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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Jessica Ruddell, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: July 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Clarification on FloatFest Cancellation

The purpose of this memo is to clarify misinformation circulating regarding FloatFest 2026.

FloatFest 2026 was cancelled by the event organizer, not by the City. Throughout the Special Event Application Review Team (SEART) process, staff worked collaboratively with the organizer to identify solutions that would allow the event to proceed safely and in compliance with municipal requirements.

As part of the review, the organizer requested a closure of Canal Bank Street. This request was not approved because the proposed event footprint did not extend to that area. Road closures are not generally used to address parking concerns where parking is already prohibited, as these matters are managed through existing traffic regulations and by-law enforcement.

To support the event, staff offered several alternatives, including municipal overflow parking, dedicated by-law enforcement resources, assistance obtaining additional barricades, and a temporary road closure during the planned fireworks display.

It is also important to note that the event application did not include a formal request for a car show. While the concept was discussed during planning conversations, it was never formally submitted or approved as part of the event application.

Following the organizer's cancellation, an unofficial gathering took place on July 5, 2026, in Rotary Park and along the recreational waterway without the permits, approvals, or safety measures normally required for an event approved on city property. Staff became aware of the gathering through social media and proactively notified Niagara Regional Police

Service, Niagara EMS, Welland Fire and Emergency Services, and Municipal By-law Enforcement. The City also issued public communications advising that FloatFest had been cancelled and that associated safety planning and coordination would not be in place.

During and after the gathering, staff responded to several issues, including illegal parking, overnight camping, open fires, unauthorized fireworks, and significant litter cleanup. Following a fireworks display near the swing bridge, a fire caused by debris required a response from Welland Fire and Emergency Services, including specialized water rescue equipment. This occurred while emergency responders were also managing a serious motor vehicle collision elsewhere in the community involving life-threatening injuries.

While staff are not aware of any major injuries resulting from the gathering, the event required by-law enforcement, emergency service intervention, and municipal cleanup efforts. These circumstances highlight the importance of properly planned and permitted events, which provide opportunities for risk management, emergency coordination, insurance coverage, public safety measures, and clearly defined responsibilities.

The City's concern was never about individuals gathering or using the recreational waterway. Rather, it was ensuring activities occurred safely and in compliance with applicable laws and by-laws. The events of July 5 demonstrated why established permitting and event planning processes are necessary to protect participants, emergency responders, municipal resources, and the broader community.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Jennifer McPetrie, B.A.
Director of Community Services

DATE: July 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Market Square Operations and Public Safety Measures

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council with an update regarding ongoing operational and public safety concerns in Market Square, outline measures that have been implemented to support the safe and intended use of this public space, and reinforce the important role that Council, residents, businesses, and visitors play in reporting incidents and criminal activity. Timely reporting of concerns is critical in supporting enforcement efforts, identifying recurring issues, and helping to maintain Market Square as a safe, accessible, and welcoming public space for all users.

Background

Over the past several months, staff, security personnel, businesses, and residents have observed an increase in the number of individuals congregating in Market Square for extended periods of time. While Market Square is an important downtown public gathering space, increased occupancy and activity within the area have resulted in increased operational, maintenance, and public safety concerns.

Staff and security personnel have reported increased instances of:

- Litter and waste accumulation;
- Open drug use and associated paraphernalia;
- Disorderly behaviour and public disturbances;

- Extended occupation of the space, limiting access and enjoyment for other users;
- Increased complaints from residents, businesses, and visitors regarding perceptions of safety and cleanliness.

The activity observed in Market Square reflects broader social and community challenges currently being experienced in many municipalities, including issues related to homelessness, mental health, substance use, and access to social supports. While Market Square remains a public space intended for the enjoyment of all residents and visitors, the City is taking action to ensure it remains safe, accessible, and welcoming for everyone who uses it.

Actions Taken

In response to ongoing concerns regarding safety, accessibility, and the intended use of Market Square, the City has implemented changes to the Market Square rules and regulations, including the introduction of a prohibition on loitering at any time. This amendment provides security personnel with an additional tool to address prolonged occupation of the space and help ensure Market Square remains accessible and welcoming for all users.

The City maintains security services within the downtown area to support public safety and compliance with municipal regulations. Current security coverage includes:

- Dedicated security coverage at Market Square from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., seven days per week;
- Shared security coverage from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, serving City Hall, Civic Square, Merritt Island, and Market Square. Due to the shared nature of this service, security presence at Market Square is less frequent during daytime hours.

Security personnel monitor activity, educate users regarding City regulations, address by-law concerns, and work collaboratively with emergency services when required.

Public Safety and Community Responsibility

While City staff and contracted security personnel play an important role in managing Market Square, the enforcement of criminal activity remains the responsibility of the Niagara Regional Police Service.

The City encourages residents, businesses, and visitors to report observed illegal activity directly to the Niagara Regional Police Service. Emergencies should be reported by calling 9-1-1, while non-emergency concerns can be reported through the Niagara Regional Police Service non-emergency line at 905-688-4111. This includes incidents involving drug use, vandalism, threats, violence, and other criminal behaviour. Timely reporting assists law enforcement in responding appropriately, identifying recurring concerns, and contributing to the overall safety of the community.

It is important to recognize that the presence of individuals experiencing homelessness itself is not unlawful. The City's focus is on addressing behaviours that impact public safety, interfere with the intended use and enjoyment of the space, or contravene municipal regulations, while continuing to work with community partners that support vulnerable residents.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to monitor conditions within Market Square and assess the effectiveness of the revised regulations and current security measures.

The City will continue to work collaboratively with security services, law enforcement, and community partners to support public safety while maintaining Market Square as an accessible and welcoming public space for all users.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

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

DATE: July 7, 2026

SUBJECT: Lottery Licensing for Community Organizations

As per By-law 1993-10057, charitable organizations must obtain lottery licensing approval from Council to conduct lottery events. The City Clerk, appointed as the licensing officer for the Corporation, oversees the review of licensing eligibility applications to ensure compliance with the guidelines set by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. Once eligibility is confirmed, a report was traditionally prepared for Council consideration. However, on March 19, 2024, Council passed a motion delegating authority to the City Clerk to approve lottery licensing requests for eligible organizations and to provide a memorandum be provided to council following approval.

The following organization has been granted approval for conducting lottery events within the City of Welland:

Tomorrow's Voices Foundation

Tomorrow's Voices is a barrier-free, audition-free non-profit choir for children who love to sing. Tomorrow's Voices Foundation gives children the chance to embrace music and the arts and learn respect, compassion, teamwork and responsibility while building relationships to last a lifetime. The group plans to use funds raised to provide free choir training and special performances to youth aged 8 to 18.

PENDING MOTION REFERRAL/DEFERRAL SUMMARY AS OF JUNE 16, 2026					
CLERKS REF. NO.	DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEM	DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL	SUBJECT/ACTION	STATUS OF THE ITEM	COMMENTS/ COMPLETION INFORMATION
02-85 16-26	Infrastructure Services	July 19, 2016	Draft Sidewalk Policy that focuses on the creation of new sidewalks and the improvement and maintenance of existing sidewalks.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u>	
99-99	Community Services	May 3, 2016	Report regarding potential alternatives to expand the use of waterway by the general public. Defers Report R&C-2017-08: Public Consultation Process - 'Go Quiet By-law' & Alternative Uses of the Waterway to the General Committee meeting on September 26, 2017.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> R&C-2017-06 - October 4, 2017 was received for information.	
17-2	Planning & Development Services Traffic & By-laws	September 19, 2017	Refers back to staff for report regarding Section 8 Schedule 3 Food Vehicle, Section 7 Schedule 2 Food Premises and Exemption Section 10 Schedule 4 Hawker and Peddler from By-law 2011-173. Went to the May 15th Council Meeting to be deferred to staff for a report to a General Committee meeting.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u>	
09-152 18-2	Planning & Development Services and Fire Department	June 5, 2018	Report on an education strategy to the public, tenants and landlords regarding rental housing.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Fire and Planning to provide an update report.	
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19-28	Planning & Development Services	March 5, 2019	Request for a Community Teaching Garden to staff for study and review.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> To be brought to the Green Advisory Committee for consideration.	
19-88	CAO	July 9, 2019	Create a "Downtown Vacancy Mitigation Action Plan" between the City, Business, Community and applicable stakeholders that addresses vacancy rates in our downtown areas.	<u>Status:</u> In progress <u>To Complete:</u> Included in the Downtown CIP, draft presented in Nov. 2025 to be finalized in 2026.	

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17-19	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Staff to consult with public, agencies and other stakeholders regarding tree preservation.	Status: Staff in process of drafting the guidelines. To Complete:	
19-103	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Report on possible enhancements to the public notification process for Committee of Adjustment hearings. Went to the October 1, 2019 Council meeting requesting that subsequent report be provided outlining costs for the two options provided.	Status: In progress To Complete:	
08-48	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff a report regarding an Occupancy Standards By-law.	Status: In progress To Complete:	
19-94	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff matter regarding the petition from residents from 155 Gadsby Avenue, there be no change to the zoning, which is currently zoned as open space, in order to protect wild life.	Status: In progress To Complete: Ontario Land Tribunal matter at this time.	

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20-77	Infrastructure Services	June 16, 2020	WHEREAS due to the recent pandemic the City of Welland is not able to provide services that they normally would perform do to the safety of its employees; and further WHEREAS if residents did in fact require a service that is normally provided by the City, in this case being a sewer related service and had to act immediately and contact an outside contractor and in resolving the issue a fee was paid. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to create a report to reimburse part or all of the fee paid by the owner (with guidelines similar to the rodent control program to be adhered to) and the amount be capped and for a certain period to time.	Status: In progress To Complete:	
20-106	Planning & Development Services	October 6, 2020	Signed petition from the residents of Caithness Drive regarding turning an established residential area from a single family homes to duplexes and refers this petition to Planning staff for review.	Status: In progress To Complete: Will be considered as part of update to City's Official Plan.	
20-19	Planning & Development Services	October 20, 2020	Refers to staff for report the notice of motion regarding 113 Michael Drive, redesignates this area as Open Space and proceed with an RFP to have a park with playground equipment be installed at this location.	Status: In progress To Complete: Approval for Park Development and will be amended to Open Space in the updated to the City's Official Plan.	

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20-82	Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding a Municipal Comprehensive Review, under section 4.3.3.1 of the Official Plan, for the property outlined in Report P&B-2021-08 for an Employment Land conversion from Gateway Economic Centre to Agriculture.	Status: In progress To Complete: To be considered as part of the update to the Official Plan.	
21-58	CAO & Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding Brownfield Employment Lands that are non-employment producing within the city limits.	Status: In progress To Complete: Included in the Brownfield CIP, draft presented in Nov. 2025 to be finalized in 2026.	
21-59	CAO & Economic Development	March 2, 2021	Report on a strategy to aggressively pursue the acquisition of seaway lands from the Federal government, to discuss with them an accelerated process to declare such lands surplus and enter into discussions for the acquisition of identified properties and review options for "lease to own" such lands until such time as they become available. Staff identify Seaway lands of interest and develop servicing plans and other strategies as may be required and further staff identify other lands within and/or adjacent to employment lands identified in Welland's official plan that would be strategic acquisitions for the purpose of industrial/employment use and see if owners are interested in selling those lands to the municipality. If they are not interested the city would not pursue expropriation. In relation to all of the above staff would prepare strategies and associated costs to service lands so that they would be "shovel ready".	Status: In progress To Complete: Update report to be presented.	

06-156	Planning & Development Services	April 20, 2021	Report as part of the Official Plan Review detailing what Urban Farming initiatives Council should consider accommodating.	Status: In progress To Complete:	
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21-92	Planning & Development Services	July 6, 2021	Report regarding petition by residents of Seaway Pointe Condominium at 330 Prince Charles Drive regarding parking space for the Evertrust Development at 350 Prince Charles Drives.	Status: In progress To Complete: Applications were approved and building is currently under construction.	
07-144	Economic Development	January 31, 2023	Dissolution of the Welland Development Commission (WDC) referred back to staff for further information.	Status: In process. To Complete:	
05-50	Planning & Development Services	March 7 & 28, 2023	Refers back to staff regarding changes to the Municipal Heritage Register from the Town of Grimsby and Report P&B-2023-06.	Status: In process To Complete: .	
02-160	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Staff report re: having Council representation or staff on the Committee of Adjustment, Grants and Programs and Property Standards Committee.	Status: In process To Complete:	
22-152	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Develop content for residents, simplifying and explain the process to provide a better understanding for interested parties, and to freely provide these resources to members of the public by posing online on the City website.	Status: In progress To Complete:	

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23-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 16, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-15: Cash In Lieu of parking Policy. Went to the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting to consult with the development community and public with regards to the proposed Cash-In-Lieu Parking By-law with a final By-law for consideration.	Status: In progress To Complete:	
21-79	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-22 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 368 Aqueduct Street and 155 Gadsby Avenue.	Status: In progress To Complete: At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council.	
22-137	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-20 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 50 Bruce Street.	Status: In progress To Complete: At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council. Went to CW on April 23/24.	
02-160	CAO	September 5, 2023 May 26, 2026	Refers back to staff notice of motion re: shall be notified in camera if any entity including but not limited to committees, commissions, agencies or boards that the city funds, or approves members or places members of council on, if this entity experiences any litigation involving its members. Went to the May 26/26 General Committee Meeting to refer Report CLK-2026-07: Response to Notice of Motion – Council Authority to Receive Notice of Litigation be presented at a Council Meeting.	Status: In progress To Complete:	
02-160	Clerks Division	September 19, 2023	Refers back to staff Report CLK-2023-19: Amendment to Hybrid Model – Meeting of Council.	Status: In progress To Complete:	

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23-28	Community Services	December 19, 2023	Presentation re: Crimestoppers Program and refers matter to staff for report.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
99-99	Community Services	January 9, 2024	Prepare a report in regards to creating and allowing family caping along the west side of the former Welland Canal.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
23-22	Infrastructure Services	January 9, 2024	Report that would address parking at Chippawa Park from the pavilion on First Avenue north to Laughlin Avenue on the park property which is currently grass/open space similar to Bugar Park.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-36	Planning & Development Services	March 19, 2024	Petition from residents of the City of Welland opposing the planning application for the zoning at 44 Heron Street.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	April 23, 2024	Report to consider amending the City's Zoning By-law 2017-117 to include a requirement for visitor parking, as well as reviewing the parking requirements spaces per dwelling units in the surrounding municipalities.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 14, 2024	Directs staff to create a report on increasing the maximum yearly eligible amount per resident under the Roden Rebate program.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	July 9, 2024	Refers back to staff Report TRAF-2024-07: Update to Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 for investigation of removing the bicycle lanes and having parking only on one side.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
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02-160	Clerk's Division	August 13, 2024 January 13, 2026 May 12, 2026	Code of conduct for members of Council Section 4.1 – Staff report back to Council on the working of this section in regards to its contradictory nature and how it would apply to freedom of expression and communicating individual councillors political positions to constituents. Went to the Jan. 13/26 Council meeting. Integrity Commissioner to provide official wording. Went to the May 12/26 Council Meeting to provide more input.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete</u>	
24-26	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to have sidewalks installed on South Pelham Road between Foss and Thorold Roads.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-78	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Refer to staff petition from residents of Coyle Creek Park opposing implementing the buffer zone around the perimeter of the pond.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-78	Infrastructure Services	September 3, 2024	Staff to provide a comprehensive report regarding the storm management pond at Coyle Creek. Report detail the city's responsibility and history to the maintenance of the surrounding park like setting over the past 10 years.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
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24-26	Infrastructure Services	September 10, 2024	Staff engage with the Region of Niagara to discuss road upgrades on South Pelham between Webber Street and Thorold Road.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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21-30	Planning & Development Services	November 26, 2024	Refers back to staff the notice of motion regarding increases in the number of encampments near public, private and business properties.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
21-30	Planning & Development Services	December 10, 2024	Refers Report PB-2024-30: 184 Denistoun Street – Proposed Niagara Regional Housing Project back to staff.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
24-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	December 17, 2024	Prepare a report for a signalized school crossing on First Avenue for Quaker Road School. Report to include costs and location.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-47	Infrastructure Services	February 4, 2025 April 7, 2026	Refers Report ENG-2025-06: Humberstone Landfill Host Municipality Compensation Agreement back to staff. Refers Report ENG-2026-09: Response to Council Direction –Humberstone Landfill Host Municipality Compensation Agreement (ENG-2025-06) back to staff.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
02-160	Clerk's Division	March 4, 2025	Notice of Motion from Councillor Lee re: staff report back on the estimated annual savings associated with this transition, including reductions in paper, printing and delivery costs.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Planning & Dev. Services Traffic and By-laws Division	March 18, 2025	Staff to prepare a recommendation on whether the city would benefit from the creation of a Welland School Traffic Safety Action Committee.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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25-22	Planning & Development Services	July 22, 2025	Report on the feasibility finishing the missing section of fence along 695 Niagara Street.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Infrastructure Services	July 22, 2025	Report on the suitability of establishing a Community Safety Zone along Rive Road between Downs Drive and Evan Street.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
02-85	Clerk's Division	August 12, 2025	Refers the Terms of Reference for the Welland Accessibility Advisory Committee.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Infrastructure Services	August 12, 2025	Report on the suitability of establishing a Community Safety Zone on Plymouth Road from the train tracks north to Lincoln Street since it has two senior homes, a park, two day cares and a school located there.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-22	Infrastructure Services	August 12, 2025	Report on the suitability of establishing a Community Safety Zone on Gaiser Road, specifically but not limited to Gaiser Road and Julia Drive, and Gaiser Road between South Pelham and Clare Avenue/Creekside Drive.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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23-122	Clerks Division	September 23, 2025	Directs staff to review AMO's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan and prepare a report for Council with recommendations on actions the City of Welland could take as an organization to further advance reconciliation locally.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-45	Infrastructure Services	September 23, 2025	Council directs staff to: 1. Review the current Claim Form and related procedures applicable when property is damaged due to City construction activities; and 2. Identify opportunities to make the process more accessible and less burdensome for residents, including consideration of timelines, documentation requirements, and potential costs to claimants; and further 3. Report back to Council with a recommended revised form and procedure for consideration.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-111	Infrastructure Services	September 23, 2025	Staff to prepare a report on improved / brighter lighting on Quaker Road from Niagara to the east limit. Staff present temporary sidewalk solutions and any other feasible safety measures. This report to include options for brighter light fixtures and that the report be presented to council by November 18, 2025.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	

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24-78	Infrastructure Services Engineer	November 4, 2025	Report regarding fencing exemptions and fencing options around Coyle Creek Pond.	Status: To be considered at the July 14 th Council Meeting. To Complete:	
25-121	Planning & Dev. Services and Economic Development Services	January 13, 2026	Defer applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law amendment for 524 and 528 Quaker Road until the geotechnical report can be provided.	Status: To Complete:	
13-117 26-22	Planning & Dev. Services and Economic Development Services	February 17, 2026/April 7, 2026	Refers back to staff the Notice of Motion regarding parking requirements in Zoning By-law 2017-117, as amended back to staff.	Status: To Complete:	
24-55	Planning & Dev. Services and Economic Development Services	April 7, 2026	Defers Report P&B 2026-03: Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment for 694 and 698 Niagara Street until after the Niagara Region makes a presentation to General Committee regarding their Transportation Master Plan.	Status: To Complete:	
07-88	Planning & Development Services	April 28, 2026	Refers Report PB:2026-03: City of Welland Proposed Updated Official Plan back to staff, until the Provincial Template has been approved.	Status: To Complete:	
02-160	Clerks Division	May 12, 2026	Refers back to staff for the Integrity Commissioner provide input regarding the updated Code of Conduct for Members of Council, including the amendment to Section 4.1, as set out in Appendix I to this report.	Status: To Complete:	

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21-30	Planning & Development Services and Community Services	June 9, 2026	Notice of Motion from Councillor Setaram refers the matter back to staff with direction regarding Homelessness.	<u>Status:</u> <u>To Complete:</u>	
25-120	Clerks Division	June 16, 2026	Refers eScribe ongoing problems back to staff for a report at the next Council Meeting.	<u>Status:</u> Report to be presented at the July 14 th Council Meeting. <u>To Complete:</u>	
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GREATER TORONTO & HAMILTON AREA

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Markham Mid-Rise Proposal Would Bring Substantial New Residential to Evolving Stretch of Highway 7
- 5 **FROM BROWNFIELD TO MOUNTAINVIEW**
Milton Mixed-Use Will Bring Housing Density, Retail to Former Industrial Site

■ MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITY WOULD BRING OVER 3,700 HOMES, A HOSPITAL, A SCHOOL, AND RETAIL TO EAST GWILLIMBURY

NOT JUST ANOTHER ROADSIDE ATTRACTION

Matt Durnan

The Town of East Gwillimbury is getting closer to establishing the planning vision for a master-planned community that would bring more than 3,700 new residential units, several commercial blocks, a school block, and a new regional hospital to a massive site in the north of East Gwillimbury.

At its June 23 meeting, East Gwillimbury committee of the whole adopted staff recommendations to approve the Green Earth Village community design plan and zoning by-law amendment application for a massive piece of land located north of Queensville Sideroad and south of the proposed Bradford Bypass. The site

measures roughly 200 hectares, and the project proponents **Royalpark Homes** and **Signature Communities** own roughly half of the consolidated site, as members of the **East Gwillimbury Whitebelt Landowners Group**.

The landowners' group was established in 2020 and consists of a coalition of around 50 individual landowners who have been advocating for development to advance on these whitebelt lands in East Gwillimbury.

Subject to council endorsement at the Town's meeting later this month, the approved zoning by-law amendment for the site would re-zone the lands from Rural and Site-Specific Rural, to

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Concept land use map for the Town of East Gwillimbury's Green Earth Village, a large master-planned community being envisioned for a massive site at the north end of the town. The new community would include a new regional hospital within an Institutional area (shaded blue), along with mixed-use areas and residential areas ranging from low-density to high-density, which could bring as many as 3,700 new residential units to the area in coming years.

SOURCE: TOWN OF EAST GWILLIMBURY

UPCOMING DATES

JULY

- 8 Brampton Council, 9:30 a.m.
- Georgina Council, 9:00 a.m.
- Halton Regional Council,
9:30 a.m.
- Hamilton General Issues
Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- Richmond Hill Committee of
the Whole, 9:30 a.m.
- 9 Peel Regional Council, 9:30 a.m.
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■ MARKHAM MID-RISE PROPOSAL WOULD BRING SUBSTANTIAL
NEW HOUSING TO EVOLVING STRIP OF HIGHWAY 7

HIGHWAY TO HOUSING



Matt Durnan

A mid-rise residential development proposed for a site along Highway 7 in Markham would not only bring significant new housing to the area, it would continue a trend that has been visible recently on this stretch of one of the city's main corridors which is shifting from a predominantly commercial strip to incorporate more mixed and residential uses.

At its June 16 meeting, Markham development services committee held a public meeting for a site at 4080-4088 Highway 7. **1421122 and 1421121 Ontario Limited** are proposing to develop three 12-storey residential buildings that would bring 701 new residential units to the site. The developer is seeking official plan and zoning by-law amendments to make the development possible.

Currently, the 1.4-hectare Highway 7 site accommodates two low-rise commercial buildings (an Audi automobile

dealership and a Volkswagen automobile dealership) and their associated surface parking lots. Both of the existing buildings would be demolished to make way for the proposed development. The businesses would relocate elsewhere in Markham.

"In the past, this area has been more commercial and over time, it has been redeveloped. The 2014 Markham official plan does designate the lands for residential mid-rise and permits a range of residential built forms such as townhouses, stacked townhouses, and apartment buildings," **City of Markham** senior development manager **Stephen Lue** told *NRU*.

"The maximum [permitted]

height for mid-rise buildings is six storeys, but there is an overarching policy for the site itself, in a site and area-specific policy (SASP), which restricts building height to a minimum of two storeys and a maximum of 3.5 storeys. The intent of that site-specific policy is to really control the height on the north side of Highway 7 in this area, which is lowered to reflect the existing low-rise residential conditions surrounding the site."

The site is located just outside of Markham Centre, the city's downtown, which is undergoing significant intensification, with planned and approved development applications for

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The public realm is important to us. That's where people live. That's where people want to walk. So we take these areas seriously when it comes to the streetscape components along Highway 7.

-Stephen Lue

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mixed-use buildings over 40 storeys in height and a number of transit-oriented development applications under review for sites near the Unionville GO station, located roughly three kilometres south.

Markham Centre will be a key focal point for Markham's future growth, with a long-term target of adding roughly 41,000 new residents and 39,000 new jobs to the area.

As such, while Markham Centre will have a strong focus on creating mixed-use communities, this proposal takes a decidedly more residential approach, with

no commercial space being proposed within the three mid-rise buildings.

"There are a lot of factors to this, but through the review of the Markham Centre secondary plan, on the south side [of Highway 7], we've discovered that commercial doesn't necessarily have to be everywhere," Lue said.

"It can be in key areas. And that's where you have the draw and the destination

for pedestrians and users. So that draw could be Markham Centre."

While the development proposed for 4080-4088 Highway 7 doesn't seek to add any retail/commercial component at grade, the City is paying close attention to how this proposal will impact the pedestrian experience at grade and the public realm in the area.

At present, the Highway 7 site offers little to no pedestrian connectivity, and is very much motor vehicle-oriented, with a large curb cut that provides vehicle entry to the auto dealership site and its surface parking lot.

That existing vehicular entry point would be removed, and access to the proposed residential community would be provided on the east side of the site in the form of a private driveway. Meanwhile, to the west of the site, a new public road would be built to serve as a new vehicular connection to the existing low-rise residential neighbourhood to the north.

"The public realm is important to us. That's where people live. That's where people want to walk. So we take these areas seriously when it comes to the streetscape components along Highway 7," said Lue.

"We also look at the

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Aerial image showing the location of the site at 4080-4088 Highway 7 in Markham where 1421122 and 1421121 Ontario Limited are proposing to develop three mid-rise residential buildings on the site that would bring 701 new residential units to the area. Currently, the site accommodates two low-rise commercial buildings (automobile dealerships) and their associated surface parking lots.

SOURCE: CITY OF MARKHAM

Photo image of the site at 4080-4088 Highway 7 in Markham where 1421122 and 1421121 Ontario Limited are proposing to develop three mid-rise residential buildings. The proposed project would bring 701 new residential units to the area. Currently, the site currently accommodates two automobile dealerships that would be demolished as part of the proposed development.

SOURCE: GOOGLE



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surrounding context and how things can be connected. So these are all things that we'll be looking at, at the site plan stage. We'll be looking at the design of that new public road, and we'll look at the surrounding context and where that road is connecting. It's a branch off a main road that would go through the existing residential to the north, so these are things that we have to look at carefully in terms of traffic volume and pedestrian connections."

The context surrounding the site reflects an area that has been evolving from comprising a traditional low-rise commercial strip to accommodating more mid-rise residential uses more recently, with taller buildings and higher densities beginning to emerge on the south side of Highway 7.

Though the north side of the highway is planned for lower heights and densities than the neighbouring properties to the south, there is still an ongoing

trend towards more housing density along this stretch of Highway 7.

"This is an area where larger and taller buildings are already built, planned and proposed. The buildings on the south side of Highway 7 are generally taller than on the north side, with existing buildings up to 25 storeys, and approved and proposed buildings up to as tall as 46 storeys," **The Planning Partnership** principal **Bruce Hall** told development services committee members during a presentation at the June 16 public meeting.

"In comparison, on the north side, we see existing buildings up to about eight storeys, and there are approved buildings of up to 12 and 14 storeys. The buildings

proposed [for 4080-4088 Highway 7] at 12 storeys are within the lower range of the tallest buildings within the area and the exact same height as the approved development to the west."

Overall, the proposed development would bring a significant number of new residential units to the Highway 7 strip, 25 per cent of which (174 units) would be family-sized units of two or three bedrooms, in an area just outside of Markham's rapidly-growing downtown.

"We're still reviewing this at this point, and our next steps will be the instruments for the official plan and zoning by-law amendments that will go to council for approval and enactment," Lue said. 🌸

Rendering of 1421122 and 1421121 Ontario Limited's proposed residential development for a site at 4080-4088 Highway 7 in Markham. The proposed development would bring three 12-storey residential buildings to the site, containing a total of 701 new residential units.

ARCHITECT: SRM ARCHITECTS
SOURCE: CITY OF MARKHAM



FROM BROWNFIELD TO MOUNTAINVIEW

Rob Jowett

A proposed mixed-use development on a former industrial site in Milton will bring significant residential density, some retail, and thousands of new residents to an area just north of the town's downtown.

At its meeting June 22, the **Town of Milton** council approved **Neatt Communities'** official plan amendment (OPA), zoning by-law amendment (ZBA) applications and draft plan of subdivision for the first phase of the Mountainview West development, located at 150 Steeles Avenue East and 248, 250, and 314 Martin Street. The first phase approvals permit the development of 1,065 residential units on the site, 955 of which will be located across five mixed-use buildings ranging between five and 10 storeys in height. The remaining 110 dwelling units will be three-storey townhouses. The proposal also includes 522 square metres of at-grade retail space. **Urban Strategies** is the lead planner for the project. **CORE Architects** is the lead architect.

The second phase of the project, which will need the Town to approve a new zoning

by-law amendment in the future, will exceed the size of phase one, and will include 3,050 residential units and 3,278 square metres of retail space.

"The site is nicely situated because it's just north of downtown Milton, so it's within walking distance from Main Street of Milton," Neatt Communities co-principal **Mike Vernooy** told *NRU*.

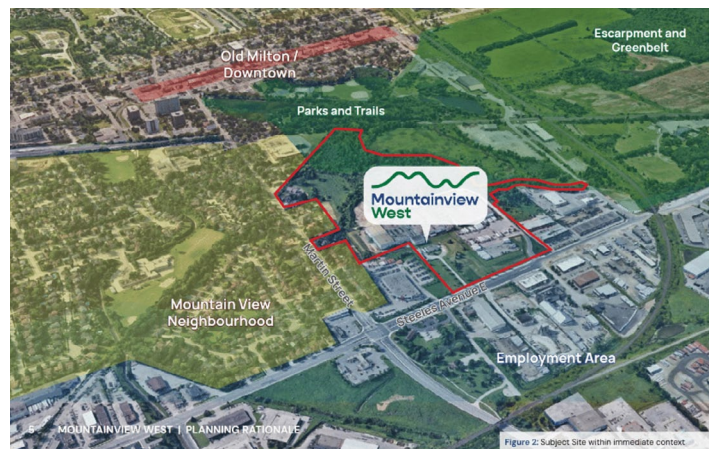
"We have high density onto a central park system. We'll have a mix of ground-related retail along a main corridor—so kind of a new use for downtown Milton. Most of downtown Milton is pretty low-rise oriented [with] the old main street [feel], and this one will be a new main street feel."

The development is located on a large brownfield site in northwest Milton. Previously,

the **Meritor Suspension Systems Company**, which made coil springs for cars, operated on the site until 2009, however the site has not been used since Meritor shut down that year.

"We exported 2,000 truckloads, so about 200,000 cubic metres of contaminated material from the site," says Vernooy. "There was a mixture

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A map showing the location of Neatt Communities' proposed Mountainview West development for a site at 150 Steeles Avenue East and 248, 250, and 314 Martin Street in Milton. The redevelopment of the brownfield site includes remediation of lands that previously hosted industrial uses to accommodate a dense residential community.

SOURCE: TOWN OF MILTON
PREPARED BY: URBAN STRATEGIES



Rendering showing a view of the first phase of Neatt Communities' proposed Mountainview West mixed-use development for a site at 150 Steeles Avenue East and 248, 250, and 314 Martin Street Milton. The first phase of development will add 1,065 residential units to the former industrial site, with 955 of those units contained within five buildings between five and 10 storeys tall and 110 of the dwelling units to consist of three-storey townhouses. A total of 522 square metres of at-grade retail space will also be included in phase one of the development.

SOURCE: URBAN STRATEGIES
ARCHITECT: CORE ARCHITECTS

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of different things over the years that I guess have been dumped on the site... so it was a win for the community to get rid of a heavy industrial use. Plus, you clean up the lands behind and adjacent to the Sixteen Mile Creek.”

While there are industrial uses in the area around the site, they are mainly located north of Steeles. There are generally low-density residential uses and some commercial uses south of Steeles Avenue.

Vernooy says Mountainview West’s connection to the natural heritage features around it are a major part of the project. He adds that to fully rehabilitate the site, the development team has already remediated and replanted much of the natural heritage nearby as part of its brownfield remediation work, including rebuilding a wetland and a woodland.

The development will establish connections directly to paths and trails within the natural areas. It will also include a mix of plazas, promenades, and greenspaces to bring together its public realm.

Town of Milton development services commissioner **Jill Hogan** told *NRU* that Mountainview West represents a major

advancement for Milton that implements the Town’s vision

for the area. The area is being planned for major growth as it is close to Milton’s downtown and a GO bus station, and the town’s GO train station is located not much further away. She says the Town anticipates more developments of a similar scale to Mountainview West in the area, though she says

they are not likely to need brownfield remediation work.

“The Town’s planning framework identifies the Bronte-Steeles major urban centre as one of Milton’s key growth areas and a location where higher-density, mixed-use development is intended to occur,” says Hogan. “The transformation is expected to be significant, and to occur in phases until full build-out around 2041.”

Urban Strategies partner **Josh Neubauer** told *NRU* that the site represents a unique development opportunity for Milton as it is a large site appropriate for increased density that already lies within the town’s urban boundary. He says businesses throughout downtown Milton will benefit from having thousands of new potential customers and employees living within a short distance.

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Top left: Rendering showing some of the natural heritage features that are being included in the Mountainview West development. Remediating the Milton brownfield site and restoring the natural areas, including wetland and woodland, are a major part of the redevelopment project for the site.

SOURCE: URBAN STRATEGIES
ARCHITECT: CORE ARCHITECTS

Bottom images: Renderings showing elements of the public realm proposed for the Mountainview West development in Milton. Pedestrian paths will link the development to the natural areas around it and to the nearby downtown.

SOURCE: URBAN STRATEGIES
ARCHITECT: CORE ARCHITECTS

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“This is the best opportunity for intensification within walking distance of the downtown, bar none,” says Neubauer. “There are other really big and important future development areas in Milton... and those will be their own new communities, but this is the biggest opportunity to actually stitch a new community into the existing downtown and surrounding fabric.”

There are existing residents in low-density housing beside

the site, including along Martin Street, that the development will be right behind. Neubauer says the existing area residents are generally supportive of the new project despite the short-term construction impacts on sites nearby as the development removes a polluted area and brings new community amenities to the neighbourhood, especially the remediated natural areas.

“There wasn’t a lot of general opposition to the idea of a new mixed-use higher-

density community here,” says Neubauer. “People were interested in the details and they wanted to talk about what it meant for their properties, for their schools, and things like that.”

Neubauer says he hopes the first phase of the development can be completed within five years. The planning report Urban Strategies submitted to the Town says the development team expects the entire multi-phase project will be completed by around 2041. Neubauer adds that as with every housing project right now, the timeline is very dependent on how the housing market performs. 🌱

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various urban zoning categories.

In 2014, the Royalpark and Signature sold a portion of what previously consisted of a 200-hectare site to **York Region** for the construction of a new sewage treatment plant, an important piece of housing-enabling infrastructure in close proximity to the planned Green Earth Village community lands.

“It was pretty obvious [that this area would be developed], when you build a sewage treatment plant and the closest property to that site would have been Green Earth Village. So that was part of the thinking and that got it into the urban [boundary] in the Region of York official plan,” Green Earth Village project director **John Livey** told *NRU*.

“The Town of East Gwillimbury has been undertaking a review of their official plan (OP). And

throughout that, this [East Gwillimbury Whitebelt] landowners’ group has participated in that. And that new OP includes the secondary plan called ‘The Complete Community Secondary Plan,’ which incorporates this area and other community design plan areas. We have submitted a community design plan and plan of subdivision, which are both being considered by the Town.”

A community design plan is similar to a block plan or tertiary plan in that it sets out the planning vision for how a community will grow

and develop with respect to where residential blocks will be located, along with park blocks, institutional uses like schools and hospitals, as well as the configuration of the street network.

While a community design plan does provide a broad, high-level design vision, it can also drill down to choices at the block plan level, which is a more detailed implementation of the broader vision for a site with respect to the built forms that will be permitted and the character that the community will take on.

“Ideally, a community design plan tackles [built forms and densities]. In some community design plans that we have, they’re a little further along than Green Earth Village in the sense that they have established building heights

and unit counts,” Town of East Gwillimbury manager of planning **Matt Daoust** told *NRU*.

“Green Earth Village has given us an estimate of more than 3,000 [residential] units, but nonetheless, this plan does establish where parks are going to go, where community centres are going to go, and other various land use plans.”

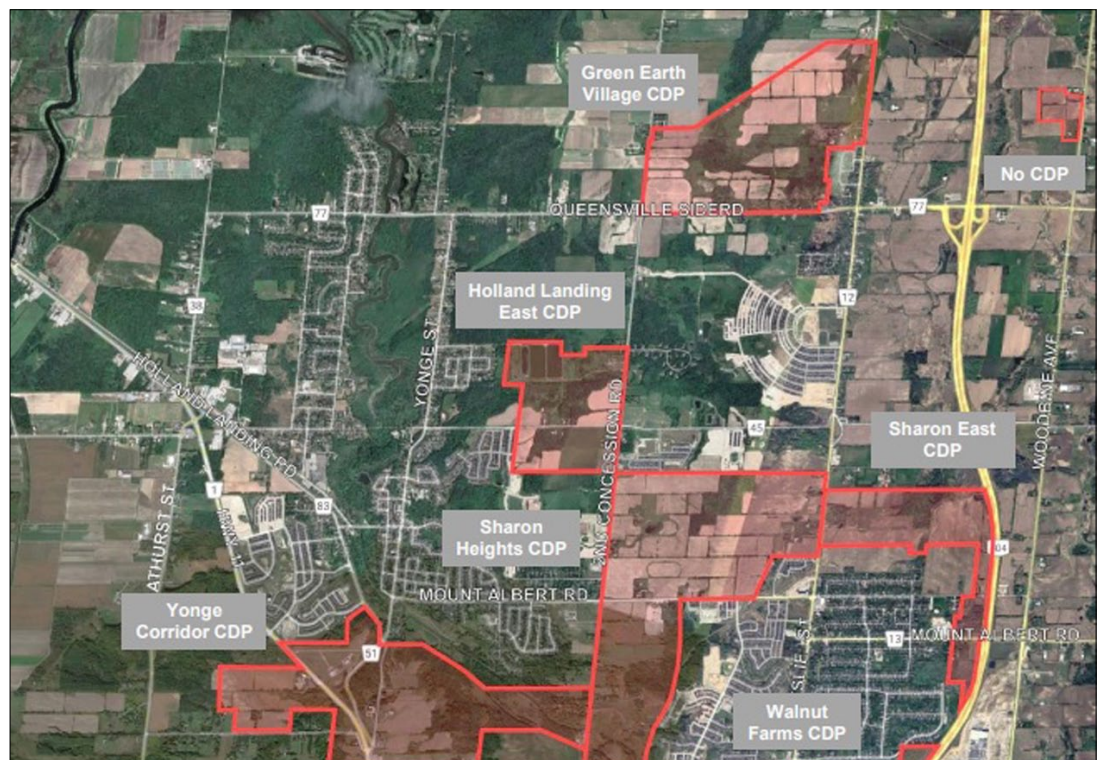
East Gwillimbury is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in the country, with its population surging from around 34,000 residents in 2021 to approximately 45,000 residents at present. The Town’s 2026 official plan is anticipating that the town will hit 128,000 residents by 2051.

No doubt, Green Earth Village will have a significant role to play in East

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Aerial image showing the locations of the Town of East Gwillimbury’s community design plan areas. The Town is in the latter stages of establishing the community design plan (CDP) for the Green Earth Village community at the north end of the town. The design plan for the Green Earth Village portion of the roughly 200-hectare area envisions the development of roughly 3,700 new residential units, along with new retail uses, a school, a community centre and a new regional hospital.

SOURCE: TOWN OF EAST GWILLIMBURY



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Gwillimbury's planned growth, with as many as 3,700 new residential units being proposed for the community.

This massive piece of land presents a fantastic opportunity for the Town in that the proponents and the Town's planning department are working with something of a blank slate on the site, with some important planned future infrastructure located close by.

"It's wonderful to have a clean slate to deal with, as well as with the policy direction. There's opportunity with the Bradford Bypass, its proximity to Highway 404, to have some greater intensification. The goal of East Gwillimbury is to maintain the general character of existing neighbourhoods, but also to intensify at key locations," Town of East Gwillimbury general manager of development services **Kerri Voumvakis** told *NRU*.

"By the GO train, we want to see more intensification, along with the edges here, so there's intensification. And certainly by allowing respectful intensification, we're actually protecting some of the natural areas within the town. We have the Greenbelt, the Oak Ridges Moraine, so we want to direct growth to areas within the settlement area."

While the significantly large

number of residential units envisioned by the Green Earth Village proponents will be critical to East Gwillimbury's ability to reach its provincial growth targets, one of the most crucial pieces of the master-planned community is the inclusion of a planned new acute care hospital, as part of **Southlake Health's** distributed health network.

This new hospital will not only support significant job creation in the region, it could also lead to the creation of many spin-off jobs related to the healthcare field.

"I'd say the hospital was a significant contributor to this plan. The landowners worked with the Province at looking at some potential hospital sites, and this was one of a few sites being considered at the time. Certainly its location is optimal, given its location near the 404 and Bradford Bypass, and this will certainly serve a regional area, not just the Town of East Gwillimbury," Voumvakis said.

"We're hoping to see greater opportunities for commercial, retail, research and development, and spin-off opportunities happening because of this [hospital]. With the residential component as well, this will hopefully offer the opportunity for people to live and work in the area. The goal

of this community development plan is really to create a complete community."

As the name might suggest, the Green Earth Village master-planned community is being planned with sustainability top of mind.

"The proponents really do want to live up to the name, and there are a lot of sustainability initiatives included in the documentation," said Green Earth Village project director Livey.

"So things like low-impact development, bioswales, all of the things we do now to reduce stormwater runoff, energy efficiency in building design. There's a solar array outside of the Town of East Gwillimbury offices that the proponents provided to the Town as a demonstration of some solar power examples."

Green Earth Village will be a 20-plus-year buildout before it is completed, but the master-planned community does have something of a head start when it comes to actually getting the project underway in being able to avoid a common barrier to timely development in York Region: servicing.

"I can say one of the challenges within East Gwillimbury and a number of York Region areas is servicing capacity. There is servicing allocated to a portion of these lands, which is a positive matter right now," said Voumvakis.

"East Gwillimbury is targeted to grow. It is one of the fastest-growing municipalities and the biggest constraint has been

servicing. So this will help to start to complete some of the vision for this corridor for intensification, additional housing, and services to create a complete community."

There is a phasing plan in place for the Green Earth Village community, with phase one slated to occur on the east side of the property, which would include more of the larger-scale uses like the hospital and commercial uses. Phase two, targeted for the west side of the property, would be more residential-focused, with some commercial uses included as well.

The next step in the process is for the community design plan and zoning by-law to be given final council approval. The item is slated to be brought before East Gwillimbury council at its next meeting on July 23.

"We're currently working through the draft plan of subdivision application, and we have the July 23 meeting where, knock on wood, the zoning by-law is ultimately approved," said East Gwillimbury manager of planning Daoust.

"The draft plan of subdivision is really our next big checkpoint. And then once we cross that bridge, we work through the subdivision agreement." 🌱

HAMILTON DESIGN REVIEW

PANEL AGENDA

The Hamilton Design Review Panel will consider the following items at its meeting Thursday, July 9 in a virtual session to be hosted on Webex at 1:30 p.m.

1:30 P.M.

1 Old Ancaster Road—Hamilton Design Review Panel will undertake review of **Sandyford Holdings Limited's** official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications for a site at 1 Old Ancaster Road in the Dundas community of Hamilton.

Sandyford Holdings Limited is proposing to develop a 12-storey residential containing 153 dwelling units on the Old

Ancaster Road site. A total of 1,052 square metres of amenity space is proposed, along with 181 parking spaces.

Presentations will be made by **City of Hamilton** planner **Abdullah Pasha**, by **Urban Solutions** senior planner **Scott Beedie**, by **KNYMH Architecture + Solutions** vice-president project/operations manager **Wayne Harrison**, and by **Whitehouse Urban Design** owner and principal landscape architect **Le'Ann Whitehouse**.

2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Clockwise from top left:

Maps showing the location of the site at 1 Old Ancaster Road in Dundas where Sandyford Holdings is proposing to develop a 12-storey residential building containing 153 dwelling units. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications for the project at its meeting on Thursday, July 9.

PLANNER: URBAN SOLUTIONS
SOURCE: CITY OF HAMILTON

Rendering of Sandyford Holdings' proposed 12-storey residential building for a site at 1 Old Ancaster Road in Dundas. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications for the project at its meeting on Thursday, July 9.

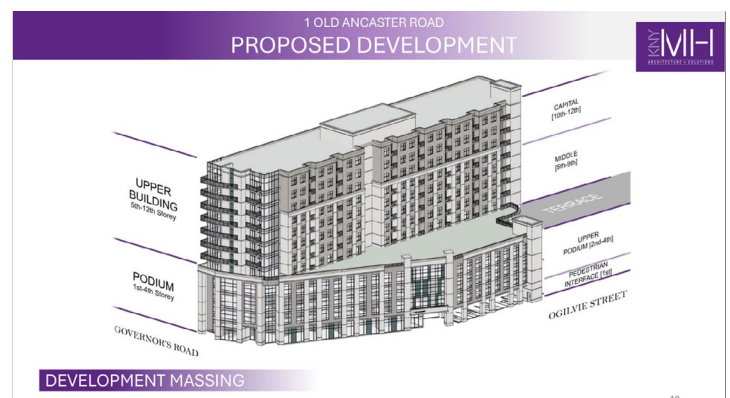
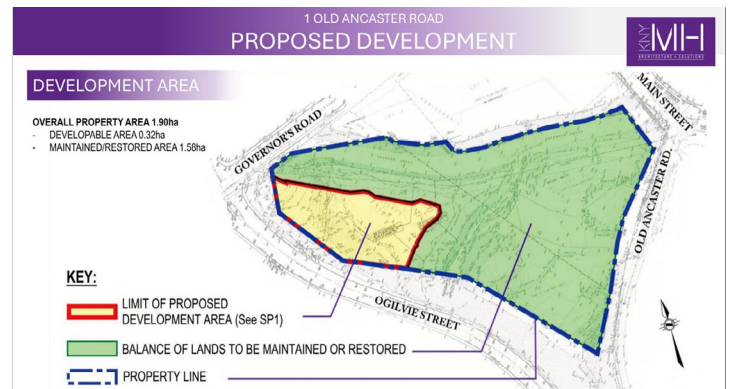
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SOURCE: CITY OF HAMILTON

Map showing the developable area of 1 Old Ancaster Road in Dundas where Sandyford Holdings is proposing to develop a 12-storey residential building containing 153 dwelling units. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications for the project at its meeting on Thursday, July 9.

ARCHITECT: KNYMH ARCHITECTURE + SOLUTIONS
SOURCE: CITY OF HAMILTON

Diagram showing the proposed massing for Sandyford Holdings' proposed 12-storey residential building for a site at 1 Old Ancaster Road in Dundas. The Hamilton Design Review Panel will review the official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications for the project at its meeting on Thursday, July 9.

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SOURCE: CITY OF HAMILTON



COMMITTEE AGENDAS



HALTON

Approval recommended for Sixth Line-Upper Middle townhouses

At its July 6 meeting, **Burlington** Committee of the Whole considered a [staff report](#) recommending approval of official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **JEC Properties** for a site at 2105 Headon Road. The applicant proposes to construct eight three-storey townhouses on the site.

Approval recommended for Aldershot mid-rise development

At its July 6 meeting, **Burlington** Committee of the Whole considered a [staff report](#) recommending approval of official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **2805531 Ontario Ltd.** for a site at 198 & 206 Plains Road East. The applicant proposes to build a seven-storey mixed-use building containing 183 square metres of retail space and 66 dwelling units on the site. Staff are recommending approval of modified applications that would increase the rear landscape buffer and would ensure that seven existing rental dwellings would be retained as part of the proposed development.

Approval recommended for Aldershot high-density development

At its July 6 meeting, **Burlington** Committee of the Whole considered a [staff report](#) recommending approval of official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **Alinea Land Corporation** for a site at 1200 King Road. The applicant proposes to construct a high-density mixed-use community on the site, comprising up to 8,800 dwelling units in buildings ranging from 11 to 53 storeys in height, spread across 26 development blocks. The development would include a new street network, an arena with an event plaza, a retail centre, a two-hectare park, and an educational campus.

Oakville health sciences complex proposed

At its July 7 meeting, **Oakville** Planning & Development Council considered a [public meeting report](#) regarding official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **Infrastructure Ontario (IO)** for lands on the north side of William Halton Parkway, east of Hospital Gate and west of Glenorchy Road. IO seeks to enable site-specific land use permissions for a four-storey health sciences complex that would be the subject of a future competitive bidding process to design a specific building.

Approval recommended for North Oakville employment development

At its July 7 meeting, **Oakville** Planning & Development Council considered a [public meeting and recommendation report](#) recommending approval of rezoning and draft plan of subdivision applications by **Hulme Development Limited** for lands north of Burnhamthorpe Road West, midway between Sixth Line and William Halton Parkway and extending to Highway 407. The applicant proposes to create three employment blocks totalling 12.14 hectares in area, as well as a stormwater management pond, a natural heritage system block, two open space blocks, and a 22-metre-wide public street.

Approval recommended for Midtown Oakville multi-tower development

At its July 7 meeting, **Oakville** Planning & Development Council considered a [recommendation report](#) recommending approval of official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **South Service Holding Corp.** for a site at 420 South Service Road East. The applicant proposes to construct 14 high-density buildings ranging in height from five to 38 storeys, with ground floor retail uses and a total of approximately

5,600 dwelling units. The proposal includes new public streets as well as 2.3 hectares of parks and open spaces. The heritage-designated General Electric Lamp Plant building would be relocated within the site.



HAMILTON

Approval recommended for Landsdale residential care development

At its July 7 meeting, **Hamilton** Planning Committee considered a [staff report](#) recommending approval of a rezoning application by **Wayside House** for a site at 273, 277 & 279 East Avenue North. The applicant proposes to build a four-storey residential care facility containing a total of 62 beds and supportive uses, as well as 15 dwelling units.

Approval recommended for Ancaster place of assembly

At its July 7 meeting, **Hamilton** Planning Committee considered a [staff report](#) recommending approval of official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **Wayne and Jennifer DeBoer** for a site at 2018 Wilson Street West. The applicants propose to permit a small-scale place of assembly

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for rural weddings and events as an on-farm diversified use on the site.

Approval recommended for Downtown Hamilton tower

At its July 7 meeting, **Hamilton** Planning Committee considered a [staff report](#) recommending approval of a rezoning application by **Representative Holdings Inc.** for a site at 117 Forest Avenue and 175 Catherine Street. The applicant proposes to build

a 24-storey residential tower containing 277 dwelling units on the site.



YORK

Approval recommended for Thornhill tower

At its July 7 meeting, **Markham** Development Services Committee considered a [staff report](#) recommending approval of official plan and zoning by-

law amendment applications by **2627597 Ontario Inc.** for a site at 7079 Yonge Street. The applicant proposes to build a 45-storey mixed-use building containing 431 square metres of ground floor retail space and 562 dwelling units on the Yonge Street site.

Approval recommended for North Markham subdivision

At its July 7 meeting, **Markham** Development Services Committee considered a [staff report](#) recommending approval of a draft plan of subdivision application by **Markham 11120 Hwy 48 Developments Ltd.** (**Treasure Hill**) and **EL-EN Realty Limited (Fieldgate)** for a site at 10982, 11120 & 11274

Highway 48. The lands are the subject of a previously-enacted Minister's Zoning Order. The applicant seeks to subdivide the lands to enable the construction of a total of 2,067 low- and mid-rise dwelling units, a school block, and a 16-hectare city-wide sports park. 🌱

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The site is strategically located at a major intersection with a daily traffic count over 50,000 vehicles, and is in close proximity to the Richmond Hill GO Station and Highway 404. The surrounding area offers numerous retail amenities, including Costco and the Home Depot.

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OLT NEWS

Richmond Hill Comprehensive Zoning By-law approved

In a July 2 decision, OLT Vice-Chairs **Carrie Hardy** and **Shannon Braun** granted a motion by the **City of Richmond Hill** requesting that the Tribunal approve, with amendments, the City's new Comprehensive Zoning By-law (CZBL), except where it remains under appeal on a site- or area-wide basis.

The CZBL was adopted by the City of Richmond Hill in September 2025 to replace and consolidate over 40 former zoning by-laws that applied in various locations throughout the City. The CZBL was appealed by numerous landowners.

At a June 10 case management conference, the City brought a motion seeking an order of the Tribunal approving unappealed portions of the CZBL. As a result of Bill 98, the *Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act*, 2026, the City removed regulations in the CZBL pertaining to electric vehicle infrastructure requirements.

Planner **Salvatore Aiello** provided evidence on behalf of Richmond Hill in support of the motion and the proposed amendments to the CZBL. He opined that the by-law "supports the creation of complete communities,

promotes mixed-use, compact and transit-oriented development, directs growth and intensification within nodes and corridors serviced by higher-order transit and preserves/protects the natural environment."

The Tribunal accepted Aiello's uncontested planning evidence and granted the City's motion, approving the CZBL, as amended, without prejudice to the outstanding appeals.

[See *OLT Case No. OLT-25-000843* for decision and list of solicitors involved in this matter.]

BURLINGTON TOWER SETTLEMENT AMENDS HOLDING PROVISION

In a June 22 decision, OLT Member **Daniel Best** allowed an appeal, in part, by **1959025 Ontario Inc.** against the **City of Burlington's** decision to approve with a holding provision, the company's zoning by-law amendment application for 2076 Old Lakeshore Road.

1959025 Ontario proposes to build a 25-storey mixed-use building containing 154 hotel suites and 50 dwelling units. In January 2026, the City of Burlington approved the application but in doing so, applied a holding provision requiring the applicant to undertake a number of actions prior to the holding provision being lifted to enable the

development to proceed.

1959025 Ontario appealed Burlington city council's decision on the basis that some of the holding provision requirements imposed on the applicant exceeded the City's authority. Subsequently, the applicant and the City engaged in discussions and reached a settlement whereby the City has agreed to remove requirements for the applicant to perform downstream sanitary sewer upgrades and for the submission of a revised transportation study, and has revised a requirement

pertaining to an extension of the adjacent waterfront trail.

At a settlement hearing, planner **David Falletta (Bousfields)** provided evidence on behalf of 1959025 Ontario in support of the modified zoning by-law amendment and holding provision requirements.

The Tribunal accepted Falletta's uncontested planning evidence and allowed the appeal, approving the modifications to the zoning by-law amendment.

Solicitors involved in

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DELTA URBAN

Delta Urban Welcomes Katy Schofield as COO



Delta Urban Inc. is pleased to announce that **Katy Schofield** is joining the firm as Chief Operating Officer.

Katy brings more than 30 years of leadership experience within the land development and housing industry, including executive roles with Great Gulf, Mattamy Homes, and Brookfield Residential, as well as extensive involvement with the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD), where she served as Chair.

Most notably, Katy spent over 20 years with Great Gulf Group, ultimately serving as President, Low-Rise Residential. Throughout her career, she has led complex residential, mixed-use, and resort developments while building extensive expertise in land acquisition, underwriting, due diligence, strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and business operations.

Delta Urban is a leading Ontario-based land development consulting firm specializing in Development Management and Landowner Group Management. The firm provides strategic leadership, project management, and financial management services to landowners and developers, guiding complex projects through the planning, approvals, infrastructure, and implementation process.

As Chief Operating Officer, Katy will work closely with our clients, project teams, and industry partners to further strengthen Delta Urban's Development Management and Landowner Group Management practices, while supporting the continued growth of our business and expanding the strategic advisory services we provide to clients.

Katy's appointment represents an important milestone in Delta Urban's continued growth and investment in leadership. We are excited to welcome Katy to the team and look forward to the experience, perspective, and strategic capacity she brings to our clients, projects, and organization.

Please join us in welcoming Katy to Delta Urban.

Maria Venturo, CPA CMA (Partner) | Mustafa Ghassan, BES, M.Eng-CEM (Partner)

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this decision were **Narmada Gunawardana** and **Denise Baker (WeirFoulds)** representing 1959025 Ontario Inc. and **Hannah Ruby** and **Andrea Peebles** representing the City of Burlington. [See *OLT Case No. [OLT-26-000146](#)*.]

APPROVAL GRANTED TO DEMOLISH CAMP 30 HERITAGE BUILDING

In a June 25 decision, OLT Member **Daniel Best** allowed an appeal, in part, by **Lambs Road School Property Ltd.** (Kaitlin Corporation) against the **Municipality of Clarington's** refusal of Kaitlin Corporation's heritage permit application for 2020 Lambs Road.

The Lambs Road property contains Camp 30, a World War II-era prisoner-of-war camp that is designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and identified as a National Historic Site. The designated portion of the site is 7.83 hectares in size and contains six buildings and a cultural heritage landscape.

Kaitlin Corporation submitted an application under Section 34 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* seeking the Municipality's consent to demolish an existing building known as the Triple Dormitory Building, on the basis of its degraded condition and diminished heritage integrity.

The Municipality refused the application, and Kaitlin appealed the decision to the OLT.

The Tribunal was advised that Kaitlin had undertaken significant investigation into the condition of the Triple Dormitory, and that it had determined that efforts to stabilize the structure, to abate hazardous substances, and to restore the building to habitable standards would cost the developer approximately \$19 million, which was not a feasible sum.

As a result of subsequent discussions, Kaitlin and the Municipality reached a settlement whereby the Municipality has agreed to the demolition of the Triple Dormitory subject to the following conditions:

- The submission of a Documentation, Salvage and Commemoration Plan;
- The undertaking of all required archaeological assessments;
- The submission of a Landscape Plan containing commitments to enhancing identified heritage views to the remaining heritage structures in Camp 30; and
- The construction of a well-designed replacement building demonstrating urban design excellence.

The Tribunal heard

evidence from heritage planner **Benjamin Holthof (LHC Heritage)** in support of the settlement and the proposed heritage demolition conditions. In Holthof's opinion, the conditions will help to ensure that new development on the site is appropriately integrated

with the remaining heritage structures and cultural heritage landscape, and will mitigate the impacts of the demolition of the Triple Dormitory.

The Tribunal adopted Holthof's unchallenged heritage planning evidence

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IN MEMORIAM

George B P Farrow

1934 - 2026



Retired architect **George B. P. Farrow** passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 2 at the age of 92 in the home he designed. Farrow was born in Guelph and raised in Oakville. In 1959, he graduated from the University of Toronto school of architecture, launching his career not long after at Dunlop, Wardell, Matsui and Aitken Architects, opening the firm's first Oakville office. In 1970, he co-founded Dunlop, Farrow, Aitken, which later evolved into the internationally recognized architectural firm Farrow Partners. Over the course of his career, Farrow designed more hospitals than any architect in Ontario at the time, also leading the decade-long design and development of the National Disease Control Laboratory in Winnipeg. Farrow is remembered by friends and family for his deep and lifelong commitment to civic causes and community life. His family will hold a celebration of his life on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Oakville, with details to be released closer to the date. May his memory be for a blessing.

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and allowed the appeal, in part, approving the heritage demolition permit subject to the agreed-upon conditions.

Solicitors involved in this decision were **Evan Barz** and **Chris Barnett (Osler)** representing Lambs Road School Property Ltd. and **Mark Joblin** and **Austin Ray (Loopstra Nixon)** representing the Municipality of Clarington. [See OLT Case No. [OLT-23-001263](#).]

INNISFIL HERITAGE DESIGNATION BY-LAW REPEALED

In a June 30 decision, OLT Member **Jennifer Campbell** allowed an appeal, in part, by **AA 1 Inc.** against the **Town of Innisfil's** passage of a by-law to designate a property at 3523 25th Sideroad under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The 25th Sideroad property contains a one-and-a-half-storey stone house constructed between 1868-70. The Town of Innisfil undertook a cultural

heritage resource assessment and designated the property under the *Heritage Act* on the basis that it met three of the nine prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest.

AA 1 Inc., which has intentions to redevelop the property, disagreed that the property demonstrates heritage value, and appealed the designation by-law to the OLT. Subsequently, the parties reached a settlement whereby the Town has consented to the Tribunal repealing the designation by-law subject to AA 1 entering into a temporary heritage easement agreement to maintain the 25th Sideroad building on an interim basis. The easement may be released in future should AA 1 Inc. satisfy heritage-related draft plan of subdivision conditions agreed to between the parties.

The Tribunal considered evidence from heritage planner **Evan Sugden (The Biglieri Group)** in support of the settlement and allowed the

appeal, in part, withholding its order until it receives confirmation that the parties have finalized and registered a temporary heritage easement agreement.

Solicitors involved in this decision were **Jonathan Marun-Batista** and **Matthew Helfand (Aird & Berlis)** representing AA 1 Inc. and **Kameron Faridani** representing the Town of Innisfil. [See OLT Case No. [OLT-25-000058](#).] 

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PEOPLE

The **City of Hamilton** announced last week that Hamilton city manager **Marnie Cluckie** will be departing from her role in late September to take on the position of chief administrative officer (CAO) of **Halifax Regional Municipality**. Cluckie joined the City of Hamilton as city manager in January of 2024. She will continue in her role at the City of Hamilton until September 22, 2026 to help support a smooth transition for an interim city manager while the City works to fill the position on a permanent basis.



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RE: 6.16 Halton Hills Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on March 24, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-202:

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Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.16 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the Towns of Halton Hills' resolution;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

June 5, 2026

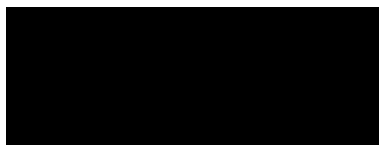
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday June 1, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0107 regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0107.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Ontario Minister of Natural Resources
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Halton area MPs and MPPs
Region of Halton
HRFA
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Ontario Invasive Plant Council
Landscape Ontario
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association
All Ontario municipalities



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THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0107

Title: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Date: June 1, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 12.3

WHEREAS invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species, seeds and nursery stock can cause significant damage to municipal infrastructure, roadsides, stormwater systems, parks, trails, natural heritage areas, agricultural lands, woodlots, shorelines, private property and local biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities and conservation authorities are estimated to spend approximately \$50.8 million annually managing invasive species, and the average annual cost per Ontario municipality has been estimated at \$218,148, with approximately 80% of expenditures directed toward control and management rather than prevention; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS these costs are ultimately borne by local taxpayers, conservation authorities, property owners, farmers, volunteers and community groups who are often left to manage invasive species after they have already been introduced, sold, planted, escaped cultivation and spread;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Invasive Species Act, 2015, which allows species to be listed as prohibited or restricted, and which can make it illegal to import, possess, transport, propagate, buy, sell, lease or trade listed invasive species; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS the concern is not with plants that are already clearly prohibited or restricted, but with invasive species and seeds and nursery stock that may

continue to be sold or distributed before modernized provincial rules, public guidance and retail practices have fully caught up with current science and local experience;

AND WHEREAS garden centres, nurseries, landscape suppliers, seed distributors, online retailers, landscapers and residents all have an important role to play in preventing the spread of invasive plants before they become a costly municipal and environmental problem;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead program promotes native and non-invasive alternatives for healthy, diverse and wildlife-friendly gardens, and its updated Southern Ontario guide includes additional invasive plants and alternatives to help residents, gardeners and landscapers make better choices; (Ontario Invasive Plant Council)

AND WHEREAS recent local reporting in Halton Hills has highlighted the importance of choosing native alternatives to invasive garden plants, including through Grow Native Halton and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead resources;

AND WHEREAS the continued sale and distribution of invasive ornamental plants undermine the work of municipalities, conservation authorities, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, local volunteers and residents who are investing time and taxpayer dollars to remove and manage these same species;

AND WHEREAS prevention at the point of sale is more cost-effective, more practical and more respectful of taxpayers than asking municipalities and property owners to pay for removal after invasive species have spread across property lines and municipal boundaries;

AND WHEREAS invasive plants do not recognize municipal boundaries, and effective prevention requires coordinated action by the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, the nursery and landscape sector, retailers, landowners and residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills respectfully request that the Province of Ontario, in consultation with municipalities, AMO, ROMA, conservation authorities, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, the nursery and landscape sector, garden centres and other relevant stakeholders, undertake a review and modernization of Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework;

AND FURTHER THAT this review include consideration of expanding and regularly updating the list of prohibited and restricted invasive plant species, including invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species,

seeds and nursery stock that pose a risk to Ontario's natural heritage, agriculture, municipal infrastructure, parks, trails, roadsides, stormwater systems and private property;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to prohibit the sale, distribution, propagation and trade of listed invasive plant species through garden centres, nurseries, landscaping suppliers, online retailers, seed distributors and other commercial pathways;

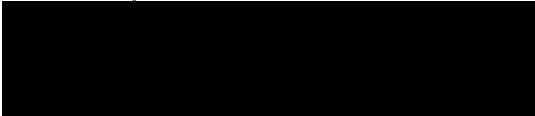
AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to develop clear labelling, public education and retailer guidance requirements so that residents, gardeners, landscapers and retailers can easily identify invasive species and choose native or non-invasive alternatives;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to work with the nursery, garden centre and landscape sectors on a practical transition plan that supports compliance, protects small businesses, promotes native and non-invasive alternatives, and prevents invasive plants from continuing to enter communities through ordinary consumer purchases;

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Canada be requested to review and strengthen, where appropriate, federal import, border, labelling and online sales rules related to invasive plants, seeds and nursery stock entering Canada, so that provincial prevention efforts are not undermined by interprovincial or international trade;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada be requested to support municipalities, conservation authorities and community partners with stronger prevention tools, updated science-based lists, public education materials and funding programs that prioritize prevention over costly long-term control and removal;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Halton-area MPs and MPPs, the Region of Halton, HRFA, OFA, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, Grand River Conservation Authority, AMO, ROMA, FCM, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Landscape Ontario, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.



Mayor Ann Lawlor

July 2, 2026

Sent via E-Mail: sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier
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Dear Deputy Premier Jones,

RE: Motion for Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on June 23, 2026, Council adopted a motion regarding requesting support to combat tick borne diseases.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the prevalence of ticks, including those known to carry Lyme disease, and other Vector borne diseases have increased across Ontario;

Whereas Lyme disease diagnoses have increased by 27% in 2024 to 2369 (Public Health Agency of Canada, PHAC);

Whereas residents across Caledon have registered growing concerns about public health risks associated with tick exposure in parks, trails and residential areas;

Whereas municipalities have limited jurisdiction and resources to effectively manage tick populations on a broad ecological scale;

Whereas the Government of Ontario is responsible for public health policy, environmental management and vector-borne disease prevention and detection;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Caledon Town Council formally requests that the Government of Ontario investigate and implement measures to reduce burgeoning tick populations and to mitigate their associated public health risks; and

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That such measures may include safe and effective tick control methods, public education campaigns and coordinated regional strategies; and

That the Province consider increased funding and support for local public health units to address tick-borne disease prevention; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Kiernan Moore, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, Peel Public Health, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all 444 municipalities across Ontario.

For more information regarding this request, please contact the undersigned by email to mayor@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4155.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

CC:

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July 7, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Re: Intimate Partner Violence

I am writing to inform you that at a meeting held on June 23, 2026, Council of the County of Simcoe adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas more than 4 in 10 Canadian women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and 1 in 10 experience it almost daily; and

Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police have determined that in 2024 there was an 18% increase in intimate partner violence victims compared to the previous year; and

Whereas Simcoe County Violence Against Women Agencies received 12,870 crisis calls in 2025.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the County of Simcoe declares intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and

That the County of Simcoe request support from its lower-tier municipalities to declare, if they have not already done so; and

That the County of Simcoe requests the Province of Ontario to declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, the local County of Simcoe MPPs, and the Premier of Ontario."

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, I can be reached by email at clerks@simcoe.ca or by phone at 705-726-9300 ext. 1202.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Magill
County Clerk, Director of Statutory Services and Archives
County of Simcoe

CC Premier of Ontario
All municipalities in Ontario
All County of Simcoe Members of Provincial Parliament