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MEMORANDUM

TO: Welland City Council

FROM: Amanda Degazio
Manager of Business and Community Service

DATE: August 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Corporate Partnership Policy Yearly Report

This memo provides Council with the annual summary of the City's partnership, sponsorship, and donation activity for 2025 as required under the Corporate Partnership Policy (SER-008-0010), attached as Appendix I. Community Grants are not included, as they are administered through a separate program and reported independently through the Council Information Package process.

In 2025, partnership activity continued to support a wide range of City programs, services, events, and initiatives. Formal partnerships remained focused on housing, recreation, education, economic development, and community well-being. Key partnerships included Habitat for Humanity Niagara, YMCA Niagara Centre, Niagara College, Fonds Foyer Richelieu Welland, and the Welland McMaster Family Health Team. All partnerships, sponsorships, and donations reported herein were administered in accordance with the Corporate Partnership Policy (SER-008-0010).

Through partnership and sponsorship activities, the City secured approximately \$221,900 in external financial and in-kind support toward municipal programs, services, and initiatives. The majority of partnership activity occurred through sponsorships and informal partnerships, which supported community events and programs such as Canada Day, Concerts on the Canal, Winter Lights, and the Captains of Industry Golf Tournament. These partnerships continue to strengthen relationships with local businesses and community organizations while enhancing program delivery and community engagement. In addition to partnerships and sponsorships, the City received one donation that exceeded the reporting threshold established in the Corporate Partnership Policy and is reported in Appendix II in accordance with policy requirements.

The City's partnership activity generated the following actual financial results in 2025:

- **City Contribution:** \$280,102.36
- **External Funding Received:** \$214,500.00
- **In-Kind Contributions Received:** \$7,400.00

These contributions enhanced the City's ability to deliver programs, services, and initiatives.

Significant Council-approved partnership investments included approximately \$138,000 in support of the YMCA Niagara Centre and \$62,876 in in-kind servicing support for Habitat for Humanity affordable housing projects.

External sponsorships continued to offset the cost of community events and economic development initiatives. The Captains of Industry Golf Tournament, for example, remains fully funded through sponsorship support.

Overall, the City continues to leverage partnerships, sponsorships, donations, and in-kind contributions to support programs and services, maximize community benefit, and strengthen relationships with community organizations, businesses, and funding partners. These partnerships supported affordable housing development, recreation programming, community events, health and wellness initiatives, and economic development activities throughout the city. Collectively, they help advance Council priorities while enhancing service delivery and community outcomes.

Attachments:

Appendix I – Corporate Partnership Policy (SER-008-0010)

Appendix II – Corporate Partnership Reporting Framework

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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Corporate Partnership Policy is to:

- Establish a corporate standard and transparent guide and process of facilitating and supporting opportunities for partnerships; and
- Create a system for the identification, selection, acquisition and management of partnerships for the City of Welland ensuring that the impact and community benefit is clear and documented.
- Define the roles and responsibilities of staff, Council and our community partners

Note: Property Naming is outlined in a separate policy, see Municipal Naming/Renaming Policy (SER-008-0006).

Guiding Principles

The following principles will govern the City's approach to partnerships, sponsorships, and donations:

Public Interest First

- All partnerships, sponsorships, and donations must prioritize the public good, aligning with the City's objectives to serve the community.

Transparency and Accountability

- The City will operate in a transparent and accountable manner, ensuring that all activities are properly documented, reported, and assessed.

Ethical Conduct

- All partners, sponsors, and donors will be expected to uphold the City's ethical standards, ensuring no conflicts of interest, undue influence, or bias in decision-making.

Fairness and Inclusivity

- The City will ensure equitable access to opportunities for all potential partners, sponsors, and donors, with a focus on fostering inclusivity and diversity.

Sustainability and Long-Term Impact

- Partnerships and donations should contribute to the long-term sustainability and resilience of City initiatives, services, and infrastructure.

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2.0 Policy Statement

The City of Welland values partnerships and collaboration with individuals, organizations, service clubs and businesses that contribute to the enhancement of public spaces, services, and the overall well-being of the community. This document provides the framework for the City's approach to partnerships, sponsorships, and donations. The partnership policy aligns with the principles of transparency, fairness, accountability, and public interest, ensuring these activities support the City's mission and vision for an active, resilient and sustainable community delivering the best quality of life for all.

3.0 Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

Advertising

- A form of communication to promote services, ideas or causes with a goal of reaching the target audience to increase awareness, generate interest and persuade action.

Donation

- Donations involve gifts, monetary or in-kind, made by individuals, organizations, service clubs or businesses to support the City's programs, services, or infrastructure. Depending on the scale of the donation and terms, a donation agreement may be required and may be shared with Council for awareness. Examples of donations include a Service Club donation for park amenities or individual donations for the Wellness for All program.

Formal Partnership

- A formal partnership is a legally binding agreement between the City and a 3rd party approved by Council. These formal partnerships often have costs or political implications that must be approved and legally documented including agreements to build, operate, lease land, etc. Examples of formal partnerships include the land lease for the Ontario Road Emergency Shelter, support for the YMCA of Niagara and the operation of the Youngs Sportsplex.

Informal Partnership

- An informal partnership is not legally binding nor approved by Council. These agreements are part of regular city operations and approved by staff. These informal partnerships are in-kind, do not cost the City money and are established

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to meet mutually beneficial goals for the corporation and the 3rd party. Examples of informal partnerships include a local dance group hosting a performance as part of a city event or economic development partnering with the Niagara Catholic School Board to promote the trades and apprenticeships.

Partnership

- Partnerships are mutually beneficial relationships between the City and a 3rd party. Partnerships can be formal or informal but will include a documentation. In the case of a formal partnership, agreements are referred to as a Partnership Agreements.

Partnership Agreement

- Partnership agreements are formal, collaborative agreements between the City of Welland and external organizations, service clubs and businesses to achieve mutual goals. Partnership agreements are legally binding and approved by Council.

Service Club

- A voluntary organization made up of individuals who come together to provide community service, support charitable causes, and engage in social and civic activities. Service clubs often raise funds through events, donations, or membership dues to support their initiatives. Examples include the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Optimist Club and Rotary Club.

Sponsorship

- Sponsorships refer to financial contributions made by external organizations or individuals to support City programs, events, or initiatives in exchange for recognition or promotional benefits. Sponsors benefits may include featuring the sponsor's logo or sponsor name on posters, t-shirts, webpage, social media or other communications material. Examples include a local business sponsoring a city event or program.

4.0 Partnerships

Partnerships are mutually beneficial relationships between the City and a 3rd party. Partnerships can be formal or informal. Definitions and examples for each can be found in Section 3.0 of the policy. Partnership opportunities are an integral part of responding to local issues and will leverage the strengths and goals of the partner to achieve more for the community. Partners may represent institutions, other levels of government, organizations, businesses, or service clubs.

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Eligibility Criteria

- Partnerships will be considered with institutions, other levels of government, organizations, businesses, or service clubs that align with the City's mission, vision, and strategic objectives.
- Potential partners must be in good standing with the City and demonstrate a commitment to positive community outcomes.
- The City will not enter partnerships with organizations whose values or activities conflict with the public interest, municipal policies, or ethical standards.

Approval Process

- All informal partnerships must be approved by the applicable department director or delegate.
- All formal partnerships must be approved by Council.
- A formal partnership agreement will be offered and accepted with details of the roles, responsibilities, deliverables, timelines, and financial considerations of each party. Depending on the partnership, these agreements may vary in length and complexity.

Review & Evaluation

- Partnerships will be reviewed by staff periodically to assess their effectiveness, outcomes, and alignment with City goals.
- The City reserves the right to terminate a partnership agreement if it no longer serves the public interest or if the terms of the agreement are not being met.

5.0 Sponsorships

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Eligibility Criteria

- Sponsors must have a reputation for ethical business practices and be aligned with the City's values, including sustainability, inclusivity, and community service.
- Sponsorship agreements must not conflict with the City's regulatory or ethical standards and must be free from any commercial influence over City decision-making.

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Types of Sponsorships

- **Event Sponsorships:** Businesses or organizations may sponsor City-led events. Examples of this include Canada Day, the Annual Mayor's Breakfast and the Economic Development Golf Tournament.
- **Program Sponsorships:** Contributions for specific City programs, such as youth initiatives, environmental programs, or cultural projects.
- **Facility Sponsorships:** Businesses, organizations or individuals may apply to sponsor City-owned facilities or spaces, subject to the Municipal Naming/Renaming Policy, for marketing opportunities. Examples of this include arena advertising and rink boards.

Approval Process

- All sponsorships must be approved by the applicable department director or delegate.

Recognition

- Sponsors will receive recognition in accordance with the terms of the sponsorship agreement. This could include signage, promotional materials, digital recognition, and more.
- The level of recognition will depend on the nature and value of the sponsorship, as outlined in the agreement.

Conflict of Interest

- Sponsorship agreements will be assessed for any potential conflicts of interest, ensuring that no undue influence is exerted over City decisions.

6.0 Donations

Donations involve gifts, monetary or in-kind, made by individuals, organizations, service clubs or businesses to support the City's programs, services, or infrastructure. Depending on the scale of the donation and terms, a donation agreement may be required and may be shared with Council for awareness.

Eligibility for Donation

- Donations may be accepted from individuals, businesses, service clubs or organizations that align with the City's values and objectives.
- Donations that may create conflicts of interest, violate ethical standards, or be seen as attempting to unduly influence City decisions will not be accepted.

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Types of Donations

- Monetary Donations: Cash contributions to support City programs or capital projects.
- In-Kind Donations: Non-monetary contributions, such as equipment, materials, or services.
- Legacy Gifts: Donations made as part of planned giving or bequests to support long-term initiatives.

Acceptance Process

- Donations are reviewed by City staff for alignment with the City's goals, strategic priorities, and ethical standards.
- All donations or donation programs must be approved by the applicable department director or delegate.
- A formal acknowledgment will be issued for all donations over \$5,000, and larger contributions may be accompanied by a public recognition plan (e.g., plaques, mentions at events, online recognition)

Use of Donations

- Donations will be directed to the intended purpose as outlined by the donor, or in cases where no specific designation is provided, will be allocated to areas of greatest need and strategic impact as determined by the City. Examples of uses include tree planting, park amenity improvements, and the "Wellness for All" program.

Tax Receipts

- Donations that meet criteria under the Income Tax Act will be issued a charitable tax receipt.

7.0 Reporting

City staff will provide an annual report to Council detailing all formal partnership agreements approved by Council, as well as any sponsorships, and donations over \$1,000. This report will include information on how these activities benefited the community and aligned with the City's strategic goals. In the case of donations, donors may remain anonymous if requested.

8.0 Responsibilities

The management of partnerships is detailed yet clear for all parties including the partner, sponsor or donor, staff and Council.

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Council

Council will be responsible to:

- Approve the Corporate Partnership policy.
- Approve all formal partnership agreements.
- Ensure that all approved formal partnership agreements align with the City's strategic goals, values and long-term vision.

Applicable Director

The applicable director for the partnership, sponsorship or donation is responsible to:

- Support negotiations as required with the relevant partner, sponsor or donor
- Depending on the size and scope of the partnership, may be expected to act as lead facilitator on formal partnership agreements and screen for eligibility
- Ensure formal partnership agreements are approved by Council, signed by both parties.
- Provide partner, sponsor and donor information for the annual report as required
- Approve all informal partnerships, sponsorships and donations or assign delegation for approval.

Director of Community Services

The Director of Community Services is responsible to:

- Ensure an annual report is submitted to Council as per the requirements of the policy

Staff Lead

The staff lead for the partnership, sponsorship or donation is responsible to:

- Depending on the size and scope of the partnership, may be expected to act as lead facilitator on the agreement and screen for eligibility
- Develop Council reports as required for approval of partnership agreements.
- Lead discussions, negotiations and agreements as required for all sponsorships and donations.
- Support operational needs of applicable partners, sponsors & donors once the agreement is signed
- Ensure all requirements are met as indicated in the agreement.

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- Develop sponsorship packages to attract sponsors and make the sponsorship process easier to navigate for interested parties.
- Promote and advertise donation and sponsorship opportunities as they are available.

Partner, Donor or Sponsor

The partner, sponsor or donor is responsible to:

- Work with City staff to confirm the requirements of this policy
- Review and sign any related formal or informal agreement for partnership, sponsorship or donation
- Ensure all requirements are met as indicated in the agreement
- Connect with the applicable staff lead to address any needs or questions

9.0 Attachments

Appendix 1 – [Municipal Naming/Renaming Policy](#)

Revision History

Date	Description of Change	Initials

Reporting Year	Type	Formal / Informal	Organization	Description	Department	Division	Value (\$) Out	Value (\$) In	In-Kind Value (\$)	Community Benefit	Strategic Alignment
2025	Partnership	Formal	Habitat for Humanity	Servicing for the First Street at Plymouth Road Build	Infrastructure Services	Engineering	\$62,875.99			New affordable housing	4.3 - Promote an adequate supply of housing types that cater to a wide variety of needs by working with all levels of government, non-profit organizations, agencies, and the private sector.
2025	Partnership	Formal	Welland McMaster Family Health Team	Health care preperation and training	Economic Development	Economic Development	\$40,000.00			To ensure Welland has adequate health care resources	3.2 - Advocate and leverage opportunities to expand healthcare services including a new hospital, additional doctors and healthcare practitioners, and supportive services for the unhoused.
2025	Partnership	Formal	Niagara College	To support capital expansion at the Welland Campus	Corporate & Enterprise Services Department	Finance	\$50,000.00				1.3 - Enhance new technologies to improve efficiencies, service delivery, and economic development.
2025	Partnership	Formal	Foundation Fond Foyer Richelieu	To support the building of a new long term care home	Corporate & Enterprise Services Department	Finance	\$50,000.00			To support the building of a new long term care home	3.2 - Advocate and leverage opportunities to expand healthcare services including a new hospital, additional doctors and healthcare practitioners, and supportive services for the unhoused.
2025	Partnership	Formal	YMCA Niagara Centre	Contribution Agreement	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture	\$138,102.36			Support the YMCA	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Partnership	Formal	LIV Communities	Naming Rights	Community Services	Facilities		\$50,000.00			3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Partnership	Formal	Empire Homes	Naming Rights	Community Services	Facilities		\$50,000.00			3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	North Welland Business Improvement Area	Victoria Day Event	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$10,000.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	CAA	Canada Day	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$2,000.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Welland Hydro	Canada Day	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$2,000.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Ontario Power Generation	Merry & Bright	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,000.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Welland Hydro	Winter Lights	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,500.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Welland Hydro	Lights, Frights and Sights	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,500.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Partnership	Informal	YMCA Niagara Centre	New Years Event	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture			\$1,500.00	Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Partnership	Informal	Victorian Order of Nurses	Welland Community Centre Older Adult Recreation Programming	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture			\$4,900.00	Support senior mobility and healthy active living	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Circle P Paving	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,000.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Niagara Home Heating	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,000.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Rankin Construction	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,000.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Billyard Insurance Group	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$2,500.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	McDonalds	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,500.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.

Corporate Partnership Reporting

Reporting Year	Type	Formal / Informal	Organization	Description	Department	Division	Value (\$) Out	Value (\$) In	In-Kind Value (\$)	Community Benefit	Strategic Alignment
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Niagara College	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,000.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Bridgewater Brewery	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$2,500.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Empire Homes	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$2,500.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Lemayzzz Meats	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,000.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	The Grocholsky Real Estate Group - Royal Lepage NRC Realty	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$2,500.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	JD Development Group	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,000.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Jessica Cavezza (Insurance - Desjardins)	Concerts on the Canal	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,000.00		Support Community Event Activations	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Ambria Homes	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,500		The City of Welland's golf tournament delivers meaningful community value by fully offsetting all event costs through sponsorship, ensuring there is no financial impact on taxpayers. Proceeds generated beyond expenses are directed to a local charity, supporting organizations that make a real difference in Welland.	1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Desjardins	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,500			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	E.S. Fox Limited	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,500			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Empire Communities	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,500			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Gerrie Electric Wholesale Ltd.	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$1,500			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Hamount Investments Ltd.	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$5,000			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	JD Development Group	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,500			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Job Gym – John Howard Society of Niagara	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,500			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Kerry T. Howe Engineering Ltd.	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,500			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Kraun Electric	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,000			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Leon's	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$1,000	\$1,000.00	By hosting the tournament as an invitation-only event, the City fosters strong community partnerships and creates valuable networking opportunities for leaders actively building, investing, and creating jobs in Welland today.	1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Niagara College Canada	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$1,500			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Primont Homes	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,000			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Procon Constructors Inc.	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,000			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Sterling Realty (Niagara) Inc.	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,500			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	The Grocholsky Real Estate Group	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,000			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Welland Hydro	Captains of Industry Golf Tournament	Economic Development	Economic Development		\$2,500			1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Donation >1000	Informal	Welland Optimist Club	Recreational Programming	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$1,000.00		Contributed to summer camp programming	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.

Corporate Partnership Reporting

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2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Empire Communities	Recreational Programming	Community Services	Recreation, Sport & Culture		\$2,000.00		March Break Skate programming	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Mehan Group	Mayor's Fundraiser Breakfast	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$1,000.00		Proceeds to Open Arms Mission Welland	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Welland Hydro Electric Systems Corp	Mayor's Fundraiser Breakfast	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$1,000.00		Proceeds to Open Arms Mission Welland	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Waukesha Gas Engines Inc.	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$5,000.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Ambria (Welland) GP Limited	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$3,000.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	555 Canal Bank Developments	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$3,000.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Ashton Homes Western Ltd. Quaker Road	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$3,000.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Rankin Construction	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$3,000.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
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2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Builtup Developments Inc.	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$1,500.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	JD Development Group	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$2,000.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Mountainview Building Group	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$2,000.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Stolk Construction	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$2,000.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Leon's Furniture Ltd.	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$2,000.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Desjardins	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$2,000.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.

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2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Niagara College Canada	Mayor's Charity Event	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office		\$2,000.00		Supports children/yourth programs. Proceeds to Niagara Nutrition Partner, Education Foundation Niagara & Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education	3.4 - Expand the inventory of recreation facilities and community-based program offerings throughout the city based on evolving needs and interests through partnerships and community engagement.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Niagara College Canada	Niagara College Golf Classic Silent Auction Sponsorship	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office	\$1,000.00			Sponsoring this tournament builds strong community partnership and creates valuable networking opportunities	1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.
2025	Sponsorship	Informal	Foyer Richelieu	Foyer Richelieu Charity Golf Tournament Dinner Sponsor	Office of the CAO	Mayors Office	\$1,000.00			Sponsoring this tournament builds strong community partnership and creates valuable networking opportunities	1.4 - Improve city brand identity and attractiveness supporting an investment-ready and welcoming city.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

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

DATE: August 19, 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:

St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School

St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School is a K-8 Catholic school in Welland that has served the community for approximately 70 years. The school intends to supplement its budget through fundraising initiatives conducted under the lottery licensing program. Funds raised will support educational resources and learning tools, transportation for extracurricular activities, technology enhancements, and special education resources.

August 19, 2026

St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School
300 Santone Ave
Welland, ON L3C 2J8

Attention: Francesca Wood

Dear Francesca,

The request for Licensing Eligibility for the St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School has been approved. The group's eligibility falls under Advancement of Education in the AGCOs Lottery Licensing Policy Manual, section 2.7.2(A). The group's use of the lottery proceeds is limited to expenses related:

- non-profit student publications such as newsletters and yearbooks that are provided at a nominal or no cost;
- educational student conferences and field trips within Ontario;
- student organizations such as arts/drama clubs and student councils/unions;
- academic competitions;
- student athletics programs: uniforms, sports equipment, safety equipment, fees for qualified officials (where necessary) and facility rental fees;
- registered scholarships and bursaries open to Ontario residents (as per Section 2.7.2(E)); and
- travel, including out-of-province travel, provided that it complies with the requirements set out in Section 2.4.1(E).

It is recommended that applications for lottery events be submitted at your earliest convenience to our office, to allow for review of the application. Once all the necessary information and documents are received, we require one (1) week to create the license.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours truly,



Tara Stephens

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

Office of the Town Clerk

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August 13, 2026

SENT VIA E-MAIL

premier@ontario.ca

Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

RE: Request for Expansion of Provincial Disaster Assistance Programs

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on August 10, 2026, passed the following resolution:

C-26-166

Moved by: Councillor DiFlavio

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Resolved that the Council of the Town of Grimsby request that the Province of Ontario review and expand its available disaster assistance programs to better reflect the impacts experienced by residents, businesses, farms and municipalities during these events; and

1. That the Province consider the impacts experienced across the entire Niagara Region when determining eligibility for disaster assistance; and
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPP, the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the municipalities across Niagara for their support.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries
Regional Municipality of Niagara
Municipalities within the Niagara Region
Sarah Kim, Chief Administrative Officer
Victoria Steele, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk
Brandon Wartman, Director of Public Works

August 13, 2026

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

Re: Town of Ingersoll Resolution - Extending the Deadline for Notice of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at their regular meeting on August 10, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll adopted the following resolution:

Resolution # 2026-228

Moved by Councillor Eus; seconded by Councillor Haliru

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Kincardine regarding Extending the Deadline for Notice of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties;

AND THAT Council support the resolution to extend the deadline for notice of intention to designate listed heritage properties;

AND THAT the resolution be forwarded to other municipalities in Ontario, Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman, all relevant ministries and the provincial government.

CARRIED

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Julie Clayton

Julie Clayton
Deputy Clerk

cc: Hon. Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Hon. Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ernie Hardeman, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oxford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All municipalities in Ontario

Council Meeting

Motion # 06/24/26 - 15
Title: Extend Deadline for Notice of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Moved by: Beth Blackwell
Seconded by: Jennifer Prenger

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 the Municipality of Kincardine currently has 155 properties listed on the Municipal Heritage Register; and

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

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

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

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

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine Heritage Kincardine Committee, at its meeting of June 16, 2026 recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline; now therefore be it Resolved that:

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

'Carried'

Clerk

August 13, 2026

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

Re: Town of Ingersoll Resolution - Review of OLT and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at their regular meeting on August 10, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll adopted the following resolution:

Resolution # 2026-230

Moved by Councillor Eus; seconded by Councillor Bowman

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll receive the correspondence from the Town of the Blue Mountains regarding Review of OLT and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT Council support the resolution regarding Review of OLT and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT the resolution be forwarded to other municipalities in Ontario, Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman, all relevant ministries, and the provincial government.

CARRIED

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Julie Clayton

Julie Clayton
Deputy Clerk

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ernie Hardeman, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oxford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All municipalities in Ontario



The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Kathryn Douglas, Supervisor, Legislative Services, Town of Whitby
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026
Time: 6:16 PM

Moved by: Councillor Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 25, 2026, correspondence from Kathryn Douglas, Supervisor, Legislative Services, Town of Whitby, and supports the June 22, 2026 Town of Whitby Council resolution regarding a Review of Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate this resolution of support to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Deputy Mayor Bordignon	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope	Councillor Maxwell
Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter		

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

June 25, 2026

Via Email

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

Re: Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 166-26:

Whereas local councils are elected by residents to make planning decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of their communities;

Whereas municipalities rely on extensive public consultation, professional planning advice, engineering studies, and technical reports when making land-use decisions;

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process;

Whereas lengthy and costly appeals can delay housing projects, consume municipal resources, and reduce the ability of municipalities to focus on delivering services to residents; and,

Whereas local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies, and sound planning principles.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies;

2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans;
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned;
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process; and,
5. That Staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4300.



Kathryn Douglas
Supervisor, Legislative Services
clerk@whitby.ca

Copy: C. Harris, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk - clerk@whitby.ca

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing -
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All Ontario Municipalities

August 13, 2026

Doug Ford
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Re: Town of Ingersoll Resolution - Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at their regular meeting on August 10, 2026, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll adopted the following resolution:

Resolution # 2026-229

Moved by Councillor Eus; seconded by Councillor Haliru

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll receive the correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax;

AND THAT Council support the resolution regarding Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax;

AND THAT the resolution be forwarded to other municipalities in Ontario, Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman, all relevant ministries and the provincial government.

CARRIED

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Julie Clayton

Julie Clayton
Deputy Clerk

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ernie Hardeman, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oxford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All municipalities in Ontario



Date: 10 June 2026 20

Moved By: Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council Support correspondence item 'h' from Prince Edward County regarding Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax.

✓
Carried

Defeated

Deferred

	Yay	Nay
Gary L. Atkinson	☐	☐
Netty McEwen	☐	☐
Alex Boughen	☐	☐
Kristen Rodrigues	☐	☐
John van Klaveren	☐	☐
Mike Vasey	☐	☐
Bob Woolvett	☐	☐

May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding exploring the feasibility of a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-207

DATE: May 12, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Braney

SECONDED BY: Councillor Engelsdorfer

WHEREAS the vitality of Prince Edward County's main streets is essential to the economic, social, and cultural health of our community;

WHEREAS there are numerous long-term vacant commercial storefronts, which detracts from the character of the community, reduces pedestrian traffic, discourages business investment, and negatively impacts the viability of surrounding small businesses;

WHEREAS the current Municipal Act, 2001 does not provide municipalities with the explicit legal authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax," although other jurisdictions are actively advocating for such tools to address similar challenges;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward:

1. **THAT** staff be directed to report back to Council on the feasibility of implementing a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax, including an analysis of the necessary provincial legislative changes required, recommendations for stakeholder consultation, and to concurrently explore potential enforceable mechanisms available under current legislation;
2. **THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward hereby requests that the Government of Ontario amend the Municipal Act, 2001 to grant Ontario municipalities the permissive authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax" or similar levy to encourage the productive use of long-term vacant retail properties;
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Premier of Ontario, and the Member of Provincial Parliament representing the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward for their immediate consideration; and

4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Braney, Councillor Engelsdorfer



DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND

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Date: August 11, 2026

Motion # 2026-236

WHEREAS public libraries provide essential services including literacy, education, technology access, employment resources, and community programming;

AND WHEREAS the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library serves the residents of the Township of Armour and surrounding communities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial funding received by the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library has remained at \$13,914 annually since 1990, despite significant increases in the cost of providing library services;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Armour's contribution to library services has increased from \$14,097.99 in 2001 to \$98,722 in 2026, placing an increasing financial burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries have called for increased and sustainable provincial funding for public libraries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour petitions the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, to substantially increase and provide sustainable, predictable operating funding for Ontario's public libraries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Library Association (OLA), and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) for their support and advocacy;

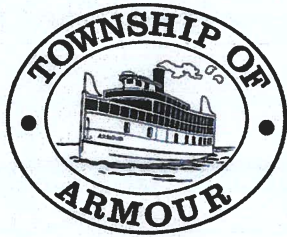
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to municipalities across Ontario for their consideration and support.

Moved by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
Brandt, Jerry ☐
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy ☒
Ward, Rod ☐
Whitwell, Wendy ☐

Seconded by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
Brandt, Jerry ☒
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy ☐
Ward, Rod ☐
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Carried / Defeated

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:



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Date: **August 11, 2026**

Recorded vote requested by:

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod

Brandt, Jerry

Haggart-Davis, Dorothy

Ward, Rod

Whitwell, Wendy

For

☐☐☐☐☐

Opposed

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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 4.4.1.
Resolution Number 2026-158
Title: Correspondence - Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan - Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns
Date: June 17, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 2026-05-06-08 passed by the Townships of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan regarding the request for provincial legislation amendments, health and safety concerns;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Transportation, the Acting Minister of Infrastructure, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Associations of Road Supervisors, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40
Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0
TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

May 6, 2026

RE: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns

Dear Minister Piccini,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-08

Moved by: Councillor Banks

Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Transportation, Acting Minister of Infrastructure, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP, AMO, AORS and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



AORS

PROMOTING COMPLAINTS, PURSUING RESOLUTION

Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini
14th Floor, 400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

Walid Abou-Hamde, Ontario Road Builders' Association Chief Executive Officer



The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

Resolution No. CC- 128 - 2026

Date: July 23, 2026

Moved by

Jeff Shaver

Seconded by

Michael Cameron

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015; and

WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026; and

WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs; and

WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality; and

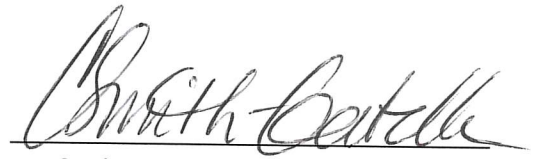
WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Counties of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and Ontario municipalities.

Carried ☒ Defeated ☐ Deferred ☐


Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden

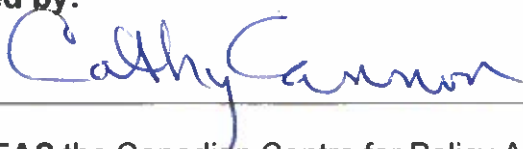
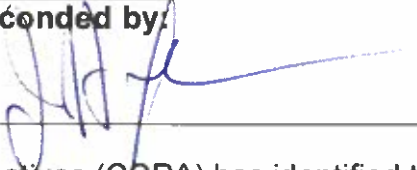


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Resolution # RC26159	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has identified that Ontario hospitals are significantly underfunded relative to the growing demand for health care services; and

WHEREAS the CCPA's report, Failure by Design, identifies that smaller and rural hospitals are disproportionately affected by provincial underfunding; and

WHEREAS rural communities, including the Municipality of Wawa, depend on stable and adequately funded hospitals to provide timely access to emergency, acute, and specialized health care services; and

WHEREAS prolonged emergency department wait times, increasing health care costs, staffing shortages, and limited capacity continue to place significant strain on Ontario's health care system; and

WHEREAS maintaining access to high-quality health care services is essential to the health, safety, economic development, and long-term sustainability of northern and rural Ontario communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby supports the Municipality of Central Manitoulin and the Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in their request that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to strengthen Ontario's hospital system, including increased operating funding for small and rural hospitals to address capacity pressures, improve patient care, and reduce emergency department wait times; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
- Bill Rosenberg, MPP, Algoma–Manitoulin;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA);
- The Municipality of Central Manitoulin;
- The Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands; and
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
☐ CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐ DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐ TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐ RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐ PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐ WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 4.4.2.
Resolution Number 2026-158
Title: Correspondence - Plympton-Wyoming - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario
Date: June 17, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 15 passed by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the sustainable Provincial grant funding for fire services in Ontario;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Infrastructure, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

From Lisa Smeekens <LSmeekens@plympton-wyoming.ca>

Date Fri 2026-05-22 04:30 PM

To info@oafc.on.ca <info@oafc.on.ca>; clerk <clerk@county-lambton.on.ca>; admin@ontariofirefighters.org <admin@ontariofirefighters.org>; communication@ffao.on.ca <communication@ffao.on.ca>; 'amo@amo.on.ca' <amo@amo.on.ca>; AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>; ROMA Communications <roma@roma.on.ca>; steve.pinsonneault@ontario.ca <steve.pinsonneault@ontario.ca>; bob.bailey@pc.ola.org <bob.bailey@pc.ola.org>; minister.solgen@ontario.ca <minister.solgen@ontario.ca>; kinga.surma@pc.ola.org <kinga.surma@pc.ola.org>; Flack, Rob <rob.flack@pc.ola.org>; Premier of Ontario | Premier ministre de l'Ontario <premier@ontario.ca>; Alnwick/Haldimand <info@ahtwp.ca>; Addington Highlands <clerk@addingtonhighlands.ca>; Adelaide-Metcalfe <mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca>; Adjala-Tosorontio <clerk@adjtos.ca>; Admaston/Bromley <info@admastonbromley.com>; Ajax <contactus@ajax.ca>; Alberton <albertonadmin@alberton.ca>

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Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.pdf;

Good afternoon,

At their meeting on May 13th, 2026, the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming passed the attached motion regarding Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.

Have a great weekend!

Lisa Smeekens
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk



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Date: 13 May 2026

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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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