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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor, Council and Residents

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

DATE: June 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Bill 9 – Municipal Accountability Act, 2026: Status Update

This memo provides an update on Bill 9, also known as the *Municipal Accountability Act, 2026*. It explains what the legislation does, where things currently stand, and what to expect next. Further updates will be shared as more information becomes available from the Province.

Overview and Current Status

On June 2, 2026, Bill 9 received Royal Assent and officially became law in Ontario.

The legislation creates a more consistent, province-wide system for how municipalities deal with member conduct and accountability. However, the law is not yet fully in effect. Important details still need to be set out in provincial regulations, which have not yet been released.

What Will Change

Bill 9 will bring several major changes to how municipalities handle conduct and discipline for members of council and local boards.

First, the Province will introduce a single, standardized code of conduct that will apply to all municipalities. This means local codes of conduct will eventually be replaced by one consistent provincial framework.

Second, the process for reviewing complaints will change. Concerns about a member's conduct will still begin with the local Integrity Commissioner. For more serious matters, the case may then be referred to the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario for a further review.

Third, the legislation creates a new process to remove a member from office in very serious cases. This would require a recommendation from the provincial Integrity Commissioner, followed by a vote of council. The threshold for removal is intentionally very high, requiring near-unanimous support from eligible members of council.

Finally, the law will introduce mandatory training requirements for members of council and Integrity Commissioners, along with a stronger oversight role for the provincial Integrity Commissioner.

What We Don't Know Yet

Although the legislation sets out the overall framework, many of the details are still unknown. The Province has indicated that key elements—such as the content of the code of conduct, training requirements, and the exact procedures to be followed—will be defined through regulation.

At this time, those regulations have not been released.

What This Means for the Municipality

Because the regulations are still pending, the full impact on municipal processes is not yet clear. It is expected that the city will need to transition to the new provincial code of conduct and update internal procedures once additional direction is provided.

Staff will review all requirements and bring forward recommendations to council as further details are released by the Province.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to monitor updates from the Province and will report back to council as new information becomes available. This will include any required changes to policies, procedures, or training.

Conclusion

Bill 9 represents an important shift in how municipal accountability is managed across Ontario. While the law has been passed, the practical changes will depend on additional direction from the Province.

Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

This memo is provided for general information only and does not replace provincial legislation or legal advice.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

FROM: Adam Beres, Manager of Procurement

DATE: June 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Buy Ontario Directive

The purpose of this memo is to advise City Council of the *Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive* (the “**Directive**”), requiring municipalities to prioritize the procurement of Ontario and Canadian goods and services by imposing mandatory procurement requirements for evaluation purposes. This memo provides an outline of the changes, the impacts to City procurement processes, and how the Procurement Division will be supporting the implementation of the Directive to ensure compliance and staff readiness. The full Provincial Directive can be accessed here: [Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/municipal-buy-ontario-procurement-directive).

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTIVE

On March 30, 2026, the Government of Ontario issued a regulation under the Buy Ontario Act (Public Sector Procurement), 2025 (the “**Act**”) mandating municipalities be subject to the Act, including any applicable directives issued under the Act.

On Tuesday, April 7, the Government of Ontario issued the Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive (the “**Directive**”) a directive requiring municipalities to prioritize the procurement of Ontario and Canadian goods and services by imposing mandatory procurement requirements to strengthen local supply chains and support Ontario businesses.

The Directive has significant implications as to how municipalities currently conduct

procurement for both vehicles and construction related projects by implementing an Ontario first approach. Procurement has been working with the Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) and Legal Services to update the City's procurement processes and bid documents to comply with the directive. Furthermore, a communication and education plan with impacted staff managing projects affected by this directive has been prepared.

The implementation of the Directive was phased in with requirements on fleet vehicles and capital infrastructure effective for procurements issued/posted on or after April 13, 2026 and May 15, 2026 respectively.

IMPACTS OF DIRECTIVE

- Staff have reviewed the City's Purchasing Policy and no updates are required at this time, as the policy already acknowledges the City will execute its purchasing policy following all relevant federal, provincial and municipal laws and changes in directives and treaties.
- If the Procurement Directive escalates project costs by 25% or greater, there would be a potential exclusion to the Directive. This threshold is very high and may result in budget to actual challenges. In accordance with our existing Purchasing Policy, staff must report to Council when a project is over budget. Staff will indicate clearly if the overage is due to the Directive.
- The Directive will have minimal impact on the City's fleet purchases in 2026 as the light duty vehicles have been secured for this year. Any fleet requirements that are unforeseen and for the 2027 budget year and beyond would be required to follow the Directive and staff will plan accordingly.
- Passenger vehicle purchase evaluations receive priority to Ontario built first followed by Canadian built or a firm that employs a threshold of 1,500 across their Ontario footprint. The Directive has limited some of the selections previously used for fleet electrification.
- As the Buy Ontario Procurement Directive evaluation criteria appears in upcoming bid processes, it will change how outcomes are determined, as there is an additional evaluation weighting that can be applied, and in some cases (price only evaluations) the bid price is

reduced by 10% for the evaluation purpose only, yet the submitted bid price remains the same. It is very possible the second-priced bidder becomes the awarded proponent, if their Domestic Supply Chain receives the highest score.

- The Directive includes ongoing reporting obligations to Supply Ontario, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Treasury Board Secretariat. The impact of this additional reporting requirement on staff resources is currently unknown but there are consequences for non-compliance which may include withholding of Provincial funding.

NEXT STEPS

- The Procurement Division is working with Legal Services, CLT and Communications to implement the Directive's requirements including updating procedures and bid templates to comply with the Directive.
- Procurement staff are proactively collaborating with stakeholders affected by the Directive, organizing meetings with City staff to review requirements, evaluate divisional impacts, educate and gather feedback.
- Procurement staff participate in roundtable discussions with the Niagara Public Purchasing Committee (NPPC) and Ontario Public Buyers Association (OPBA) peers to share knowledge and align processes with the Directive.
- Staff will be tracking cost escalations and budgetary challenges in projects affected by these requirements and reporting to Council. Staff will include timely updates on projects impacted by this directive through our monthly authorized purchase report. In alignment with the policy, if there are any budget shortfalls resulting from procurement bids, staff would be making recommendations directly to Council for approval.

Economic Development Brief

June 15, 2026

Statistics and Trends

Labour market conditions

Seasonally adjusted labour market conditions in Niagara performed well across most indicators, except for the unemployment rate. However, the increase in the unemployment rate was driven by labour force participation rising faster than employment, rather than by job losses. Overall, Niagara outperformed both Canada and Ontario, although they also saw improvements.

Month-over-month data from April to May 2026 show the following:

- Population: Niagara increased by 0.2% (800 people), while Ontario increased by 0.03%.
- Labour force: Niagara increased by 1.2% (1,200 people), while Ontario increased by 0.1%.
- Employment: Niagara increased by 0.7% (1,600 people), while Ontario increased by 0.3%.
- Unemployment rate: Niagara increased by 0.6% to 6.6%, while Ontario decreased by 0.2% to 7.4%.
- Participation rate: Niagara increased by 0.7% to 59.9%, while Ontario remained the same at 64.7%.

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

May saw a sharp labour market rebound across Niagara, Ontario, and Canada. Despite being in a technical recession, Canada added 88,000 jobs in May, led by gains in construction, transportation, manufacturing, and tourism-oriented sectors. Real GDP growth is forecast to average between 1.0% and 1.8% in 2026, as the economy absorbs the impacts of U.S. tariffs, shifting immigration policies, and broader trade renegotiations.

Economic Development Updates

Longo's coming to Welland

The Empire Company banner Longo's is expanding in Ontario with two new grocery stores, with one opening its 44th location in Welland at 968 Niagara Street on June 24. It will feature Longo's signature offerings, a Loft Cooking School, and a Starbucks, while creating new jobs and community gathering spaces. The expansion comes as Longo's celebrates its 70th anniversary, growing its network beyond its current 43 stores across Ontario.

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

Niagara Economic Development hosts Funders Forum

On May 22, Niagara Economic Development hosted the Niagara Funders Forum in partnership with the Province of Ontario, bringing together municipal staff, economic development professionals, chambers of commerce, BIAs, sector organizations, and community partners from across Niagara. Representatives from five provincial ministries and FedDev Ontario provided direct updates on funding programs, eligibility requirements, and application processes. The forum strengthened Niagara's capacity to access external funding and support business, workforce, infrastructure, tourism, agriculture, and community development initiatives.

Grand opening planned for Primary Care Teaching Clinic

Niagara has been selected as one of Ontario's sites for a new Primary Care Teaching Clinic in partnership with McMaster University, with operations expected to begin in spring 2027. The clinic will expand family medicine training capacity by adding four new resident positions annually, helping strengthen the region's physician recruitment and retention efforts. By training more physicians locally, the initiative will enhance Niagara's healthcare workforce pipeline while supporting team-based care and academic partnerships.

Sport Niagara and Ridley College launch three-year partnership

Sport Niagara and Ridley College have entered into a three-year strategic partnership aimed at strengthening sport development across Niagara through coaching education, officials training, and inclusive sport programming. The collaboration will create new pathways for athletes, coaches, officials, and community sport leaders by combining Ridley College's facilities and educational resources with Sport Niagara's expertise in athlete development and sport hosting. The partnership will also advance para sport and accessibility initiatives, helping position Niagara as a leader in inclusive participation, athlete development, and community-based sport excellence.

Niagara Economic Development and Niagara College partner on agriculture workforce

Niagara Economic Development and Niagara College have partnered through the Grown in Niagara: Agriculture Economic Development Action Plan to strengthen the region's future agriculture workforce by introducing students to career opportunities in the sector. On May 20, 120 high school students participated in Agriculture Days at Niagara College, gaining hands-on experience in areas such as environmental science, greenhouse production, and viticulture. The broader program includes classroom visits, workshops, campus experiences, and industry engagement activities designed to raise awareness of agricultural, agri-food, science, technology, and skilled trade careers across Niagara.

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Big Red Market has big plans for expansion in Thorold

Big Red Market in Thorold is planning a major expansion of its grocery store at 206 Richmond Street after The Overtime Pub, its neighbouring business, relocates and frees up space. Owner Dan Timmins says the 40-year-old market will expand its hot food offerings, meat and deli counters, and produce section to better serve growing customer demand while maintaining its focus on quality and value. The project is expected to improve store flow and parking and add roughly 5 full-time and 10 part-time jobs.

\$15 million Brock University research vineyard taking root

Brock University has launched the Clean Agriculture for Sustainable Production project at its new Norris W. Walker Research Farm in Thorold, supported by major federal, provincial, and private funding, including a \$3.5 million Canada Foundation for Innovation grant. The initiative will advance research in sustainable and climate resilient agriculture, beginning with a focus on developing clean, virus-free grapevines to support Canada's wine industry and reduce reliance on imported plant stock. Over time, the farm will also expand into precision viticulture and broader agricultural and urban ecosystem research, serving as a hub for innovation, student learning, and industry collaboration across Niagara and beyond.

Spring Creek Transformer Station breaks ground in Lincoln

Niagara Peninsula Energy has begun construction of a new \$35 million transformer station in Lincoln, supported by Hydro One and Black & McDonald, which will add 102 MW of electricity capacity for Niagara West. The project, expected to be completed by 2029, will strengthen energy reliability by supporting existing transformer stations in Smithville, Vineland, and Beamsville while improving overall grid resiliency. The project will strengthen the local electrical grid, increase capacity, and support dependable power for residents, businesses, and future development opportunities for decades to come.

Niagara firms among recipients of \$8 million in provincial critical minerals funding

Following the release of the Building Fortress North America plan, the Ontario government announced nearly \$8 million in funding for 18 projects through the Critical Minerals Innovation Fund to strengthen secure and resilient supply chains. At the Canadian Mining Expo, Ministers Stephen Lecce and George Pirie highlighted key recipients, including \$500,000 for Vale Canada Limited in Port Colborne to develop ClearZone, an in-field robotic system designed to improve underground mine safety and automation. Thorold-based Destiny Copper Inc. will receive \$400,000 to scale up its copper powder production technology, advancing cleaner processing methods and strengthening domestic supply for EV and advanced manufacturing industries.

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Canadian Coast Guard officially opens in Port Weller modern search and rescue station

The Canadian Coast Guard has officially opened a new \$7.6 million search and rescue station in the Port Weller community of St. Catharines, strategically located on Lake Ontario to improve emergency response on the Great Lakes. The facility includes modern operations and living spaces, a workshop for vessel maintenance, and a “Ready Room” designed to speed up deployment of rescue equipment while also incorporating sustainable energy and infrastructure features. Construction began in 2022 and was completed in 2024, with federal officials highlighting the station as part of broader efforts to modernize Coast Guard operations and improve safety for mariners across the region.

Province announces \$78.1 million for new Fort Erie school and other upgrades

The Ontario government is investing \$78.1 million to build a new elementary school in Fort Erie and expand three existing schools in Pelham, Port Colborne, and Fort Erie, as announced by Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff. Once completed, the projects are expected to add 897 elementary spaces, 506 secondary spaces, and 108 licensed childcare spaces within the District School Board of Niagara. The investments will help address rapid population growth and improve access to modern learning environments, though no completion timeline was provided.

New tourism experience launches in Niagara Benchlands

Tour de Vine, known for its guided and self-guided bike wine tours, has expanded into the Niagara Benchlands, offering new ways for residents and visitors to experience Lincoln’s wineries, culinary destinations, and scenic countryside. Through bicycle and e-bike rentals, guided and self-guided tours, private group experiences, and curated wine-focused itineraries, the company connects visitors with local wineries, breweries, and tourism businesses. By encouraging exploration of the community and supporting local businesses, Tour de Vine contributes to visitor attraction, tourism spending, and the continued growth of Lincoln’s tourism and hospitality sectors.

Federal Investment supports Lincoln Shoreline Protection project

The Town of Lincoln’s Lakeshore Roads and Shoreline Protection project will receive \$33.7 million through the Government of Canada’s Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund to help advance a phased, future-focused approach to addressing shoreline flooding and erosion support. This federal investment will help protect residents, infrastructure, and public access along the Lake Ontario shoreline while supporting long-term community resiliency and climate adaptation.

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

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Minister of Justice
and Attorney General of Canada



Ministre de la Justice
et procureur général du Canada

The Honourable / L'honorable Sean Fraser, P.C., K.C., M.P. / c.p., c.r., député
Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H8

His Worship Frank Campion
Mayor
Corporation of Welland

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am writing to inform you that the *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act* (Bill C-14) is now law.

A safe, peaceful, and prosperous Canada depends on strong protections for our communities. With over 80 changes to the *Criminal Code*, this legislation delivers on the federal government's promise to strengthen bail and sentencing laws, in particular for repeat and violent offending.

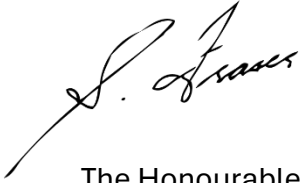
With these reforms, obtaining bail will be more difficult for those accused of repeat offending and for those charged with serious offences such as violent auto theft, organized crime, home invasion, human trafficking, and violent extortion. Sentencing laws will be tougher for serious crimes through consecutive sentences and restrictions on house arrest for certain sexual offences, including sexual offences against children.

These sweeping reforms reflect extensive consultation and close collaboration with partners across the country. We heard your concerns, considered your feedback carefully, and worked hard to reflect those perspectives in the legislation. The result: a stronger *Criminal Code*. Thank you for your collaboration throughout this process.

To support this work, we are providing funding to help provincial and territorial governments strengthen national bail data collection, reporting, and analysis. Better national data will help measure what is working, identify gaps, and support public safety on an ongoing basis. This builds on nearly \$1 billion in annual federal investments across the country, including funding for legal aid, victims' services, and other programs that help provinces and territories deliver justice services.

The federal government is doing its part to make communities safer. I look forward to continuing to work closely with you and other partners across Canada to ensure these reforms achieve their intended impact.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Fraser', written in a cursive style.

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



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RESOLUTION # 140/2024

DATE : June 4, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry supports the resolution from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the Establishment of Northern Ontario Policing Grant.

WHEREAS Municipalities across Northern Ontario face disproportionately high policing costs due to low population densities, geographic isolation, and limited municipal tax bases;

AND WHEREAS many Northern communities rely on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for policing services, while others operate municipal police services that are also experiencing significant cost pressures;

AND WHEREAS recent increase in policing costs have placed unsustainable pressure on municipal budgets, forcing communities to make difficult decisions between maintaining public safety and funding essential municipal services such as infrastructure, roads, water systems, and recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities provide essential services across a vast geographic region while supporting key sectors of Ontario’s economy, including mining, forestry, transportation, and energy;

AND WHEREAS municipalities require predictable and equitable provincial support to ensure policing costs remain sustainable and communities remain safe;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities call on the Government of Ontario to establish a \$100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years, to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services;

AND THAT the grant includes a base funding allocation for all municipalities, with additional funding distributed based on population to ensure equitable support across communities of varying sizes;

AND THAT the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipal leaders, including FONOM and NOMA, to design and implement a sustainable funding framework that recognized the unique economic and geographic realities of Northern Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded vote requested by _____

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

<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

I declare this motion

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Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:

Bonita Culhane

**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*



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June 10, 2026

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

Premier's Office
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford

Re: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their June 1, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

258-2026

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

That South Huron Council supports the May 13, 2026, correspondence of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, the Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, AMO, ROMA and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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Encl.

cc:

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Date: 13 May 2026 15

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

WHEREAS Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

AND WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

AND WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately **70–75% of firefighters in Ontario**, protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently **the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services**;

AND WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;

AND WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

AND WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

AND WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to **transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program** that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for **operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario**;

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- The County of Lambton
- Lambton County Fire Chiefs Association
- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:

- Steve Pinnsoneault MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
- Bob Bailey MPP Sarnia-Lambton
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred



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RESOLUTION # 136/2026

DATE: June 9, 2026

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) provide policing services to both organized municipalities and unorganized territories across the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS organized municipalities receiving OPP policing services are billed under the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model, which includes a base service cost and additional costs related to calls for services;

AND WHEREAS unorganized townships and territories contribute to policing costs through provincial taxation mechanisms and pay only a base rate while receiving OPP policing services;

AND WHEREAS residents of unorganized territories receive comparable OPP policing services to those provided in organized municipalities;

AND WHEREAS recent increases in OPP policing costs have placed a growing and disproportionate financial burden on organized municipalities and their taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have limited revenue tools and must rely primarily on property taxation to fund essential services such as policing;

AND WHEREAS the current funding structure creates an inequitable situation in which organized municipalities are required to subsidize a larger share of policing costs while similar services are provided in unorganized territories at a significant lower contribution level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls upon the Province of Ontario to conduct an immediate review of the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model and the policing funding structure for unorganized territories;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to implement a fair and equitable funding model that ensures all communities receiving OPP policing services contribute appropriately to the cost of those services;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to consult with municipalities, particularly those in Northern Ontario, regarding the financial impacts of OPP policing costs and the current inequities in the system;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Minister of the Solicitor General, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and neighboring municipalities for their support.

Recorded vote requested by _____

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Mayor Bonita Culhane		

I declare this motion

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<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

Signature of Chair:

Bonita Culhane

**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*



June 15, 2026

Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
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Dear Minister Flack,

Re: Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP)

On behalf of Council for the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, I am writing to acknowledge the Province of Ontario's Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) and its intent to support housing development and critical infrastructure investment across municipalities.

Council appreciates the Province's efforts to address housing supply challenges by incentivizing development and providing access to infrastructure funding. The objectives of increasing housing availability and supporting growth-related infrastructure are important priorities that align with the Town's long-term planning goals.

However, Council wishes to express concern that the current structure of the DCRP presents significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities such as the Town of Plympton-Wyoming. Municipalities are required to commit to substantial development charge reductions while also preparing competitive applications for large, shovel-ready projects within a limited timeframe.

The program's compressed application intake period provides limited opportunity for municipalities with constrained staffing and financial capacity to properly evaluate participation, identify eligible projects, and assemble a competitive submission.

Additionally, the requirement to prioritize large-scale infrastructure projects that clearly enable housing development, coupled with the expectation of upfront municipal financial contributions, places smaller municipalities at a disadvantage. Many rural communities do not have the same breadth of shovel-ready growth-enabling projects readily available, nor the internal resources required to mobilize applications within such tight timelines.

Council is concerned that, without adjustments, the current program design may limit participation from smaller municipalities and result in an inequitable distribution of funding, favouring larger urban centres with greater administrative capacity and project readiness.



In light of these concerns, Council respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario consider establishing a dedicated program stream for small, rural, and northern municipalities. Such a stream should include:

- More flexible and extended application timelines;
- Scaled project requirements that reflect community size and capacity; and
- Adjusted eligibility criteria that recognize the unique infrastructure funding models and operational realities of rural municipalities.

These modifications would help ensure that all municipalities, regardless of size, have a fair opportunity to participate in the program and contribute to the Province's shared objective of increasing housing supply.

The Town of Plympton-Wyoming remains committed to working collaboratively with the Province to support sustainable growth and infrastructure investment in our community.

A copy of this correspondence has been shared with our local Members of Provincial Parliament and Federal Parliament, as well as neighbouring municipalities, to encourage broader support for these requested program enhancements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Sobanski
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Plympton-Wyoming



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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:

- _____ Louanne Caza
- _____ Elaine Fic
- _____ Annie Keft
- _____ Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

- _____ Louanne Caza
- _____ Elaine Fic
- _____ Annie Keft
- _____ Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 139/2026

DATE: June 9, 2026

WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 are critical transportation corridors connecting Northern Ontario communities and supporting national trade, tourism, emergency response, and economic development; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario residents, travelers, commercial drivers, and emergency services rely on safe and accessible year-round highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS many stretches of Highways 11 and 17 lack sufficient rest areas, washrooms facilities, truck parking, warming centres, fuel access, and safe pull-offs locations, particularly in remote areas of Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS inadequate rest stop infrastructure contributes to driver fatigue, safety concerns, limited accessibilities, and challenges for Tourism and commercial transportation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of McGarry calls upon the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to prioritize the development of new and upgraded highway rest stops and traveler infrastructure along Highways 11 and 17 across Northern Ontario;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such infrastructure include year-round washrooms, safe parking areas, commercial truck parking, warming shelters, electric vehicle charging stations, fuel access, tourism information, and improved emergency communication services where feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, FONOM, NOMA, Indigenous communities, and industry stakeholders to identify priority locations for investment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, and Ontario municipalities.

Recorded vote requested by _____

I declare this motion

	For	Against
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

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Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Second By Councillor Fic BC.

<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

Signature of Chair:

Bonita Culhane

**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*



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June 17, 2026

RE: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Dear Honourable Doug Ford and Honourable Michael Kerzner:

At its Council in Committee meeting held on June 8, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

Moved by Lisa Coutu

Seconded by Theresa Sabourin

WHEREAS Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

AND WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

AND WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately 70–75% of firefighters in Ontario, protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services;

AND WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;

AND WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

AND WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

AND WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Council of the Town of Petawawa respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:

- Billy Denault MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Carried

The Town of Petawawa respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario implements a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements. We look forward to your favourable reply.

Sincerely,



Dawn Recoskie, CMO, Dipl.M.A.

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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cc: All municipalities

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Resolution # RC26130	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is considering potential changes to school board governance structures, including the possible elimination of elected school board trustees;

AND WHEREAS elected trustees play an important role in representing local communities, providing accountability, and ensuring that the unique needs and priorities of students, families, and residents are reflected in educational decision-making;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Northern Ontario and rural regions face distinct challenges related to geography, transportation, population distribution, and access to educational services that require strong local representation within the education system;

AND WHEREAS any significant changes to school board governance should be informed by meaningful consultation with affected stakeholders, including municipalities, school boards, parents, educators, and community members across Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the request of the Durham District School Board regarding school board governance and calls upon the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of elected trustees;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario ensure that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities;

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RESOLUTION

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, the Near North District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, the Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the local Member of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: (~~248-26~~) 239-26

Date: Jun 16, 2026

Moved By: *[Signature]*

Seconded By: *[Signature]*

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Parry Sound request for more rest stops and service areas along highways 11 & 17;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, TBDML, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition (Ontario), and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

[Signature]
Signature

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



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Date: May 26, 2026

Motion # 2026-158

WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 are critical transportation corridors connecting Northern Ontario communities and supporting national trade, tourism, emergency response, and economic development; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario residents, travellers, commercial drivers, and emergency services rely on safe and accessible year-round highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS many stretches of Highways 11 and 17 lack sufficient rest areas, washroom facilities, truck parking, warming centres, fuel access, and safe pull-off locations, particularly in remote areas of Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS inadequate rest stop infrastructure contributes to driver fatigue, safety concerns, limited accessibility, and challenges for tourism and commercial transportation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour calls upon the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to prioritize the development of new and upgraded highway rest stops and traveller infrastructure along Highways 11 and 17 across Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such infrastructure include year-round washrooms, safe parking areas, commercial truck parking, warming shelters, electric vehicle charging stations, fuel access, tourism information, and improved emergency communication services where feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, FONOM, NOMA, Indigenous communities, and industry stakeholders to identify priority locations for investment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, and Ontario municipalities.

Moved by:	Blakelock, Rod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Seconded by:	Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Carried / Defeated _____ 

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded vote requested by: _____



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Blakelock, Rod
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Haggart-Davis, Dorothy
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Whitwell, Wendy

For	Opposed
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June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Information on the new Development Charge Reduction Program (FIN-06-26)

Please be advised that at its Special Council meeting held Monday, June 15, 2026, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas on March 30, 2026, the federal and provincial government signed the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build agreement to support the shared goals of building more homes faster, making housing more affordable and accelerating key infrastructure projects to protect jobs and help communities grow, and the agreement included \$8.8 billion in federal and provincial funding over 10 years to support housing-enabling infrastructure investments for municipalities; and

Whereas on June 1, 2026, the Province released information on the Development Charge Reduction Program, including details on the application process, eligibility and assessment criteria and funding requirements; and

Whereas municipalities had limited opportunity to provide input on the program design prior to its release, despite the commitment of up to \$8.8 billion for housing enabling infrastructure representing a significant investment in municipal infrastructure and housing priorities; and

Whereas eligible projects must primarily enable the construction of new housing units, accelerate the delivery and implementation of shovel-ready infrastructure projects in the municipality's DC background study and capital plan, begin construction by July 31, 2030, and be complete by October 31, 2035; and

Whereas applications will also be assessed based on the percentage of committed DC rate reduction, the number of housing units projected to be built as a result of the proposed DC relief, and the municipality's financial contribution, with at least 10 per cent of eligible project costs to be funded by the municipality; and

Whereas the City supports the objectives of the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build and recognizes the importance of senior government investment in housing-enabling infrastructure; and

Whereas the City has already taken significant Council-approved actions to reduce its DC rates, which are among the lowest in Halton Region and low compared to other GTHA municipalities, and has also used other municipal and planning tools, including the City of Burlington Housing Community Improvement Plan, to support housing supply, affordability and complete communities; and

Whereas the current DCRP design, including the requirement for an across-the-board 30 per cent to 50 per cent residential DC reduction, the minimum municipal contribution requirement, the March 30, 2026 measurement date and the absence of a mechanism to cap municipal exposure, presents significant municipal financial exposure; and

Whereas in addition to the risk that the program could result in a subsidy from City taxes, there does not appear to be consideration given to early and creative actions already enacted by municipalities to support the creation of new housing while also meeting specific housing targets and goals to deliver complete communities; and

Whereas a number of Council-approved actions have been implemented that support the creation of housing and do not impact the tax base, including:

- Staff-driven initiative to reduce the proposed DC rates to mitigate the proposed increase in the DC Background Study that has been in effect since June 2024, resulting in residential DC rates being reduced by 28 per cent and non-residential DC rates being reduced by 32 per cent;
- Development of the City's first Affordable Rental Housing Community Improvement Plan, including 10 programs in 2025;
- Amendments to the Affordable Rental Housing Community Improvement Plan in May 2026 to broaden the scope of the CIP and develop a suite of new temporary programs in the now named City of Burlington Housing Community Improvement Plan, approved in May 2026 and currently within the appeal period, including DC grant programs to incentivize purpose-built rental units and ownership units with criteria related to built form, bedroom numbers and unit size, including within midrise and tall buildings, as well as other temporary programs including a Missing Middle Municipal Fee Waiver, Tax Increment Equivalent Grants and Accessible Design Grant;
- Modernized Official Plan policies and associated Residential Zoning By-law to support the creation of new residential units;
- Completion of all Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan items; and

Whereas in considering the DCRP, staff also note that Council recently reviewed options to support housing through development-related financial incentives, and through that work, broad DC reductions were identified as presenting financial and implementation risks, including reduced flexibility in future DC by-law updates, limitations in targeting specific housing policy objectives and pressure on tax-supported funding sources; and

Whereas Council ultimately approved amendments to the City's housing-related Community Improvement Plan as a more targeted, temporary and controlled approach to supporting housing while protecting existing taxpayers;

Therefore, be it resolved that staff submit a list of projects and apply to the Development Charge Reduction Program on the basis that, through the application, the City requests to receive credit for:

1. The significant development charge reductions for new residential units, being 28 per cent, already made and in effect; and
2. The development charge exemptions available for a broad range of housing through the amended Community Improvement Plan; and
3. The City's 10 per cent portion being eliminated or funded from non-tax-supported sources, including Housing Accelerator Fund funding and development charges;

Therefore, be it further resolved that the CAO provide an accompanying letter to the City of Burlington's application under the DCRP detailing these considerations and requesting that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada evaluate program applications with fair consideration for previous municipal actions to reduce DCs and provide flexibility in working with municipalities to ensure successful program implementation;

Therefore, be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be shared with the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, Halton Regional Council, all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Sincerely,



Mike de Rond
City Clerk, Director of Legislative Services



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Resolution # RC26131	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: <i>S. W. Opata</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

WHEREAS growing pressures across Ontario's healthcare system are increasing patient volumes in emergency rooms (ERs), requiring more complex care and contributing to longer patient wait times for residents across the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS Health Quality Ontario data from October 2025 reports that patients requiring admission to hospital waited an average of 19 to 20 hours, while high-urgency patients waited close to five hours on average to be assessed by a physician; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General of Ontario reported in December 2023 that significant hospital staffing shortages were reducing access to timely emergency care; and

WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario reported in March 2023 that emergency room wait times were increasing significantly, with the longest wait times recorded in more than fifteen years, and that provincial funding was projected to be \$21.3 billion short of maintaining current health programs through 2028; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Hospital Association has reported that Ontario has had the lowest per capita hospital expenditure in Canada since 2018 and that approximately 4,200 Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients remain in acute care beds, contributing to emergency room overcrowding and delays; and

WHEREAS emergency room overcrowding and prolonged wait times have been linked to adverse patient outcomes and place additional strain on Ontario's healthcare system, including municipal paramedic services experiencing excessive ambulance offload delays; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has taken important steps to improve healthcare in Ontario; however, additional funding, staffing resources, and capacity enhancements remain critical to ensuring timely access to emergency medical care; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

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WHEREAS concerns regarding emergency room staffing shortages, temporary closures, and failure to consistently meet national standards such as the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) continue to be raised by healthcare professionals, municipalities, and residents across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the tragic death of sixteen-year-old Finlay van der Werken on February 9, 2024, following an extended wait in an emergency department, has highlighted the urgent need for enhanced protections and standards for pediatric emergency care;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the resolution of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus and calls upon the Ontario Ministry of Health to take immediate action to reduce emergency room wait times through enhanced triage protocols, increased hospital funding, and additional healthcare staffing resources to strengthen emergency readiness across Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the introduction of "Finlay's Law" to ensure that no child in Ontario is left without timely emergency medical care, including measures to:

1. Establish maximum emergency room wait time standards for patients under the age of 18;
2. Mandate safe pediatric nurse-to-patient and physician-to-patient staffing ratios in emergency settings;
3. Establish independent oversight to audit hospital performance, investigate pediatric emergency room deaths, and enforce compliance with provincial standards;
4. Require timely and independent inquiries by the Chief Coroner of Ontario into pediatric deaths occurring in emergency room waiting areas; and
5. Provide funding for enhanced pediatric emergency readiness, including staffing, training, equipment, and infrastructure improvements;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa calls upon the Federal Minister of Health to utilize the Canada Health Transfer framework to ensure compliance with the principles of the Canada Health Act by monitoring adherence to national emergency care standards, including the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS), and supporting the establishment and implementation of national sepsis care standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health, The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health, The Ontario Medical Association (OMA), The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC); and the Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA).

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
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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.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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June 17, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of June 9, 2026 the following resolution regarding a request to the Province to extend the deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-268

DATE: June 9, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Hirsch

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

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 the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee and Heritage Designation Working Group are comprised of a handful of dedicated volunteers who are not able to review the current non-designated register containing over 200 properties on or before the deadline of January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS many municipalities, including the County of Prince Edward, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake the evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

WHEREAS the Heritage Designation Working Group, heritage consultants or staff members would need to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed non-designated properties, contact owners of such properties, determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of

Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

WHEREAS the above noted work involving over 200 listed properties in the County of Prince Edward is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by January 1, 2027 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals; and

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

WHEREAS the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of June 3, 2026, discussed and supported advocating to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on the municipal heritage non-designated register; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte M.P.P. Tyler Allsopp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Community Heritage Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton



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June 17, 2026

Premier Doug Ford
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay's Regular Council Meeting held Monday June 15, 2026, the following resolution of support was passed:

RE: Resolution of Support – Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding For Fire Service

Resolution: CR142–2026

Moved by: Councillor Webb

Seconded by: Councillor Dube

WHEREAS Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operation requirements.

AND WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

AND WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

AND WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately 70-75% of firefighters in Ontario protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services;

AND WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;



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AND WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

AND WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

AND WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighter Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:

- Lise Vaugois, MPP Thunder Bay Superior North
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

MPP Thunder Bay Superior North, Lise Vaugeois – lvaugeois-co@ndp.on.ca

Minister of the Solicitor General – Michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

Date: Jun 16, 2026

Resolution No.: (249-26) 240-26

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Resolution from the Township of Machar opposing the proposed changes to FIPPA;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, TBDML, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Leader of the Official Opposition, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Signature

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



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

June 17th, 2026

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

Re: Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their June 15th, 2026 Council meeting:

The Council of the Town of Smiths Falls respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to:

- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs*
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association*
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association*
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario*
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association*
- Scott Reid, M.P. Lanark-Frontenac*
- John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston*
- Minister of the Solicitor General*



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- *Minister of Infrastructure*
- *Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- *All Ontario Municipalities*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

cc: Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Scott Reid, M.P. Lanark-Frontenac
John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
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June 3, 2026

Please see attached a motion passed unanimously by our Council regarding the need of our health care system.

Resolution No. 133-06-2026

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: G. Williamson

Whereas the Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has conducted research which unequivocally identifies that Ontario Hospitals are underfunded by the Government of Ontario;

And Whereas the CCPA study, Failure by Design, clearly identifies that smaller and rural hospitals are disproportionately disadvantaged by the underfunding;

And Whereas as a direct result of the underfunding Emergency Department wait times for an initial physician assessment have increased to 4.5 hours in 2024 – 2025 from 2.7 hours in 2020 – 2021;

And Whereas 90 percent of patients spend on average 44 hours in the emergency department waiting to be admitted when further care is required;

And Whereas the Provincial Government increased total health care spending from 7.4 percent of GDP in 2014 to only 7.6 percent of GDP by 2023, which did not keep pace with raising health care costs:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands request that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity, which as per the recommendations in the CCPA study, would require an immediate injection of \$3.2 billion supported by annual increases of 6% per year thereafter.

Carried

We would appreciate your support by forwarding your supporting motion on to the Provincial Government.

Thank you