  
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;  
Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;  
MPP Dave Smith;  
Daniele Zanotti, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services;  
Cordelia Clarke Julien, Assistant Deputy Minister Social Assistance Program Branch;  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Subject: Guaranteed Basic Income Resolution**

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 30, 2026, is forwarded for your consideration.

**WHEREAS:**

- 1. Poverty and income insecurity continue to negatively impact the health and well-being of residents in Peterborough and across Ontario;**
- 2. Municipal governments bear significant costs from the downstream effects of poverty, including increased demand for social services, emergency shelters, and community programs;**
- 3. Evidence from the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (2017–2019) and comparable programs demonstrated meaningful improvements in health, housing stability, and food security among participants;**



City of  
Peterborough

4. A Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) requires collaboration between the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to design, fund, and implement effectively; and
5. Municipalities, as the order of government closest to residents, are well-positioned to advocate for income security policies that reflect local needs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Council urges the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to collaborate on the design, funding, and implementation of a Guaranteed Basic Income for all Canadian residents;
2. Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to reinstate a basic income pilot with a view to province-wide implementation; and
3. The Clerk be directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, our local MPP and MP, relevant federal and provincial Ministers, AMO and FCM, and to share it with all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,

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John Kennedy  
City Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 – 055

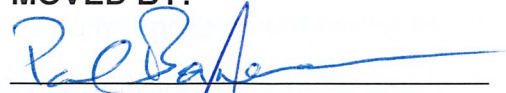
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YES NO

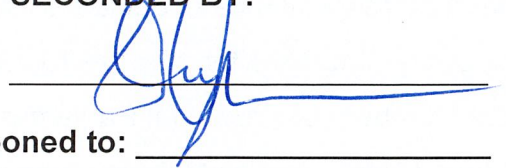
DATE: May 5, 2026

Councillor	<b>G. ASHFORD</b>	_____	_____
Councillor	<b>J. BELESKEY</b>	_____	_____
Councillor	<b>P. BORNEMAN</b>	_____	_____
Councillor	<b>B. KEITH</b>	_____	_____
Councillor	<b>D. McCANN</b>	_____	_____
Councillor	<b>C. McDONALD</b>	_____	_____
Mayor	<b>J. McGARVEY</b>	_____	_____

MOVED BY:



SECONDED BY:




CARRIED:  DEFEATED:  Postponed to: \_\_\_\_\_

That Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the Municipality of Wawa's Resolution attached as Schedule A which

1. Calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. Requests the Province to index the total annual OCIF envelope-and each individual municipal allocation-to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. Calls upon The Ministry of Infrastructure to establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. Calls upon the Province to undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics, and rural equity considerations.

5. Calls upon the Province to create a dedicated contingency reserve equal to five percent (5%) of the annual OCIF envelope within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs, or project overruns without reallocating core funding.
6. Calls upon The Ministry of Infrastructure to publish an annual OCIF performance report-including program disbursements, allocation adjustments, and reserve expenditures in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard; and

That this Resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.



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**Mayor Jamie McGarvey**





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

<b>Resolution # RC26077</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 6</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> 	<b>Seconded by:</b> 

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.

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2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics, and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to five percent (5%) of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs, or project overruns without reallocating core funding.
6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments, and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.

**FURTHER THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the April 15, 2026 resolution of the Township of Shuniah regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

**FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

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

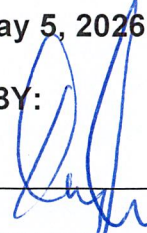
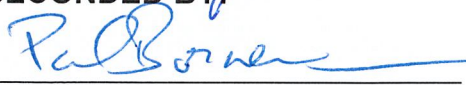
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MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 - 056

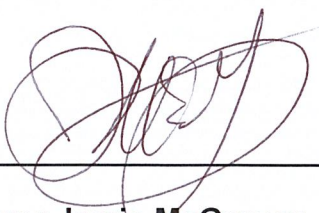
DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: May 5, 2026
Councillor <b>G. ASHFORD</b>	_____	_____	<b>MOVED BY:</b> 
Councillor <b>J. BELESKEY</b>	_____	_____	
Councillor <b>P. BORNEMAN</b>	_____	_____	<b>SECONDED BY:</b> 
Councillor <b>B. KEITH</b>	_____	_____	
Councillor <b>D. McCANN</b>	_____	_____	
Councillor <b>C. McDONALD</b>	_____	_____	
Mayor <b>J. McGARVEY</b>	_____	_____	

**CARRIED:**  **DEFEATED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postponed to:** \_\_\_\_\_

That Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports Northumberland County Resolution attached as Schedule A which

1. Calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) and its contractors provide fair, consistent and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario; and
2. Requests the province to establish, enforce and publicly report on consistent province wide standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times and contractor performance; and

That this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Circular Materials Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

  
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**Mayor Jamie McGarvey**



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

April 24, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario),  
Honourable Todd McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks),  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),  
Circular Materials Ontario,  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Regional Municipality of York  
'Circular Materials Ontario'**

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At a meeting held on April 15, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved the following Resolution # 2026-04-15-251 adopting the below recommendation from the March 30, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting.

**Moved by** Councillor Olena Hankivsky

**Seconded by** Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee receive the correspondence from the Regional Municipality of York regarding 'Circular Materials Ontario', for information; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council:

- Support the correspondence and call upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) and its contractors provide fair, consistent and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario; and
- Request the province to establish, enforce and publicly report on consistent province wide standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times and contractor performance; and

- Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable, Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Todd J., McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Circular Materials Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2026-04-15-251

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [bennett@northumberland.ca](mailto:bennett@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,



Tonia Bennett  
Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

# Council Resolution

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Moved By O. Hankivsky

Agenda Resolution Number  
Item 10.a 2026-04-15- 251

Seconded By J. Logel

Council Date: April 15, 2026

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 30, 31 and April 1, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Social Services Committee, Item 9.a, 310 Division Street Community Liaison Committee Meeting - Minutes – Held by Councillor Cleveland; and

Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Carried  \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

## Public Works Committee Resolution

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**Committee Meeting Date:** March 30, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 7.a

**Resolution Number:** 2026-03-30- 224

**Moved by:** J. Logel

**Seconded by:** B. Crato

**Council Meeting Date:** April 15, 2026

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"That the Public Works Committee receive the correspondence from the Regional Municipality of York regarding 'Circular Materials Ontario', for information; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council:

- Support the correspondence and call upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) and its contractors provide fair, consistent and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario; and
- Request the province to establish, enforce and publicly report on consistent province wide standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times and contractor performance; and
- Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable, Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Todd J., McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Circular Materials Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities."

**Carried** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**From:** [Regional.Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Council Decision - Circular Materials Ontario  
**Date:** March 6, 2026 8:12:57 AM

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**CAUTION:** External E-Mail

On February 26, 2026 Regional Council passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** the Province of Ontario has implemented the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, transferring responsibility for municipal recycling to producer responsibility organizations and their contractors, including Circular Materials Ontario;

**And Whereas** Circular Materials Ontario has engaged multiple private collection contractors to deliver recycling services to municipalities across Ontario, including those within the Regional Municipality of York;

**And Whereas** municipalities throughout Ontario are experiencing inconsistent recycling collection service levels under the new EPR model, including differences in collection frequency, missed collections, accepted materials, cart provision, contamination management, customer service response times, and contractor accountability;

**And Whereas** residents in some municipalities are receiving reduced or inferior recycling collection services compared to others, despite participating in the same provincial Blue Box program;

**And Whereas** these service level inequities have resulted in increased resident complaints, confusion, reduced participation in recycling programs, and declining public confidence in Ontario's recycling system;

**And Whereas** upper- and lower-tier municipalities, including York Region, no longer have direct operational control over Blue Box recycling collection, yet continue to experience the impacts of service disruptions and resident dissatisfaction;

**And Whereas** the intent of Extended Producer Responsibility was to improve environmental outcomes, efficiency, and accountability, not to create unequal treatment of Ontario residents based on municipal boundaries;

**And Whereas** access to reliable and effective recycling collection is an essential public service and should be fair, consistent, and equitable for all residents of Ontario, regardless of where they live;

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Council of The Regional Municipality of York calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario and its contractors provide fair, consistent, and equitable

recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario;

**And That** the Province be requested to establish, enforce, and publicly report on consistent province-wide service standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed-collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times, and contractor performance;

**And That** the Province require Circular Materials Ontario to promptly address collection service level inequities and performance gaps between municipalities, including those impacting York Region;

**And That** this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario.

Regards,

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

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