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Council Correspondence

June 27, 2025

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Policy Update - Bill 46, Bill 10 and Supporting Public Safety Workers

Bill 46, *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025*

Yesterday, the government tabled its newest red tape reduction bill. The bill and additional communications [backgrounder](#) include a number of initiatives of interest to the municipal sector including:

- Commitment to explore changes to strengthen the Strong Mayor Framework following the recent expansion to 170 more municipalities.
- Proposed amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to allow for online posting of annual municipal audited financial statements.
- Permitting DSSABs to apply for Infrastructure Ontario's Loan Program, a long-supported AMO initiative that will help build more local infrastructure.
- MAG and MMAH will explore opportunities for Landlord Tenant Board reform to reduce delays and backlogs at the Landlord and Tenant Board.
- Following Indigenous and stakeholder consultations, phased updates to archaeological assessment standards and guidelines to streamline reporting and shorten review timelines.
- Implementing changes to make it easier for municipalities to establish red light camera programs.

- Streamlining Community Safety Grant programs to make it easier for small and medium sized police services to access funding for public safety initiatives.
- Commitment to expect the Canada Disability Benefit from being counted as income for ODSP, Ontario Works, and Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities program recipients. AMO has advocated for this action.
- Speeding up permitting to secure land for mine development as well as committing to review the *Mining Act* mining leases term length.
- Commitment to explore municipally-administered private financing for clean energy projects, a voluntary tool supporting economic and housing growth.
- Committed to tabling a carbon management framework that will accelerate the use of new technologies to reduce industry's carbon footprint.
- Revisions to the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act's* blue box requirements to cut producer costs (e.g., lower collection targets), improve data collection, and ensure small business collection continues.

Bill 10, *Protect Ontario Through Safer Streets and Stronger Communities Act*, Implications for Municipal Landlords

[AMO sent a letter](#) to the government and a [submission](#) to provide advice about the implementation of *Bill 10, Protect Ontario Through Safer Streets and Stronger Communities Act, 2025*, specifically with respect to Schedule 8: *Measures Respecting Premises with Illegal Drug Activity Act, 2025*. Bill 10 was passed by the legislature. However, there is an opportunity to support the development of future regulations and guidance materials to landlords.

The legislation has implications for residential and commercial landlords, including municipalities and District Social Service Administration Boards of community housing, supportive housing and potentially emergency shelters for the homeless. It would hold landlords to account for illegal drug trafficking and production in their buildings.

AMO supports increased public safety measures to better protect tenants in buildings addressing illegal and predatory behaviour. However, we want to ensure that there are no unintended consequences, no undue burdens and risks to municipal landlords. Further consultation is called for to address these concerns.

Warrior Health Digital Portal and Grant Application Now Open

Warrior Health has now launched their [digital portal](#) and [grant applications](#). Warrior Health is a partnership between the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Wounded Warriors Canada to provide public safety personnel and their families with specialized services and supports. Warrior Health includes free core services and fee-for-service programs that public safety organizations can purchase. Grant applications are now open until June 27. Please email mh.secretariat@ontario.ca if you have any questions.

Learn more about Warrior Health at the AMO Conference where Matthew Pegg, Warrior Health's COO will be featured as part of a plenary session on Innovative Approaches to Supporting Mental Health, Addictions and Supportive Housing.

An online version of this Policy Update is available on the [AMO Website](#).

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June 25, 2025

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

SSM Algoma Community Room / Teams Meeting

294 Willow Avenue

Sault Ste Marie, P6B 5B4

www.algomapublichealth.com

Meeting Book - June 25, 2025, Board of Health Meeting

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Board of Health Meeting

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 - 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

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Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

STAFF GUESTS: Virginia Huber - Manager of Environmental Health, Chris Glibota - Public Health Inspector, Lauren Febbraro, Health Promotion Specialist, Jasmine Bryson - Supervisor of Effective Public Health Practice

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| 1.0 | Meeting Called to Order
a. Land Acknowledgment
b. Roll Call
c. Declaration of Conflict of Interest | S. Trivers |
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| 2.0 | Adoption of Agenda
<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; margin: 5px 0;">RESOLUTION</div> THAT the Board of Health agenda dated June 25, 2025, be approved as presented. | S. Trivers |
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| 3.0 | Delegations / Presentations
a. Environmental Health: Summer Programming Highlight | V. Huber,
C. Glibota,
L. Febbraro |
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| 4.0 | Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; margin: 5px 0;">RESOLUTION</div> THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated May 28, 2025, be approved as presented. | S. Trivers |
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| 5.0 | Business Arising from Minutes | S. Trivers |
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| 6.0 | Reports to the Board
a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports
MOH Report - June 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 APH Annual Report - Building Foundations for Healthier Communities <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; margin: 5px 0;">RESOLUTION</div> THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO be accepted as presented. | J. Loo |
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| | b. Finance and Audit

i. Unaudited Financial Statements ending April 30, 2025.
<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; margin: 5px 0;">RESOLUTION</div> THAT the Board of Health accepts the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending April 30, 2025, as presented. | L. Dunseath |

7.0	New Business/General Business	
	a. alPHa AGM Report	<i>S. Tassone</i>
8.0	Correspondence - requiring action	<i>S. Trivers</i>
9.0	Correspondence - for information	<i>S. Trivers</i>
	a. alPHa Information Break - June 2025	
10.0	Addendum	<i>S. Trivers</i>
11.0	In-Camera	<i>S. Trivers</i>
	For discussion of labour relations and employee negotiations, matters about identifiable individuals, adoption of in camera minutes , security of the property of the board, litigation or potential litigation.	
	RESOLUTION	
	THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.	
12.0	Open Meeting	<i>S. Trivers</i>
	Resolutions resulting from in-camera meeting.	
13.0	Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:	<i>S. Trivers</i>
	Governance Committee Meeting	
	Wednesday, September 10, 2025 @ 5:00 pm	
	SSM Algoma Community Room Video Conference	
	Board of Health	
	Wednesday, September 24, 2025 @ 5:00 pm	
	SSM Algoma Community Room Video Conference	
14.0	Annual Self-Evaluation	<i>S. Trivers</i>
15.0	Adjournment	<i>S. Trivers</i>
	RESOLUTION	
	THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.	

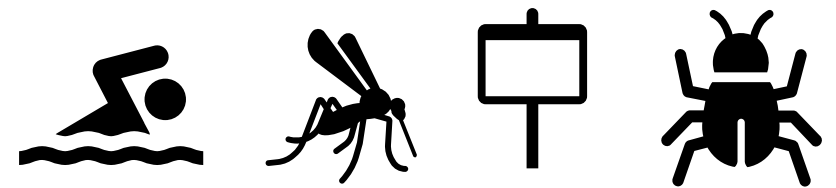
Environmental Health Program: Summer Programming Highlight

Virginia Huber, Manager of Environmental Health &

Chris Glibota, Public Health Inspector

Contributing author: Lauren Febbraro, Health Promotion Specialist

June 2025



Overview

- APH's Strategic Directions & Ontario Public Health Standards
- Student Led Summer Program Highlight
 - Recreational Water Program
 - West Nile Program
 - Tick Surveillance Program
- Health Promotion: Summer Highlight across Environmental Health
- Questions



Strategic Directions



Advance the priority public health needs of Algoma's diverse communities.

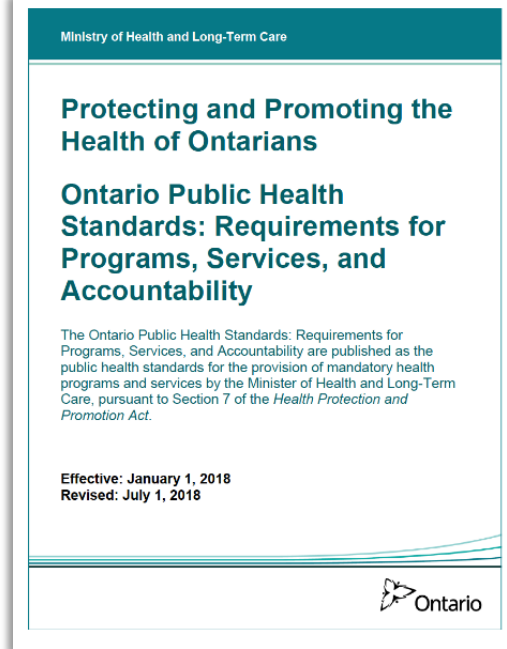


Improve the impact and effectiveness of Algoma Public Health programs.



Grow and celebrate an organizational culture of learning, innovation, and continuous improvement.

Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS)



Food Safety

Goal

To prevent or reduce the burden of food-borne illnesses.

Safe Water

Goals

- To prevent or reduce the burden of water-borne illnesses related to drinking water.
- To prevent or reduce the burden of water-borne illnesses and injuries related to recreational water use.

Healthy Environments

Goal

To reduce exposure to health hazards⁹ and promote the development of healthy built and natural environments that support health and mitigate existing and emerging risks, including the impacts of a changing climate.

Infectious and Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control

Goal

To reduce the burden of communicable diseases and other infectious diseases of public health significance.^{12,13}

Environmental Health Summer Program Highlight



Vector-Borne Program



Tick Surveillance Program



West Nile Program



Recreational Water Program

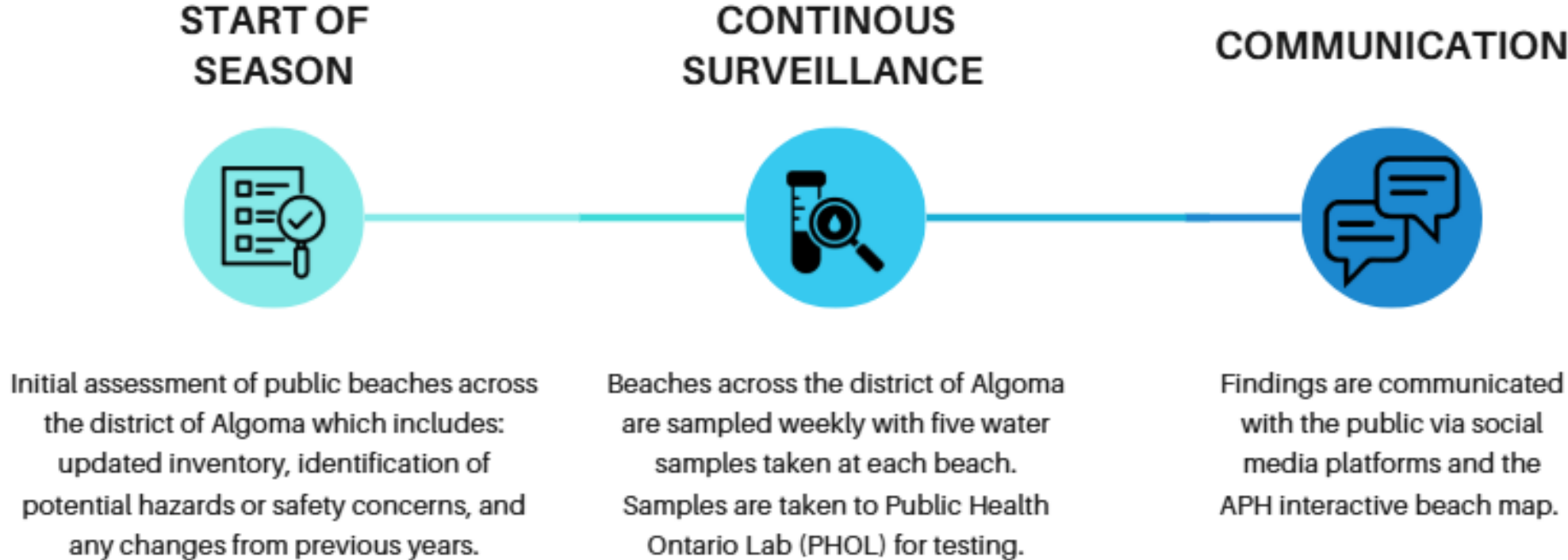


Environmental Survey



Surveillance

Recreational Water Program Highlight



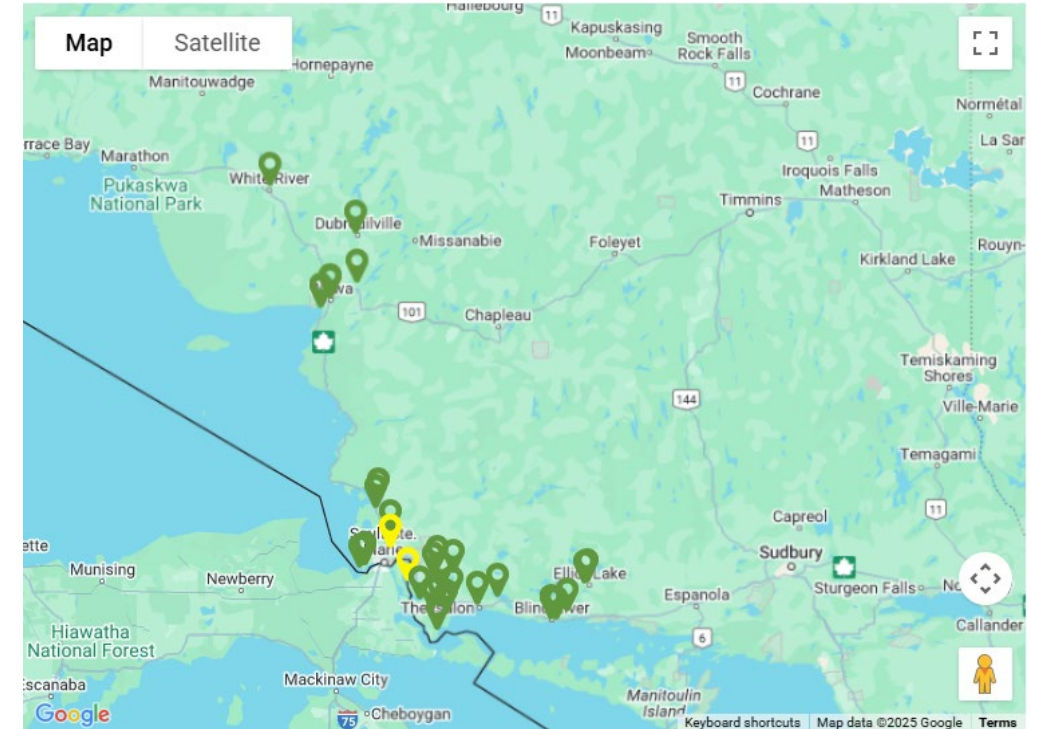
Recreational Water Program Highlight

- The beach program typically consists of two summer students with support from aligned Public Health Inspectors.
- **Three** swimming advisories were issued in 2024.
 - Advisories are issued when bacteria levels are elevated.
 - The advisory is posted to APH social media pages and the APH interactive beach map.
- Partnerships include SwimDrinkFish (The SwimGuide), PHOL and the Ministry of Natural Resources.
- Goal of this program is to reduce the risk of water-borne illness and injury related to recreational water use at public beaches.



Recreational Water Program Highlight

- Results are posted to the APH Interactive Public Beach Map available to the public. The map is categorized by:
 - Green: Open/Safe for swimming
 - Yellow: Swim at own risk
 - Red: Posted/Unsafe for swimming
 - Orange: Blue-green algae bloom/Unsafe for swimming
- Confirmed or suspected blue-green algae blooms are also highlighted on the APH blue-green algae warning map.
- In 2024 the Interactive Public Beach Map had:
 - 4,627 views
 - 102 clicks



APH Interactive Public Beach Map can be found [here](#).

Vector Borne Disease (VBD) - West Nile Virus Program Highlight

TRAPPING



Mosquito traps are set up in various urban areas across the district. Traps are typically UV light traps with a cooler of dry ice and a fan. A mesh catch basin is used to trap mosquitos. Traps are set for 24-hour periods every two weeks at the same site over the course of the summer.

IDENTIFICATION



Mosquitos are sent to Entomogen for specification of mosquito species and presence of West Nile Virus.

COMMUNICATION



Findings are communicated with the public via social media platforms and through news releases as needed.

VBD- West Nile Virus Program Highlight

- The West Nile Virus program typically consists of two summer students with support from aligned Public Health Inspectors.
- In 2024, the West Nile Program ran from July 1, 2024, to August 26, 2024.
- A total of 70 traps from 14 different locations throughout the District of Algoma were set up and monitored.
- In 2024, **Two** human cases of West Nile Virus and **three** West Nile Virus positive birds were confirmed in the Algoma District.
- The goal of this program is to provide an assessment of the risk to the public.



Algoma Public Health

August 16, 2024 · 🌐

We are reminding residents to protect themselves from mosquito bites and West Nile Virus. A human case of West Nile Virus (WNV) has been confirmed in the Algoma District.

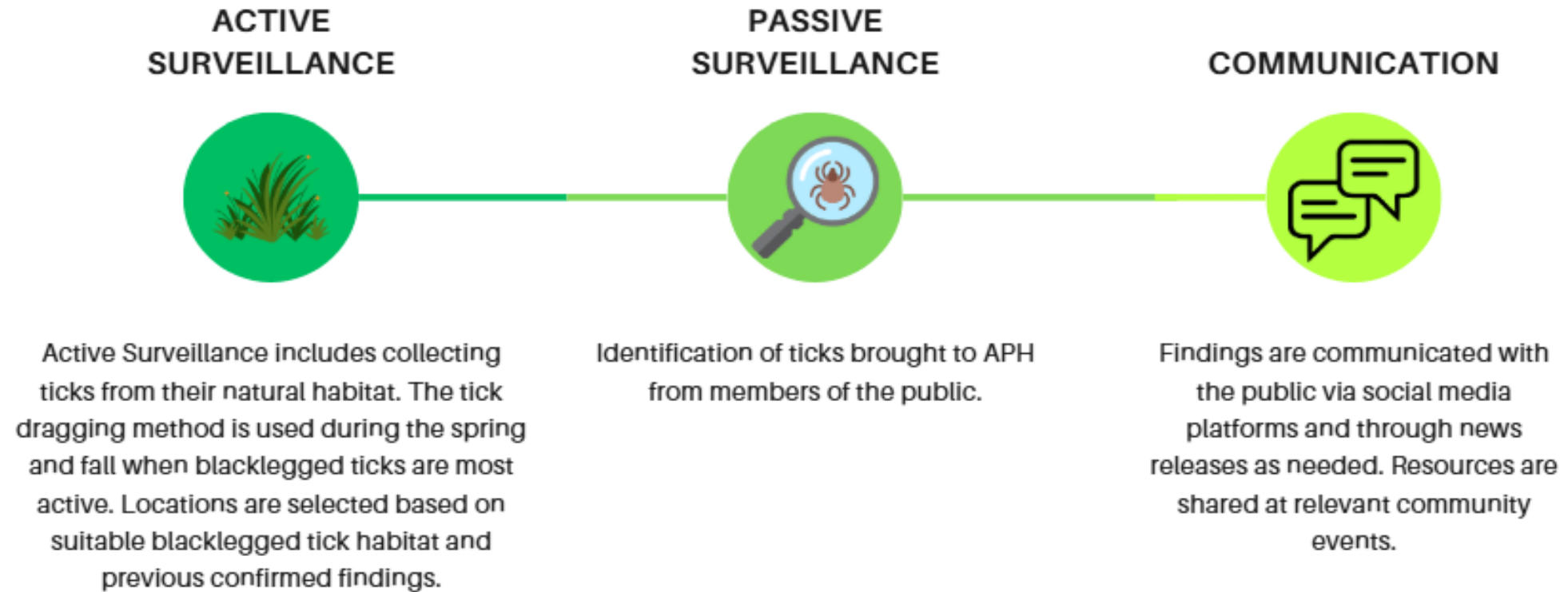
Reduce your chance of getting the West Nile Virus (carried by some mosquitoes) by:

- ✓ Using an approved mosquito repellent.
- ✓ Wearing long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, shoes, and socks.
- ✓ Wear light-coloured and loose-fitting clothing.

Read the PSA to learn more: <https://www.algomapublichealth.com/.../protect-yourself.../>



VBD- Tick Borne Illness Surveillance Program Highlight



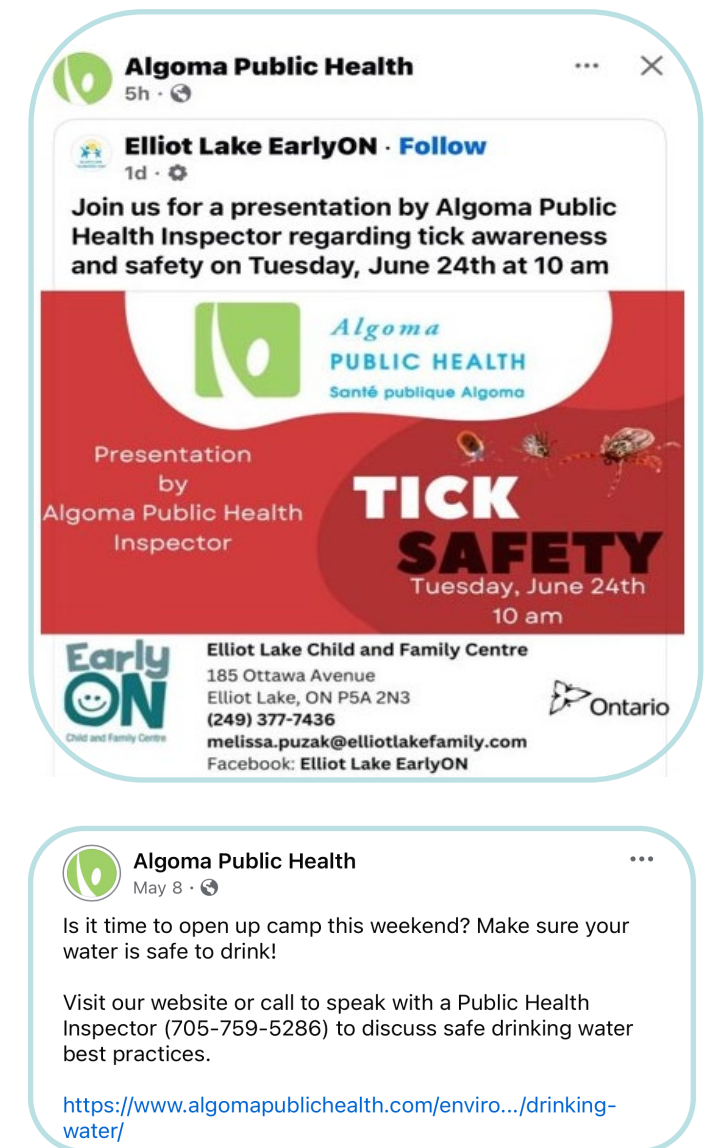
VBD- Tick Borne Illness Surveillance Program Highlight

- The tick surveillance program typically consists of two summer students with support from aligned Public Health Inspectors.
- In 2024, APH partnered with the Canadian Lyme Sentinel Network to complete tick dragging at five selected locations. APH was one of nine regions to participate across Ontario.
- In 2024, A total of **57** Ixodes Species ticks were processed at APH.
- The goal of this program is to look for trends in tick populations across the district of Algoma to identify if blacklegged tick populations are becoming established.



Summer Promo

- Increased food safety promotional work highlighting farmers and makers markets which open during the summer season.
- Tips for seasonal private water system testing and reminders to operators about requirements when opening seasonal facilities.
- Water Sample Bottle Depot Program runs in collaboration with the Public Health Ontario Laboratory from April to September to reduce barriers by creating more convenient bottle pick-up points. Environmental Health Summer students support this program by providing inventory distribution and ongoing monitoring.





Questions?

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PUBLIC HEALTH



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June 25, 2025

Report of the Medical Officer of Health / CEO



*School Health & Community Wellness at St.
 Mary's Relay for Life*

Prepared by:
 Dr. Jennifer Loo and the
 Leadership Team

Presented to:
 Algoma Public Health Board of Health

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APH AT-A-GLANCE

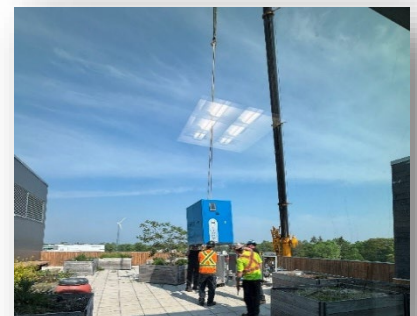
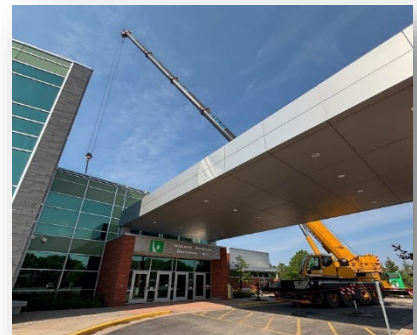
Summer is a herald of warm weather, enjoying the outdoors, and more often than not, construction. All of these elements have been part of the work of Algoma Public Health (APH) teams this past month.

As described in this evening's presentation to the Board of Health (BOH), APH's environmental health team have been actively conducting vector-borne surveillance and supporting [safe water recreation](#) at [Algoma beaches](#). APH emergency management and communications teams have also been [reminding Algoma residents to be prepared for extreme heat](#) and amplifying special [air quality](#) statements to local partners. Thanks to the installation of four PurpleAir sensors in 2024, which APH supported in collaboration with Meteorological Services of Canada and local community partners, residents in four communities in East and North Algoma can now access [real time local air quality data](#); previously, real time air quality information in Algoma was only available from air monitoring based in Sault Ste. Marie.

Turning to the indoor environment, new boilers have recently been installed at APH's Sault Ste. Marie office and repairs to the building envelope are now underway. These essential maintenance activities help keep APH's facilities in a state of good repair to the benefit of employee health and safety, while improving energy efficiency, reducing carbon emissions, and supporting the agency's climate change mitigation efforts.

Summer is also a time for reflection and celebration. The [2024 Annual Report](#) included in this BOH package, highlights local public health achievements across the breadth of APH's programs and services, all of which were delivered at a cost to the Algoma citizen of 50 cents per person per day. One notable snapshot of the positive outcomes from public health efforts is the table of immunization coverage for 7-year-olds in the 2023-2024 school year (p.7). This table shows that Algoma children are beginning to get caught up, and indeed, now have higher childhood immunization coverage rates compared to rates for Ontario.

Taking time to celebrate our successes is important, and consistent with APH's strategic priority of recognizing and sharing the stories of our people and partners. And we know that the work must continue. The current measles outbreak is not yet over. Immunization catch-up clinics will still continue over the summer. As shown in the [2024 Community Health Profile](#), many health and health equity challenges remain for Algoma residents across the lifespan. Accordingly, and as directed by the BOH, this summer, APH staff will be reflecting on the agency's current



Boiler Installation at APH

strategic directions, with a summary of recommendations to be reported back to the BOH in the fall of 2025.



Building Foundations for Healthier Communities

Public Health at Work in Algoma
2024 Report to the Community

A Message from the Board of Health Chair

In 2024, Algoma Public Health continued to fulfill its mandate to promote and protect the health of all people in Algoma through programs, partnerships, and evidence-informed action. As a local public health agency, our role extends beyond individual care to advancing population health—ensuring that the conditions in which people live, work, learn, and age, support well-being for everyone.

A cornerstone of this work is the ongoing assessment of our region's health. This year, we released the Community Health Profile, a comprehensive population health assessment informed by more than 2,000 indicators across multiple data sources. The Profile provides a detailed look at the health status of Algoma's population, including social determinants of health, health behaviours, access to services, and patterns in morbidity and mortality. It serves as a critical foundation for setting public health priorities and aligning collective action to address health inequities.

Across all programs—from safe food and water, to emergency preparedness, chronic disease prevention, oral health, and harm reduction—Algoma Public Health continues to respond to local needs with professionalism, compassion, and commitment to equity. We are grateful to our dedicated staff, our Board of Health, and our many community partners whose contributions help make this work possible.

Together, we are building the conditions for a healthier, more equitable future in Algoma.

Sally Hagman

Chair, Board of Health

Dr. John Tuinema

Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO

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Healthy Growth and Development



GOAL: To achieve optimal preconception, pregnancy, newborn, child, youth, parental, and family health in Algoma.

- The birth rate for Algoma is **7.1 live births per 1,000 people**, which is an average of **870** babies per year in Algoma.
- Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are stressful and potentially traumatic events that occur within the first 18 years of life and increase likelihood of negative outcomes; infants born into a family that has been involved with child protective services, has concerns about money or has a parent with a mental illness are examples of ACEs that are impacting Algoma more than the rest of Ontario.
- APH provides supports and programs to promote resiliency and optimal early childhood growth and development in families and is increasing access to development data for Algoma’s preschool-aged children.
- Across the program, there are public health nurses, family support workers, a registered practical nurse, a health promotion specialist, and clerical support.



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calls to new moms within 48 hours of new baby being born:
Blind River: **38**
Elliot Lake: **50**
Sault Ste. Marie: **570**
Wawa: **28**



544

individuals received breastfeeding support:
East and North Algoma: **27**
Sault Ste. Marie: **517**



870

appointments provided for services including birth control, STI testing, pregnancy care and options, and related support.



25

partners on the Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma Child and Family Network that APH co-chairs.



13

partners collaborating with APH for the Nurturing Algoma research project.

Leading the Nurturing Algoma research project

Nurturing Algoma is a collaborative project with agencies across Algoma and researchers from SickKids and Queen’s University to support children from infancy to youth.

As the second community to join the national Canadian Database of Development, Infancy to Six, Algoma plays a key role in building Canada’s first preschool development database. The project promotes developmental screening in the first five years which is a critical period for brain development and lifelong health



6 public health nurses (PHNs) were trained in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy to help support perinatal mental health in Algoma. Some PHNs received advanced training and participate in a Community of Practice to share mental health strategies with all APH Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) home visiting staff.

School Health

GOAL: To achieve optimal health of school-aged children and youth through partnership and collaboration with school boards and schools in Algoma.



- 19.1% of students in grades 7–12 in the North report riding in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol, in the past year.
- Fruit and vegetable consumption is low in children and youth in Algoma.
- APH partners with local organizations to increase knowledge and skills in Algoma's children and youth and promote environments that support positive behaviours for health through programs like Get Home Safe and Rainbow Food Explorers.
- Across the program, there are public health nurses, a health promotion specialist, a registered dietitian, and clerical support.



Get Home Safe

- **386** students from 5 high schools across Algoma took part in Get Home Safe Events; over half (55–61%) reported an increase in knowledge and awareness of substance use, safe ways to get home, and where to find support.



The Get Home Safe Event was a great way to increase awareness... and students' understanding of drug and alcohol use. The event allowed students to not only utilize the interactive tools, but also to engage in conversation, ask questions and become familiar with the adults and resources available in the school. By having the event include the APH school nurse, the mental health and addictions nurse, the school mental health worker and our OPP community liaison officer, students could become more familiar and comfortable with these adults in the event they ever require support. Overall, we were very happy with the outcomes of the event!



– Participating school mental health worker



Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program (NFVP)

- **11,483** students in every elementary and intermediate school across Algoma receive fruits and vegetables through the NFVP.
- **78%** of students said that the NFVP helps them eat more fruit and vegetables.



Rainbow Food Explorers promotes food neutral classrooms

- **4** schools in Algoma piloted the program to support hands-on, fun learning about healthy eating.
- **100%** of elementary schools in Algoma now have kid-safe knife-kits and toolkits to support Rainbow Food Explorers in their schools.



My Grade 2 students are so engaged when they get to be Rainbow Food Explorers. They're connecting Canada's Food Guide to what they eat and trying new foods like red peppers, blueberries, and pears – all in a pressure-free environment. These lessons will stay in my program moving forward.

– Teacher, Northern Heights elementary school

Oral Health



GOAL: To achieve optimal oral health in school-aged children and seniors and reduce the burden of chronic disease related to oral health in Algoma.

- Approximately **3 in 10** students entering school in Algoma, had current or a history of tooth decay.
- Only **3 in 10** senior residents in Algoma reported having dental insurance coverage.
- APH helps ensure school-aged children and older adults across Algoma have good oral health.
- Across the program, there are registered dental hygienists, dental health educators, and clerical support.



4,406 children had oral health screening in **54** schools:

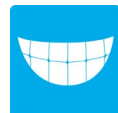
- Elliot Lake & Area: **241**
- Sault Ste Marie: **3,474**
- North Algoma: **140**
- Central & East Algoma: **545**



64 children were enrolled in Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) through school screenings. HSO provides oral health coverage for eligible children in need.



1,409 community members were supported with oral health information and system navigation.



142 community members received dentures:

- East and North Algoma: **78**
- Sault Ste. Marie: **64**



The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) has helped Clarence and me so much. Before, we had trouble eating and constant dental issues. Clarence had no teeth for a long time - he was ashamed, spoke with a muffled voice, and avoided smiling. Now, with dentures, he can finally eat properly and enjoy his food again.

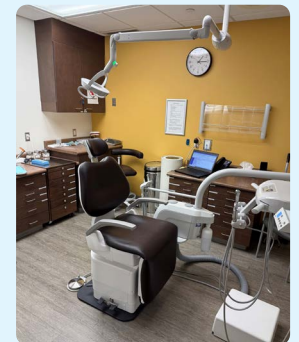
- Elizabeth and Clarence Leger



Photo: From left, Stacey, dental health educator, Elizabeth Leger, OSDCP client.

To expand access and equity in oral health across Algoma, the oral health team:

- Delivered community presentations on the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) and Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO), providing application support, oral health demonstrations, and care navigation for eligible seniors and families.
- Completed prenatal appointments focused on oral hygiene during pregnancy and early infant care.
- Received additional training in 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion and Gentle Persuasive Approaches (GPA) to support inclusive, person-centred care.
- Installed a reclining dental chair at our Sault Ste. Marie office to enhance accessibility and client comfort.



Immunization

GOAL: To reduce or eliminate the burden of vaccine preventable diseases through immunization in Algoma.



- Algoma’s 7 year olds have received **85-95%** of the childhood immunizations recommended for their age (see the full table of coverage rates for 7 year olds below).
- Most school aged children and youth aged 7-17 years old were in compliance with the Immunization of School Pupils Act by the end of the 2023/24 school year.
- APH ensures vaccines in Algoma are safe, effective and accessible, including to populations particularly impacted by vaccine preventable diseases.
- Across the program, there are public health nurses, registered nurses, a registered practical nurse, and clerical support.



49,000+ doses of vaccine were distributed to **54** healthcare facilities who administer publicly funded vaccines and receive annual fridge inspections by public health nurses.



Vaccinations administered in the school setting

- HPV: **2,015**
- Hep B: **1,945**
- Meningococcal: **1,278**
- Tdap: **908**



5,706 letters were sent to families of children between 7-17 years of age with missing vaccine information; following this letter, **3,791** suspension notices were issued to prompt families to update vaccine records at APH to avoid school exclusion.



159 catch-up clinics were held in APH offices to help children and youth get up to date with their immunizations, and **4** clinics were held in community locations to help increase access to childhood immunizations.



15 immunization related communications were sent to healthcare providers.

Coverage rates for childhood immunizations (7 year olds, 2023-2024 school year).

Antigen	Algoma	Ontario
Diphtheria	86.6	69.9
Meningococcal	94.9	82.1
Measles	86.6	70.4
Mumps	86.3	70.2
Pertusis	86.6	69.8
Polio	87.1	70.2
Rubella	95.4	85.2
Tetanus	86.6	69.9
Varicella	85.4	68.6

Expanding protection against RSV

In fall 2024, the Ministry of Health expanded eligibility for RSV immunization to include all infants under 1 year of age and children aged 12–24 months with certain high-risk medical conditions.

Between October 1 and December 31, APH provided RSV immunization appointments, as well as distributed **523** doses of RSV immunizations to healthcare providers across the district.



Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-Being

GOAL: To reduce the burden of chronic diseases of public health importance and improve well-being in Algoma.



- Fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity in those aged 12 years and older in Algoma are below recommendations and are significantly impacted by social, environmental and economic factors.
- APH partners with local organizations and communities to reduce barriers to buying healthy food or being physically active, supporting people in staying active, connected, and supported in their communities.
- An average of 17.6% of households in Algoma don't have enough money for food; APH monitors local food affordability and advocates for income-based solutions to reduce food insecurity.
- Across the program, there are public health nurses, a health promotion specialist, a registered dietitian, and clerical support.



2 resources were developed and shared to raise awareness about food insecurity.



12 staff completed two full days of community engagement training.



2 Board of Health resolutions called for higher social assistance rates and more funding for health promotion and disease prevention, based on food affordability data.



13 local, regional, provincial, and national committees include APH participation to help improve health and well-being; local committees include: Wawa and area Food Strategy, Transportation Group, East Algoma Mental Health Collaboration Committee and Sault Trails Advocacy Committee.

Working together to improve community health

For years, Algoma Public Health and partners along the North Shore have identified transportation as a barrier to accessing basic needs, such as health services, food, and social activities. The North Channel Transportation Group is a collaborative of community partners including Algoma Public Health, municipalities, North Shore Health Network, Dr. HS Trefry Memorial Centre, Huron Shores Family Health Team, Algoma Manor, and Algoma District Services Administration Board working together to share information, identify transportation needs, and support each other in applying for funding that will address gaps.

In 2024 APH shared a funding opportunity through the Rural Transit Solutions Fund. With the support of APH, North Shore Health Network, and Huron Shores Family Health Team, the Town of Blind River received funding to organize transportation services that assist residents in attending appointments, accessing food, and participating in community activities.



Regional working groups are a great way to learn about strengths and unique solutions have been developed for our residents. Northern Ontario, specifically Algoma, is home to a lot of strategic thinkers with boots-on-the-ground experiences. Our priority is to ensure that our vulnerable populations have affordable and reliable access to medical, social, and grocery stops.

- Karen Bittner, Director of Facilities and Community Services, Town of Blind River

Substance Use and Injury Prevention

GOAL: To reduce the burden of preventable injuries and substance use in Algoma.



- Overall, rates of substance use are higher in Algoma.
- The toxic drug crisis impacts the North differently compared to Southern Ontario; the rate of opioid toxicity deaths in Algoma was nearly three times the provincial rate in 2024.
- APH works closely with community partners across Algoma to report on local substance use-related harms and to support the safety and wellbeing of people who use substances.
- Across the program, there are public health nurses, a registered practical nurse, a health promotion specialist, and clerical support.



12,886

naloxone
doses
distributed.



1,015

individuals
trained to use
naloxone.



1

community
assessment
report on
toxic drugs
released.



40

community partners
attended Community
Action on Toxic Drugs
workshop.



7

media stories
about the
Toxic Drugs
report.



12

local, regional, and
provincial committees
we participate in to
share knowledge and
coordinate action.

Community assessment and next steps



In February 2024, APH hosted a Community Action on Toxic Drugs Workshop which brought partners from a variety of different sectors to learn about programs and services available in Algoma and strategize on improving health outcomes in our communities. The workshop was part of an ongoing community assessment aimed at understanding how the current toxic drug crisis has impacted the region and identifying next steps for a community response.

The final report [Toxic Drugs in Algoma: Community Assessment and Next Steps](#) centres the voices of people with lived and living experience and the partners who support them. It highlights the need for cross-sector collaboration to close system gaps, improve care, and build supportive, respectful communities.

Infectious Diseases



GOAL: APH supports infection prevention and control through disease monitoring, case and contact management, testing and treatment for priority populations, facility inspections, and helping community partners to prevent infections and outbreaks in Algoma.

- Infectious syphilis rates have risen since 2019, with Algoma's 2024 rate remaining above the provincial average at **48.4 cases per 100,000 people**.
- APH supports infection prevention and control (IPAC) in our community through monitoring of reportable diseases to inform public health action, case and contact management of reportable diseases, access to testing and treatment for priority populations, inspection of facilities to protect the public, and supporting facilities and partners throughout Algoma in creating environments that prevent infection and outbreaks
- Across the program, there are public health inspectors, public health nurses, a nurse practitioner, a registered practical nurse, an environmental assistant, a health promotion specialist, and clerical support.



86

inspections completed of licensed daycares.



232

inspections completed of personal service settings.



48

inspections completed in congregate living settings.



70

mosquito traps from **14** Algoma sites were tested for West Nile Virus; **2** cases reported in the past 10 years.



57

ticks processed for Lyme disease; **9** cases of Lyme disease over the last 10 years.



262

rabies investigations were completed, including exposure assessments and treatment when needed; there were no human rabies cases in the past 10 years.

Building healthy careers together: partnering with Sault College

We've had the opportunity to connect with students in Sault College's **Child Care and Personal Service (e.g., hair salons, nails, tattoos, etc)** programs to help prepare them for their future careers. All essential tools for creating safer environments for these areas are taught.

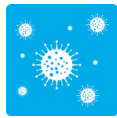
Sessions focused on hand hygiene, cleaning, disinfection, and regulatory requirements — building student confidence while fostering strong partnerships with APH.

Vector-borne partnership with the University of Guelph

Algoma Public Health partnered with the Canadian Lyme Sentinel Network (CaLSeN), part of the Canadian Lyme Disease Research Network (CLyDRN).

APH conducted tick dragging at five Algoma sites to collect Ixodes scapularis and environmental data (e.g., soil moisture, canopy cover, leaf litter). Results are shared with CaLSeN, contributing to Canada's first coordinated national surveillance effort for tick-borne diseases.

Infectious Diseases



859

cases of reportable diseases managed by APH - **45%** of these cases were for STIs (chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis).



24

syphilis point of care testing opportunities provided throughout Algoma (**8** community-based events and **16** drop-in days at APH's Sault Ste. Marie office).



64

point of care tests for syphilis completed.



31 congregate living settings (CLS) partners engaged with APH's Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Hub Team (e.g., retirement homes, group homes, shelters, etc.):

- Sault Ste. Marie: **18**
- Elliot Lake and area: **6**
- Central and East Algoma: **4**
- North Algoma: **3**



87 IPAC services provided to CLS partners throughout Algoma (e.g., IPAC education or training, review of IPAC policies and procedures, review of outbreak management plans, support to implement IPAC best practices, etc.):

- **55%** of services provided in Sault Ste. Marie
- **30%** in North Algoma
- **15%** in East Algoma

APH participates in the Syphilis Point of Care Rapid Testing and Immediate Treatment research study (SPRITE)

Infectious syphilis rates continue to rise in Algoma and across Ontario, with higher risk among underserved populations such as people who are street-involved, use drugs, or identify as 2SLGBTQIA+.

To improve access to testing and treatment for these communities, Algoma Public Health joined the SPRITE study in 2024. Funded by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and Public Health Ontario, SPRITE involves seven public health units across the province. APH hosted successful community-based syphilis point-of-care testing events by working with people with lived and living experience and community partners, including the HIV & AIDS Resource Program, Wawa Food Bank, and the Elliot Lake Beehive (Canadian Mental Health Association). These partners played a key role in helping to promote these community-based events.

Food Safety



GOAL: To prevent or reduce the burden of food-borne illness in Algoma.

- From 2020-2024, the average rate of food-borne illnesses in Algoma was **34 cases per 100,000 people** (42 cases in 2024).
- APH helps prevent local and new risks of food-borne illness, to reduce the number of people who get sick from food, and partners with the community to promote food safety.
- Across the program area there are public health inspectors, an environmental assistant, a health promotion specialist, and clerical support.



26 food handler courses offered:

- Sault Ste. Marie: **22**
- Elliot Lake: **2**
- Wawa: **2**



97 food safety complaints were reviewed within 24 hours.



1,057 food inspections:

- Sault Ste. Marie: **793**
- Blind River: **72**
- Elliot Lake: **75**
- Wawa: **117**



559 food handlers certified:

Sault Ste. Marie: **474**
Blind River: **8**
Elliot Lake: **17**
Wawa: **30**



186 temporary event food permits issued:

- Sault Ste. Marie: **93**
- Blind River: **35**
- Elliot Lake: **18**
- Wawa: **40**



Food safety campaign:

- **704** entries
- **942** engagements
- **1,304** webpage views

Helping newcomers learn about food safety

Public Health Inspectors partnered with the New to the Sault program to help newcomers learn safe food handling and storage. By attending events and offering practical, culturally relevant advice, inspectors made food safety information clear, accessible, and easy to apply.

Home-based kitchens



Home-based kitchens are becoming more common in the Algoma region. Public health inspectors offer pre-opening checks and advice. APH's website explains the requirements and makes it easy for home-based kitchen business owners to connect with a public health inspector for a home kitchen inspection permit.

Safe Water

GOAL: To prevent or reduce the burden of water-borne illness related to drinking and recreational water in Algoma.



- From 2020-2024, the average rate of water-borne illnesses in Algoma was **12 cases per 100,000 people (15 cases in 2024)**.
- APH helps reduce the incidence of water-borne illnesses in Algoma and protect the public through a multi-barrier approach that includes monitoring water quality to inform public health action, supporting operators of drinking water systems and promoting public water safety.
- Across the program area there are public health inspectors, an environmental assistant, a health promotion specialist, and clerical support.



Safe drinking water campaign

In 2024, Algoma Public Health launched a social media campaign focused on safe drinking water. The campaign raised awareness about how to stay safe when drinking water—at home, while camping, or travelling in the region.

Through interactive posts, quizzes, and easy-to-share content, we encouraged public engagement and made water safety information more accessible. We also updated the drinking water section of our website to better support the public and small drinking water system operators with clear tools and resources.



- **222** contest entries
- **444** likes, shares, and comments on social media



35
beaches
inspected.



123
inspections of the
43 pools & spas in
Algoma.



15
drinking water
advisories
issued.



60
private drinking water
system consultations
completed.

Additional training to better support the 255 small drinking water systems (SDWS) across Algoma

Algoma has large rural areas and unorganized territories. Rural and unorganized territories have more SDWS compared to larger urban areas which have access to municipal water systems. To ensure safe water is available to the public through SDWS, four public health inspectors (PHIs) attended a SDWS course which increased understanding of the operation of a SDWS. This included information on drinking water sources and treatment requirements as well as providing PHIs with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with a variety of water treatment and testing equipment commonly used.

Healthy Environments



GOAL: To reduce exposure to health hazards and promote the development of healthy built and natural environments that support health and mitigate existing and emerging risks, including the impacts of a changing climate in Algoma.

- Over the last 10 years, climate change has increased how often we experience extreme heat and this is expected to continue to increase by 2030.
- The increased number of wildfires impacts air quality across Canada; poor air quality is associated with more Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease-related emergency department visits.
- APH addresses health risks, monitors climate change data to guide public health actions and reduces health hazards through health promotion.
- Across the program area there are public health inspectors, an environmental assistant, a health promotion specialist, and clerical support.



184

health hazards investigated (e.g., sewage, pests, indoor/outdoor air quality).



28

community partners engaged in pre-season heat outreach.



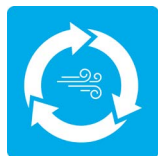
12

social media alerts for weather events issued.



1

heat event emergency plan developed for Algoma.



4

PurpleAir Sensors installed:
East Algoma: **3**
North Algoma: **1**

Expanding air quality monitoring across Algoma



PurpleAir sensors have been installed to support health in a changing climate.

In partnership with Meteorological Services of Canada, Algoma Public Health is helping fill air quality data gaps by installing low-cost PurpleAir sensors in areas without existing monitoring. These sensors track fine particulate matter in real time, giving communities timely information to make healthier decisions—especially during wildfire season.

Following municipal consultations in 2023, four sensors were installed in 2024, with more planned as availability grows.

Foundational Standards

GOAL: To protect and promote health across Algoma by identifying and putting our peoples' health needs first; to make a difference by using best available evidence and improving the impact of our programs; to prepare, respond to and recover from emergencies that impact public health in Algoma.



- The Foundational Standards include population health assessment, effective public health practice, health equity and emergency management; these standards guide all public health work at APH.
- The Foundations and Strategic Support Team (FASST) and the Communications Team at APH support the agency in integrating the foundational standards into all programs, and carry out agency-wide projects.
- Across these teams, there are planning and evaluation specialists, a research and policy advisor, an Indigenous engagement facilitator, a data analyst, an epidemiologist, a health equity nurse, and a communications coordinator.



266

agency requests for FASST support completed (e.g., support with literature reviews, report writing, data collection, surveys, ethics, evaluations, and Indigenous engagement).



87

media requests responded to, helping to share important public health information with our communities.



18

municipal emergency planning meetings attended; APH also co-led **3** community training sessions and led **4** emergency planning exercises.



60%

of employees attended live smudging and cultural safety training, with recordings available for those unable to attend.



102

partners attended the launch of the Community Health Profile with **14** news stories published.



Community Health Profile

Algoma Public Health released our updated [Community Health Profile \(CHP\)](#) in 2024. This profile is a fulsome population health assessment of our communities, developed using over 60 data sources and 2000 indicators for demographics, social determinants of health, mortality, morbidity, health behaviors, health services and health and wellness. The CHP contains important health data for the region that can be useful in practice and for organizational planning.

This agreement reflects a shared commitment to reconciliation, health equity, and Indigenous-led approaches to care and public health.



together, we can pool our collective strengths to advance health promotion, protect against disease and injury, and embrace inclusive strategies that prioritize health equity for all.



Ceremonies were held at each APH office with contributing artists and Indigenous partners to honour the artwork and the relationships it represents. These efforts reflect APH's ongoing commitment to reconciliation, reducing health inequities, and supporting Indigenous-led approaches to health and wellness.

2024 Funding of Local Public Health



Municipal Levies <i>District of Algoma</i>	\$ 4,440,568
Public Health Funding <i>Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care</i>	\$ 13,874,568
Community Health Funding <i>Ministry of Children & Social Services, North East Local Health Integration Network, Algoma Family Services</i>	\$ 1,518,416
Fees, Other Grants & Recoveries	\$ 641,695
Total for 2024	\$ 20,475,247



Financial fact! Did you know...
Local public health is funded by provincial and municipal taxpayer dollars.

In 2024, public health programs and services cost Algoma residents **\$182/person** for the year, or **50 cents/person/day**, based on a **112,764** census population estimate of 2021 for the District of Algoma Health Unit.

Connect with Public Health

Join the Conversation



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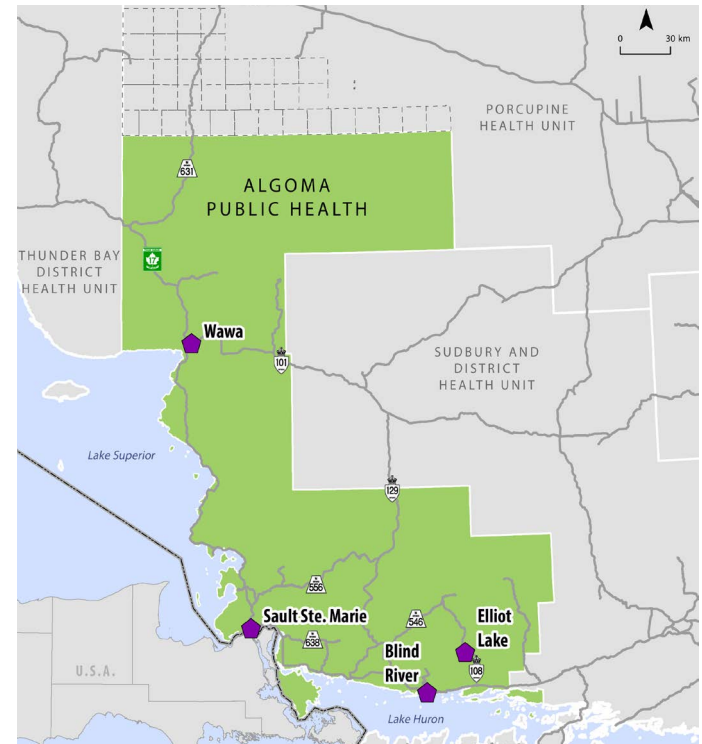
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THANK YOU

Algoma Public Health serves a vast area of over 41,000 square kilometres.

We are grateful for the strong partnerships we have with 21 municipalities, First Nations, Métis, Urban and Rural Indigenous communities, Amish and Mennonite communities, as well as various agencies and organizations across the region.

These collaborations are vital to our mission of promoting and protecting the health of our community and advancing health equity in Algoma.



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Algoma Public Health
Statement of Operations
April 2025
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Public Health Programs (Calendar)						
Description	Current YTD	Current YTD Budget	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Budget	variance % Act to Bud	variance YTD Act to Bud
Public Health Funding, Total	-4,140,302	-4,143,489	-3,187	-12,430,466	0%	100%
Other Funding, Total	0	0	0	0		
Levies, Total	-2,420,110	-2,420,110	0	-4,840,220	0%	100%
Fees & Recoveries, Total	-131,223	-138,700	-7,477	-595,100	-5%	95%
Other Revenue, Total	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL REVENUE	-6,691,634	-6,702,299	-10,664	-17,865,786	0%	100%
Salaries & Wages, Total	3,213,444	3,644,879	431,435	10,934,636	-12%	88%
Benefits, Total	850,921	1,005,751	154,830	2,837,798	-15%	85%
Office Expenses, Total	15,503	20,800	5,297	62,400	-25%	75%
Program Expenses, Total	385,660	317,061	-68,599	922,034	22%	122%
Professional Development, Total	12,595	24,852	12,256	74,555	-49%	51%
Travel Expenses, Total	26,135	56,850	30,715	170,550	-54%	46%
Fees & Insurance, Total	169,820	152,033	-17,787	427,100	12%	112%
Telecommunications, Total	94,756	75,984	-18,772	227,952	25%	125%
Program Promotion, Total	10,933	7,900	-3,033	23,700	38%	138%
Debt Management & Amortization, Total	152,474	152,474	0	457,421	0%	100%
Computer/IT Services, Total	284,538	291,637	7,099	837,912	-2%	98%
Facilities Expenses, Total	332,789	296,576	-36,214	889,727	12%	112%
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,549,569	6,046,797	497,227	17,865,786	-8%	92%
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-1,142,065	-655,502	486,563	0		

Healthy Babies Healthy Children (Fiscal)						
Description	Current YTD	Current YTD Budget	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Budget		
TOTAL REVENUE (MCCSS)	-95,068	-95,063	5	-1,140,750	0%	100%
TOTAL EXPENSES	86,953	94,792	7,839	1,140,750	-8%	92%
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-8,115	-271	7,844	0		

Fiscal Programs (Non-Public Health)						
Description	Current YTD	Current YTD Budget	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Budget		
PROVINCIAL GRANTS	-13,513	-13,513	0	-262,153	0%	100%
OTHER FUNDING	-38,723	-38,724	-1	-77,447	0%	100%
TOTAL REVENUE	-52,236	-52,237	-1	-339,600	0%	100%
CAPC/CPNP	6,399	6,454	55	77,447	-1%	99%
Nurse Practitioner	13,752	13,513	-239	162,153	2%	102%
Stay on Your Feet	8,854	8,333	-521	100,000	6%	106%
TOTAL EXPENSES	29,005	28,300	-705	339,600	2%	102%
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-23,231	-23,937	-706	0		

Fiscal Programs (Public Health)						
PROVINCIAL GRANTS	-26,316	-52,514	-26,198	-630,163	-50%	50%
TOTAL EXPENSES	40,546	51,195	10,649	630,163	-21%	79%
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	14,230	-1,319	-15,549	0		

NOTE: Explanations will be provided for variances of 15% and \$15,000 occurring in the first 6 months and variances of 10% and \$10,000 occurring in the final 6 months.

Algoma Public Health

Statement of Revenue

April 2025

(Unaudited)

Description	Current YTD	Current YTD Budget	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Budget	Variance %	Variance
					Act to Bud	YTD Act to Bud
MOH Program Funding - Public Health	-3,348,484	-3,373,501	-25,017	-10,120,503	-1%	99%
MOH Program Funding - 100%	-772,622	-769,988	2,634	-2,309,963	0%	100%
MOH Program Funding - One Time	-19,196	0	19,196	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Public Health Funding, Total	-4,140,302	-4,143,489	-3,187	-12,430,466	0%	100%
Levies - Sault Ste. Marie	-1,683,219	-1,683,219	0	-3,366,437	0%	100%
Levies - District	-736,892	-736,892	0	-1,473,783	0%	100%
Levies, Total	-2,420,111	-2,420,111	0	-4,840,220	0%	100%
Program Fees	-10,650	-13,333	-2,683	-40,000	-20%	80%
Land Control Fees	-23,595	-27,000	-3,405	-215,000	-13%	87%
Immunization Recoveries	-33,340	-21,667	11,673	-110,000	54%	154%
Recoveries from Programs	-7,916	-10,033	-2,117	-30,100	-21%	79%
Interest Revenue	-55,722	-66,667	-10,944	-200,000	-16%	84%
Fees & Recoveries, Total	-131,223	-138,700	-7,476	-595,100	-5%	95%
TOTAL REVENUE	-6,691,636	-6,702,300	-10,663	-17,865,786	0%	100%

Notes to Financial Statements – April 2025

Reporting Period

The April 2025 financial reports include four months of financial results for Public Health programming. All other non-funded public health programs are reporting one month of results from the operating year ending March 31, 2026.

Statement of Operations

Summary – Public Health and Non-Public Health Programs

APH has received the 2025 Amending Agreement from the province, which identifies the approved funding allocations for public health programs. The change from 2024 includes a 1% increase to base funding for mandatory cost-shared programs only, as committed to by the Ministry. The annual budget for public health programs has been updated to reflect the Board-approved budget as presented at the November 2024 Board of Health Meeting.

As of April 30, 2025, Public Health calendar programs are reporting a \$487K positive variance, which is driven by a \$11K negative variance in revenues and a \$497K positive variance in expenditures.

Public Health Revenue

Our Public Health calendar revenues are within 1% variance to budget for 2025.

For the 2025 calendar year, the province instructed public health units to plan for base funding growth of 1%. These anticipated changes are reflected within the updated amending agreement and the Board of Health approved 2025 budget. Catch-up payments related to this additional base funding started to flow in April, and APH anticipates the Public Health funding variance to close by the end of May.

In March 2024, the Ministry confirmed that IPAC Hub funding would continue in the 2024-25 fiscal year and in subsequent years, with ongoing formal planning and funding meetings scheduled to continue. This funding has been provided to hubs across the province to enhance IPAC practices in identified congregate care settings. Formal funding approvals for this initiative were received in early December 2024, which included \$316K in committed base funding through to the 2028/29 fiscal year and the anticipation that any additional program expenditures will be funded via one-time, reasonable funding requests. The 2025/26 IPAC hub budget has been updated to reflect APH's submitted budget for the hub, totalling \$ 630K.

Public Health Expenses

Salaries & Benefits

There is a \$586K positive variance associated with ongoing position vacancies that are actively being recruited for. With several planned leaves having returned to work/expected to return to work, this variance is anticipated to slow in the coming months. APH also received an unplanned \$74K credit related to WSIB in April 2025.

Program Expenses

There is a \$69K negative variance associated with program expenses. The majority of this identified pressure is driven by demand for our Ontario Senior Dental program (externally sourced professional services for maintenance, preventative and denture services). Once again for 2025, APH submitted a request for increased base funding for this program alongside the 2025 Annual Service plan, which was due to the Ministry on March 31st. We continue to service our communities based on demand, considering conversations with the Ministry where APH has been instructed to continue programming as planned, with funding opportunities to continually be made available to address ongoing pressures.

Travel Expenses

There is a \$31K positive variance associated with travel expenses based on actual travel that staff have completed and requested reimbursement for as of April 30, 2025. It is suspected that this variance is timing-related only due to a lack of travel during significant severe weather experienced within the district during the first few months of the year. APH will continue to monitor this variance as it relates to any potential savings being realized by staff use of agency-owned vehicles.

Facilities Expenses

There is a \$36K negative variance associated with facilities expenses, which is driven by unplanned, significant snow removal in the months of January & February, as well as preparatory consulting work associated with the boiler replacements at 294 Willow Ave.

Financial Position - Balance Sheet

APH's liquidity position continues to be stable, and the bank has been reconciled as of April 30, 2025. Cash includes \$2.1M in reserve funds.

Long-term debt of \$2.9 million is held by TD Bank @ 1.80% for a 60-month term (amortization period of 120 months) and matures on September 1, 2026. \$170K of the loan relates to the financing of the Elliot

Lake office renovations, which occurred in 2015 with the balance, related to the financing of the 294 Willow Avenue facility located in Sault Ste. Marie. There are no material accounts receivable collection concerns.

Algoma Public Health
Comparative Balance Sheet
April 2025
(Unaudited)

	Current Balance	December 31, 2024
Cash and Investments, Total	5,911,267	4,702,136
Accounts Receivable, Total	1,190,849	1,729,409
Other Assets, Total	366,362	365,259
Fixed Assets, Total	16,559,921	16,559,921
TOTAL ASSETS	24,028,399	23,356,724
Accounts Payable - Province, Total	(2,295,769)	(2,750,849)
Accounts Payable, Total	(1,244,832)	(743,138)
Accrued Liabilities, Total	(3,140,464)	(3,681,471)
Long-term Liabilities, Total	(2,907,234)	(2,907,234)
Other Liabilities, Total	(277,423)	(277,755)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(9,865,721)	(10,360,445)
TOTAL ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	(14,162,677)	(12,996,279)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES	(24,028,399)	(23,356,724)

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All Senior Public Health Managers

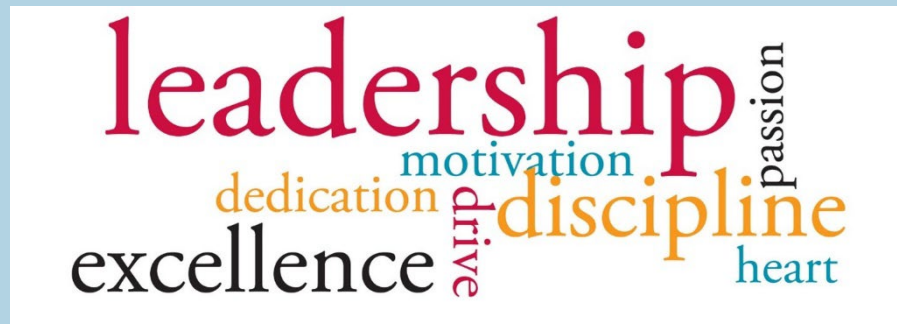
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June 2025 InfoBreak

This update is a tool to keep alPha's Members apprised of the latest news in public health including provincial announcements, legislation, alPha activities, correspondence, and events. Visit us at alphaweb.org.

Excerpt from the Annual Report - Chair and Chief Executive Officer Report



Over the past year, alPha remained nimble and strong as the unified voice and trusted advisor on Ontario's local public health system, advancing this work through strategic

partnerships, supporting sustainability, and delivering member services to local public health leaders.

The alPHa Board of Directors, Boards of Health Section, Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health Section, and Affiliate Representatives participated, throughout the past year, in various committees, consultations, and at public health tables providing recommendations and advice on the province's Strengthening Public Health initiative, including the Ontario Public Health Standards which are expected to be released in August 2025.

alPHa celebrates the milestones achieved throughout the year such as the highly successful Fall and Winter Symposiums with Section meetings, and several workshops that supported alPHa Members in their respective roles and in the important conversations on the critical role of local public health in Ontario's public health system. These actions included meeting and exceeding targets in the first year of the alPHa Strategic Plan, a strong government relations program, effective participation in Ontario's 2025 Pre-Budget Consultations before the Standing Committee on Finance, and other submissions on key public health issues such as Homeless and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs and the Auditor General's report. alPHa has provided keynotes, presentations, and representation at provincial conferences and events such as at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference and its Health Transformation Task Force, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference, and The Ontario Public Health Conference (TOPHC), and others. Additionally, there has been a significant uptake in delivery and requests for presentations such as alPHa's modules on Board of Health Governance and the Social Determinants of Health, a key service offered to alPHa's Members.

This year's developments in the alPHa *Public Health Matters* series of infographics and videos, available in English and French, are excellent and sharable resources for our Members. alPHa's Members' portal – *InfoBreak* – alPHa's monthly newsletter also keeps Members apprised of key submissions, events, activities and opportunities for consultation. Through these and other actions, alPHa continues to provide valued resources and services to its Member Representatives in Ontario's local public health units.

Following the approval of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (Ontario) Operating By-law No. 2, to ensure compliance with Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, as part of their governance responsibilities, the alPHa Board of Directors reviewed

and approved alPHA's policies and procedures to align with the By-law and the associated legislation.

alPHA continues to advance local public health through strategic partnerships and collaborations with successful reciprocal relationships. It is an extensive list and includes Ontario's key decision-makers such as the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, who following their in-person appearances at the June 2024 Conference, participated again in alPHA's online Fall Symposium. alPHA continually liaises with Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and his staff, the Ministry of Health, Public Health Ontario (PHO), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), and others. In addition, through the Affiliate members on the alPHA Board of Directors, alPHA works effectively with associations that represent Ontario's key public health disciplines. Most of all, alPHA celebrates the importance of the existing network of relationships with all of Ontario's local public health agencies. Our work done in collaboration with key partners and within the broader health system results in an upstream approach for a healthier population that contributes to a stronger economy while preserving costly and scarce health care resources.

Looking ahead the view is clear. alPHA, guided by the Strategic Plan, will continue to lead with one unified voice representing its Member constituents in its commitment to influence Ontario's decision-makers to ensure a robust local public health system with ample resources to protect the health of the population.

The success of alPHA is built not only on your support - it also requires a dedicated governance board, complemented by the tremendous work and services provided by alPHA staff. The alPHA Board of Directors continues to give the association a uniquely qualified and unified leadership voice for Ontario's local public health system. alPHA is fortunate to have Board members who so readily volunteer and are passionate about public health. Thank you to each and everyone of the members of the 2024-2025 Board of Directors and the dedicated alPHA staff team.

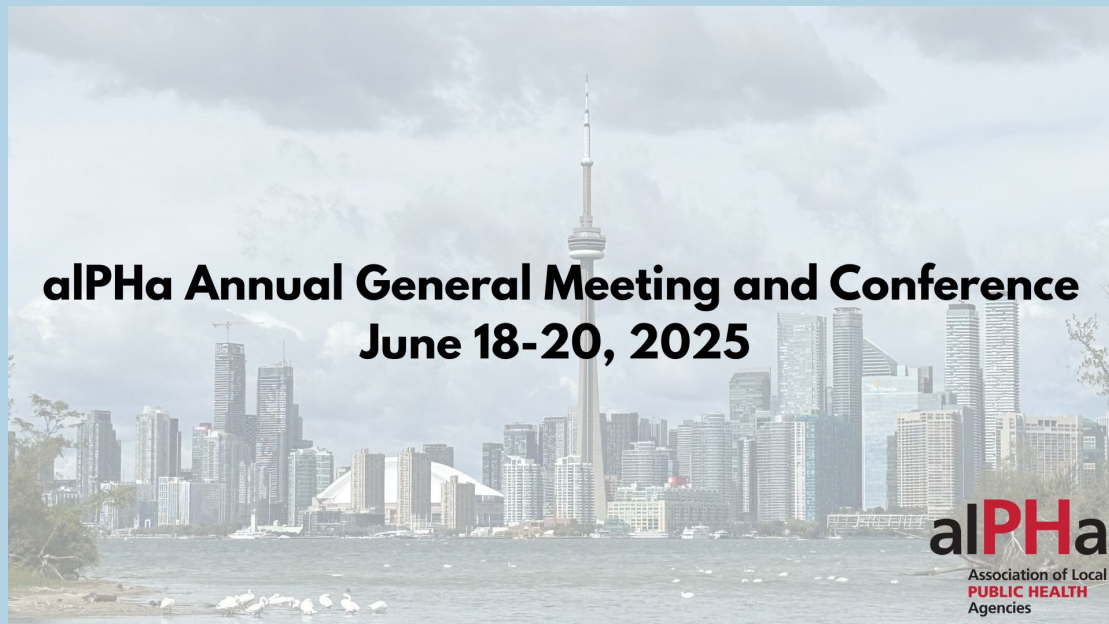
Whether you are a Board of Health member, a Medical Officer of Health, an Associate Medical Officer of Health, a Chief Executive Officer, or in a senior leadership role, alPHA extends genuine appreciation to you for your valuable contributions to local public health and continued participation in and support for alPHA as it is vital to our shared success in advocating for and in strengthening Ontario's unique, locally based public health system. alPHA as your collective voice, is committed to continuing to work

towards advancing the cause of a resilient and sufficiently resourced local public health system.

Sincerely,

Trudy Sachowski, Chair, and Loretta Ryan, Chief Executive Officer

2025 alPHa Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference recap



The 2025 alPHa Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference was held in Toronto this week and was a great success! The events were sold out and we want to thank all the Members who participated in the workshops, AGM, Conference sessions, and Section Meetings.

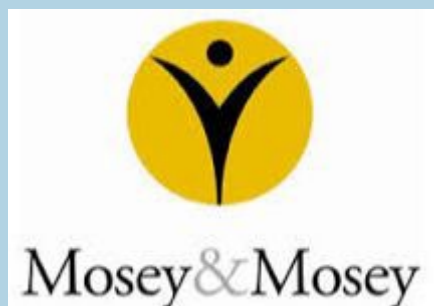
Conference materials are available on [the website](#), including the Annual Report, Distinguished Service Awards booklet, and other materials. We will add any presentations to the website as these become available. These will also be featured in the summer issue of *InfoBreak*.

We want to thank [Toronto Public Health \(TPH\)](#) for being the event's co-host. Their event support was greatly appreciated. alPHa would also like to thank [Vocalmeet](#) and [NaloxOne](#) for being Platinum Sponsors, [Esri Canada](#) for being a Gold Sponsor, and [Mosey & Mosey](#) and [BrokerLink](#) for being Silver Sponsors!



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2025 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference Resources



In August, many alPHA members, particularly from the Boards of Health Section, will be attending AMO's 2025 Annual General Meeting and Conference, taking place from August 17-20, in Ottawa. Whether you're an alPHA member attending the conference or participating in a delegation, key resources you can use are below.

These are alPHA products and submissions that support an adequate, predictable, and sustainable funding envelope for public health programs and services. More can be found in our extensive online [correspondence library](#) and [Resolutions](#) pages.

- [alPHA Letter - 2025 Budget - May 23, 2025](#)
- [alPHA Letter - PH Matters Infographic #4 - January 28, 2025](#)
- [alPHA Submission - 2025 Ontario Budget - January 20, 2025](#)
- [alPHA Deputation Pre-Budget 2025 - December 16, 2024](#)
- [alPHA Letter - OPHS Review Follow-Up - June 25, 2024](#)
- [alPHA Response - 2024 OPHS Review Consultation - June 20, 2024](#)
- [alPHA Letter - 2024 Ontario Budget - January 10, 2024](#)

2025 alPHA Workplace Health and Wellness Month recap!



alPHA Workplace Health and Wellness

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2025 alPHA Workplace Health & Wellness Month

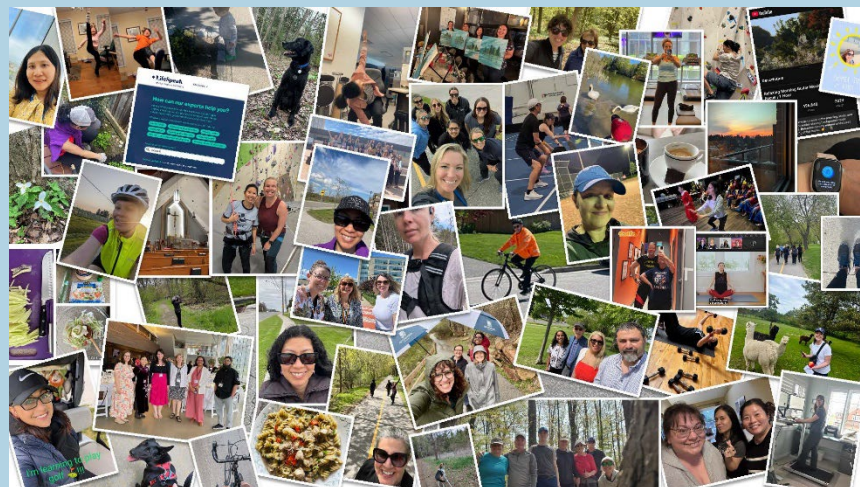
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Health & Wellness

RENFREW COUNTY AND DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

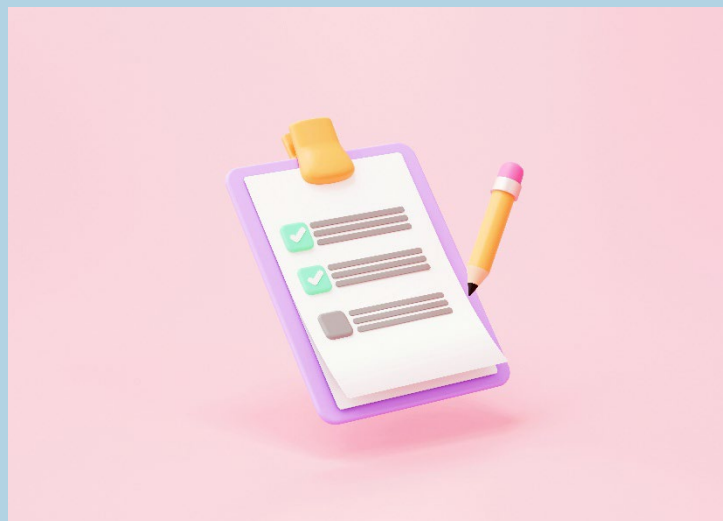


Thank you to everyone who participated in alPHA Workplace Health and Wellness last month! We loved seeing your progress, and we hope you were able to take some time for yourselves to address your mental, physical, and social well-being.

alPHA would like to thank Renfrew County and District Health Unit and Durham Region Public Health for their pictures throughout the month!

For more information, and to continue working on your mental, physical, and social well-being, click [here](#).

Perceptions Among Health Professionals on Adult Vaccination Programs in Canada Survey



A cross-Canada group of investigators are hoping you will be willing to participate in a research study about adult vaccination programs and coverage in Canada. This 15-20 minute survey is designed to gather insights from healthcare and public health professionals on the state of adult immunization in Canada, perceived barriers to improving vaccine uptake, and the potential value of a simplified life-course vaccination schedule. The survey is available in [English](#) and [French](#) and will be available until July 20, 2025. Please feel free to share this survey with colleagues who maybe interested in providing input. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Allison McGeer (Allison.McGeer@sinaihealth.ca; 416-930-1926) at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Calling all Ontario Boards of Health: Level up your expertise with our training courses designed just for you!



Don't miss this unique opportunity to enhance your knowledge and strengthen local public health leadership in Ontario.

BOH Governance training course

Master public health governance and Ontario's Public Health Standards. You'll learn all about public health legislation, funding, accountability, roles, structures, and much more. Gain insights into leadership and services that drive excellence in your unit.

Social Determinants of Health training course

Explore the impact of Social Determinants of Health on public health and municipal governments. Understand the context, explore Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, and examine various SDOH diagrams to better serve your communities.

Reserve your spot for in-person or virtual training now! Visit [our website](#) to learn more about the costs for Public Health Units (PHUs). Let's shape a healthier future together.

Boards of Health: Shared Resources



A resource [page](#) is available on alpha's website for Board of Health members to facilitate the sharing of and access to information, orientation materials, best practices, case

studies, by-laws, Resolutions, and other resources. **In particular, alPHa is seeking resources to share regarding the province's Strengthening Public Health Initiative, including but not limited to, voluntary mergers and the need for long-term funding for local public health.** If you have a best practice, by-law or any other resource that you would like to make available via the newsletter and/or the website, please send a file or a link with a brief description to gordon@alphaweb.org and for posting in the appropriate library.

Resources available on the alPHa website include:

- [Orientation Manual for Boards of Health](#) (Revised Jan. 2024)
- [Review of Board of Health Liability, 2018](#), ([PowerPoint presentation, Feb. 24, 2023](#))
- [Legal Matters: Updates for Boards of Health](#) (Video, June 8, 2021)
- [Obligations of a Board of Health under the Municipal Act, 2001](#) (Revised 2021)
- [Governance Toolkit](#) (Revised 2022)
- [Risk Management for Health Units](#)
- [Healthy Rural Communities Toolkit](#)
- [The Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction](#)
- [The Ontario Public Health Standards](#)
- [Public Appointee Role and Governance Overview](#) (for Provincial Appointees to BOH)
- [Ontario Boards of Health by Region](#)
- [List of Units sorted by Municipality](#)
- [List of Municipalities sorted by Health Unit](#)
- [Map: Boards of Health Types](#)
- [NCCHPP Report: Profile of Ontario's Public Health System](#) (2021)
- [The Municipal Role of Public Health\(2022 U of T Report\)](#)
- [Boards of Health and Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act](#)

alPHa Correspondence



Through policy analysis, collaboration, and advocacy, alPha's Members and staff act to promote public health policies that form a strong foundation for the improvement of health promotion and protection, disease prevention, and surveillance services in all of Ontario's communities. A complete online library of submissions is available [here](#). These documents are publicly available and can be shared widely.

- [alPha Letter - Tobacco Settlement Investments](#)

Public Health Ontario (PHO)



PHO Launches New Ontario Vector-Borne Disease Tool

PHO's new [Ontario Vector-Borne Disease Tool](#) offers comprehensive surveillance data on vector-borne diseases (VBDs) in Ontario, presenting data from multiple surveillance systems and partners. The Tool consolidates data from several existing PHO resources into a single platform, offering a modern, intuitive experience with enhanced geographic functionality and interactive data visualizations.

Key features and uses of the Tool:

- **Monitor trends:** Track weekly and year-to-date case counts for all reportable vector-borne diseases, including West Nile virus illness, Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, Powassan virus infection, at both the provincial and public health unit levels.

- **Geographic analysis:** Visualize mosquito and tick surveillance data, including species distribution and positive test results, using interactive maps with customizable layers.
- **Risk assessment:** Access interactive Blacklegged Tick established risk area maps, to better support public health professionals and clinicians in their management and case investigations of tick-borne diseases.
- **More frequent updates:** Data are available from 2014 to present. Weekly updates from May through October for human case and mosquito data, will support enhanced surveillance during peak vector activity.

For more detailed information about the tool, explore PHO's [news post](#).

New and Updated Measles Resources

New Resource: Routine and Outbreak-related Measles Immunization Schedules

As Ontario continues to experience a measles outbreak, PHO has released a [new resource](#) which outlines [routine](#) and outbreak-related measles immunization schedules in Ontario and the public health units (PHUs) that have implemented a measles outbreak immunization strategy. It also includes key immunization principles for measles vaccination and a map of PHUs that have adopted the measles outbreak immunization strategy.

Updated: Measles in Ontario

PHO's updated Measles in Ontario report provides the most current trends on measles activity in the province, with a focus on the current multi-jurisdictional outbreak.

Ongoing measles transmission in Ontario is impacting multiple public health units, check out their [measles exposures](#) webpage for more information.

Check out all of PHO's measles resources on their [dedicated webpage](#).

Recent Knowledge Products

- [Mpox in Ontario](#)
- [Clinical Syndromes/Conditions with Required Level of Precautions \(from Best Practices for Routine Practices and Additional Precautions Appendix N\)](#)
- [Staff Influenza Immunization Coverage Among Hospitals and Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario](#)

Events

Be sure to keep an eye on PHO's [Events page](#) for their upcoming events.

Recent Presentations

- [PHO Rounds: The SickKids Immunization InfoLine](#)
- [Novel Aesthetic Treatments – Exosomes: What we Know so Far](#)
- [PHO Rounds: Can a Voluntary Isolation Centre Reduce Secondary Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in Households: A Matched Cohort Study](#)
- [PHO Rounds: Anti-Racist Frameworks to Advance Public Health Practice](#)

Ontario Public Health Directory: May 2025 update



The [Ontario Public Health Directory](#) has been updated and is available on the alPHA website. Please ensure you have the latest version, which has been dated as of **May 9, 2025**. To view the file, log into the alPHA website.

Upcoming DLSPH Events and Webinars

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School of Public Health

- [CanPath Synthetic Dataset Workshop](#) (Jun. 24)
- [Achieving Greater Cultural Safety in Mental Health Services through Research and Traditional Knowledge](#) (Jun. 25)
- [LEPH2025: The Seventh International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health](#) (Jul. 13-16)

BrokerLink Insurance



Please note, alPha's partnership with Aviva is no longer in place. All Members who are with Aviva are encouraged to explore insurance with BrokerLink.

In partnership with alPha, [BrokerLink](#) is proud to offer preferred home and auto insurance rates for members, [get a quote today](#). With the warmer spring weather, the snow is melting and it's just about that time of year to enjoy all your favourite outdoor activities. Check out our spring maintenance tips to get your recreational toys ready for the summer [here](#).

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News Releases

The most up to date news releases from the Government of Ontario can be accessed [here](#).



Strategic Plan

2024 - 2027

Convening the leadership of local public health agencies to:



Be the unified voice and a trusted advisor on public health



Advance the work of local public health through strategic partnerships and collaborations



Support the sustainability of Ontario's local public health system



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Board of Health Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - 5:00

SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Sally Hagman
Donald McConnell - 2nd Vice-Chair
Luc Morrisette
Sonny Spina
Sonia Tassone
Suzanne Trivers - Board Chair
Natalie Zagordo

APH MEMBERS

Dr. John Tuinema - Acting Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Rick Webb - Director of Corporate Services
Kristy Harper - Director of Health Promotion & Prevention /
Chief Nursing Officer
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

GUESTS: Sandra Dereski - Acting Manager of Infectious Diseases, Kristin Bateman - Public Health Nurse & IPAC Hub Lead, Casey Cassan - Health Promotion Specialist, Eric Pino - KPMG

REGRETS: Jody Wildman, Julila Hemphill - Board members

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

S. Trivers welcomed the Board of Health members, read the land acknowledgment, took roll call, and asked for declarations of conflict of interest, to which none were declared.

- a. Land Acknowledgment
- b. Roll Call
- c. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION

2025-36

Moved: S. Hagman

Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated April 26, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

a. IPAC (Infection Prevention and Control) Hub

S. Dereski, K. Bateman and C. Cassan delivered the presentation on IPAC Hubs, explaining the Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) practices, which consist of evidence-based strategies to prevent the transmission of illness-causing microorganisms to clients and care providers. Without proper IPAC measures, infectious pathogens can spread through hands, surfaces, air, food, and other channels, leading to illness and increasing resistance to treatment.

They outlined the Ontario IPAC Hub model and main objectives to assess training needs related to IPAC, strengthen partnerships with local congregate living settings, and coordinate resources for prevention and response. Both IPAC Hubs and Public Health support their community. The goal is to improve health through different approaches.

APH will continue participating in the IPAC Hub Community of Practice to stay connected with the other IPAC Hubs throughout the province. Additionally, we hope to expand the number of Congregate Living Settings (CLS) connected to the Algoma IPAC Hub, with the goal of having all eligible CLSs in Algoma able to access our services.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION

2025-37

Moved: D. McConnell

Seconded: L. Morrisette

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated March 26, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

Not applicable.

6.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

MOH Report - April 2025

- Highlight - RSV Immunization for Infants

Dr. J. Tuinema reported on the board member orientation, highlighting topics like public health functions and ongoing education opportunities, including the alPha conference.

He spoke about APH's strategic direction to promote a culture of learning and wellness at Algoma Public Health through the Employee Engagement and Wellness Committee. The goal of this committee is to develop, deliver, evaluate, and sustain comprehensive employee wellness programming at APH in cooperation with employees and related working groups. This committee has existed for some time at APH, but was reinvigorated following the acute phase of the pandemic given the wellness challenges presented by the pandemic.

Dr. Loo is returning on May 12th, and this will be the final MOH report for Dr. Tuinema this year as he returns to the role of Associate MOH. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve, and the Board Chair thanked Dr. Tuinema for his leadership in the role.

RESOLUTION

2025-38

Moved: N. Zagordo

Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

b. Finance and Audit

i. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report

S. Trivers provided a summary of the Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report on behalf of J. Wildman who was absent.

RESOLUTION

2025-39

Moved: S. Hagman

Seconded: L. Morrisette

THAT the Board of Health accepts the April 9, 2025, Chair Report for the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

ii. APH Audited Financial Statements ending December 31, 2024.

E. Pino from KPMG delivered the presentation.

RESOLUTION

2025-40

Moved: S. Hagman

Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

iii. APH Audit Findings Report

E. Pino from KPMG delivered the presentation.

RESOLUTION

2025-41

Moved: S. Spina

Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Audit Findings Report as presented.

CARRIED

iv. Unaudited Financial Statements ending February 28, 2025.

L. Dunseath provided a summary of the financial statements.

RESOLUTION

2025-42

Moved: D. McConnell

Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending February 28, 2025, as presented.

CARRIED

v. Building Envelope Repairs

R. Webb provided a summary of the project.

RESOLUTION

2025-43

Moved: D. McConnell

Seconded: S. Hagman

THAT the Board of Health accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee and approves awarding the tender for various required repairs to the building envelope to First General at an estimated cost of \$453,203 using funding from the APH reserve and that staff be directed to pursue additional funding from Ministry's emergency capital projects grant program.

CARRIED

c. Governance

i. Governance Committee Chair Report

D. McConnell provided the report.

RESOLUTION

2025-44

Moved: S. Tassone

Seconded: N. Zagordo

THAT the Board of Health accepts the April 16, 2025, Chair Report for the Governance Committee Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Policy 02-05-030 Board Member Code of Conduct

RESOLUTION

2025-45

Moved: D. McConnell

Seconded: S. Spina

THAT the Board of Health approves **Policy 02-05-030 Board Member Code of Conduct** as presented.

CARRIED

iii. Policy 02-05-045 Attendance at Meetings Using Electronic Means

RESOLUTION

2025-46

Moved: N. Zagordo

Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health approves, **Policy 02-05-045 Attendance at Meetings Using Electronic Means** as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 New Business/General Business

- a. Letter to the Ministers of Health from Public Health Sudbury & Districts regarding **Support for a Provincial Immunization Registry** dated March 21, 2025.

RESOLUTION
2025-47

Moved: S. Hagman
Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the APH Board of Health approves endorsement of the letter dated March 21, 2025, from Public Health Sudbury and Districts regarding **Support for a Provincial Immunization Registry**.

CARRIED

- b. Letter to the Ministers of Health from Public Health Sudbury & Districts regarding **Endorsement of the Walport Report, and for Continued focus on Public Health Emergency & Pandemic Preparedness** dated March 21, 2025.

RESOLUTION
GOV 2025-48

Moved: S. Spina
Seconded: N. Zagordo

THAT the APH Board of Health approves endorsement of the letter dated March 21, 2025, from Public Health Sudbury and Districts regarding **Endorsement of the Walport Report, and for Continued focus on Public Health Emergency & Pandemic Preparedness**.

CARRIED

8.0 Correspondence - requiring action

- a. alPHa Conference and AGM - June 18 - 20, 2025
- Board members to let the secretary know if they can attend.

9.0 Correspondence - for information

- a. alPHa Information Break - April 2025

10.0 Addendum

Not applicable.

11.0 In-Camera - 6:17 pm

For discussion of labour relations and employee negotiations, matters about identifiable individuals, **adoption of in camera minutes**, security of the property of the board, litigation or potential litigation.

RESOLUTION
2025-49

Moved: S.Tassone
Seconded: S. Hagman

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

12.0 Open Meeting - 6:23 pm

There were no resolutions resulting from the in-camera meeting.

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Governance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Board of Health

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

14.0 Adjournment - 6:26 pm

RESOLUTION


2025-53

Moved: N. Zagordo

Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

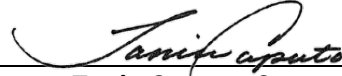
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Suzanne Trivers, Chair

May 28, 2025

Date



Tania Caputo, Secretary

May 28, 2025

Date



SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

SSMRCA Regular Board Meeting

Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority

June 17, 2025, at 4:45 PM

1100 Fifth Line East / ZOOM

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Declaration of a Conflict of Interest

III. Adoption of Agenda

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

IV. Delegations

There are no requests for delegations received for this meeting.

V. Public Input (3 minutes per speaker)

VI. Finance and Administration

A. Adoption of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025, be adopted.

B. Accounts Payable

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the list of accounts payable be received as information, be approved.

C. Health and Safety Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Health and Safety Meeting Minutes be received as information, be approved.

D. 2025 Budget Update

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the staff memo titled "2025 Budget Update" dated June 17, 2025, be received as information, be approved.

VII. Water and Related Land Management

A. Application Approvals: Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits, and the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Part VI

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the summary of the site reports approved by staff pursuant to Ontario Regulation 41/24 and the CA Act, be received as information, be approved.

VIII. Correspondence

A. CO Final Comments ERO 025-0380 (Bill 5, Endangered Species Act) 2025-05-15

B. CO Final ERO 025-0391 (Bill 5, Special Economic Zones Act) 2025-05-17

C. Supplemental Letter to Conservation Board SSM from John Kallio 2025-05-30

D. Congratulatory Letter to MP Sheehan 2025-06-11

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the correspondence be received as information.

IX. New Business and Other

A. General Manager's Report

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the General Manager's Report of June 17, 2025, be received as information, be approved.

B. Ratify May 21, 2025, Email Poll: Temporary Increase to Operations Team Hours

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Board approve a temporary increase in the Operations Team weekly hours by 5 hours a week for a period of thirteen weeks, starting June 2, 2025, be approved, be ratified.

C. Ratify May 26, 2025, Email Poll: Traffic Calming Request

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Board approve a Letter of Support regarding the Sault Cycling Club's Request for Traffic Calming Measures along Landslide Road, and Fifth Line, be approved, be ratified.

D. Advocacy on GIS Parcel Data Access for Statutory Program Delivery

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Board receive the staff report titled "Advocacy on GIS Parcel Data Access for Statutory Program Delivery" as information, and

FURTHER THAT the Board approve the General Manager and staff sending out letters (starting with CO) to garner support for the accessibility and affordability of parcel-level GIS data, be approved.

X. Closed Session

To discuss the security of the property of the SSMRCA and a personnel matter.

XI. Adjournment

For members of the public interested in attending this meeting, please contact the General Manager, Corrina Barrett, at cbarrett@ssmrca.ca to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

June, 2025

TO: Mayor & Councillors, Sault Ste. Marie, On

Subject: Concrete Holding Tank on:

South-west bank of Fort Creek, & St. Mary's River

I would like to draw your attention to the concrete tank that sits behind a Blue fence, next to the White Bridge & the Walking/Biking trail on the Waterfront. It is beside the confluence of the Fort Creek & the St. Mary's River, west of the Station Mall.

It appears to be a holding tank for Contaminated Liquids & Chemicals, probably from pollutants created in earlier years by local industries. Deterioration of the concrete or Rusting & Corrosion of the outlet pipes from this Tank, could result in contamination of the area, & those near-by Rivers - including water, fish & wild-life habitat, along the Waterfront.

Could you inform me IF or When there has been any assessment of these tanks, or a plan to do so routinely in future. Specific dates are requested, please.

The favour of a reply is requested by: Mr. Martin J. McCarthy,

Mr. Martin J. McCarthy

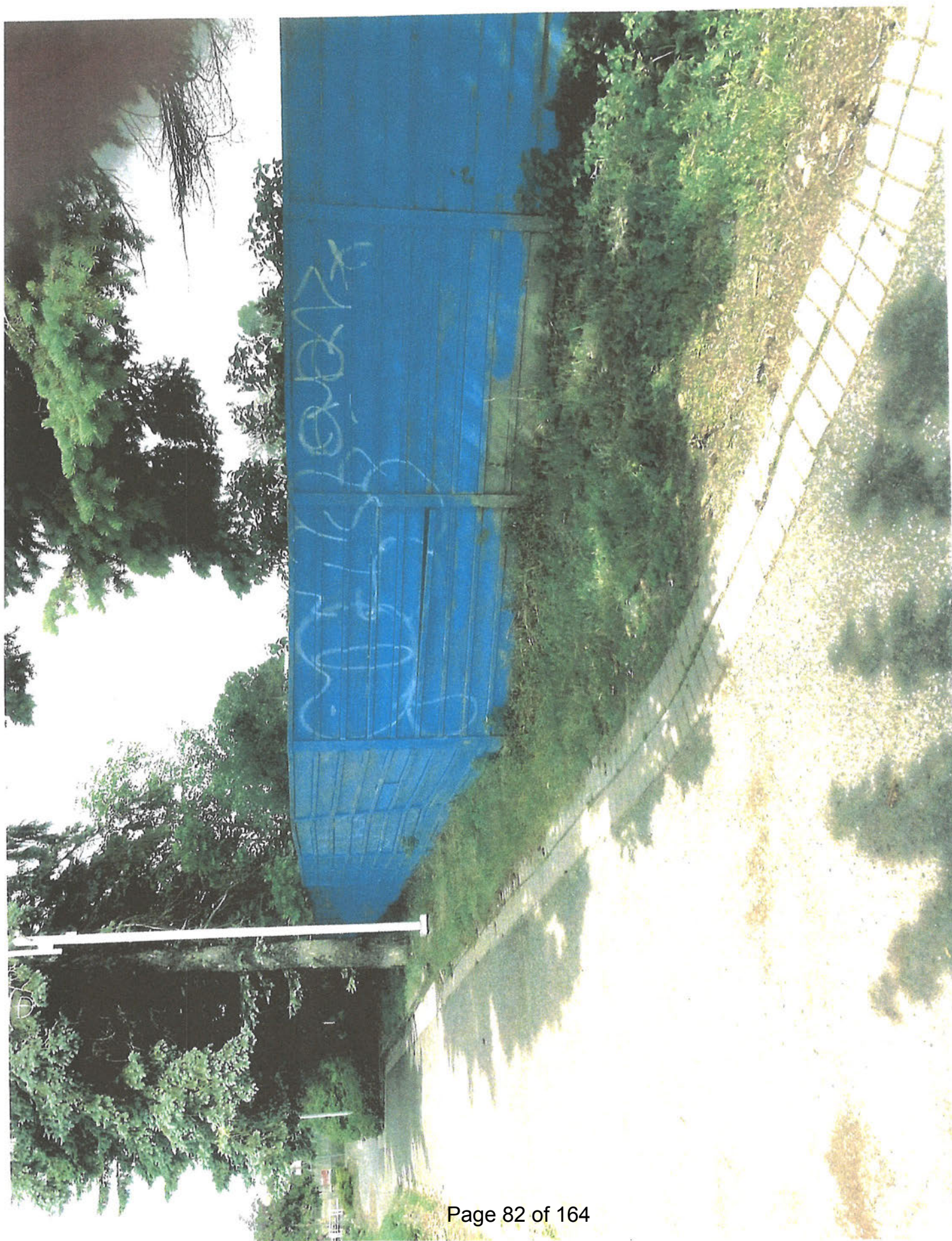


ENCL: Four 8 x 10 Pictures

Return to: M.J. McElmurry

Picture shows proximity to
Fort Creek - 1





TANK LOCATION - Behind Fence



CONFLUENCE: St Mary's River
& Fort Creek



April 16, 2025

County of Bruce
30 Park St.
Walkerton ON N0G2V0
Canada

Sent via email: info@brucecounty.on.ca

To whom it may concern:

Re: 2025-209

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the April 16, 2025 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

2025-209

That Council receive the 2025-03-24 Bruce County - Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs for information; and

That Council of Grey Highlands support the resolution dated March 20, 2025 by Bruce County, regarding Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs; and

That Council direct staff to send this resolution of support to Bruce County, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Housing, infrastructure and Communities; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

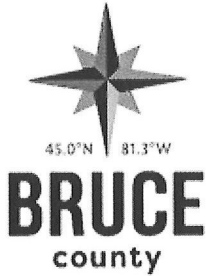
CARRIED.

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fines-Vanalstine

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine
Manager of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands



March 24, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney,
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2 (sent via email: pm@pm.gc.ca)

RE: Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

The County of Bruce continues to monitor the situation with respect to proposed tariffs by the United States. Tariffs and the corresponding responses are inherently macro-economic in nature. Given this fact, the tools available to municipalities are limited.

The County of Bruce is adopting a strategy to respond to the impacts of tariffs locally which includes implementation of procurement policies focused on purchasing from Canadian sources, where permitted by trade agreements.

The County calls on the federal and provincial governments to take action to ensure that municipalities have the tools they need to protect Canadian consumers and businesses and ensure the continued prosperity of the Canadian economy. The attached resolution provides the details of the County's formal request.

Regards,

Luke Charbonneau,
Warden
warden@brucecounty.on.ca

cc. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
(premier@ontario.ca)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (policy@amo.on.ca)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) (resolutions@fcm.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities

Agenda Number: b.
Resolution Number BCC-2025-042
Title: Government Relations - Implication of Tariffs on
Bruce County
Date: March 20, 2025



Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland
Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

Resolution on Supporting Municipal Response to Tariffs

Whereas the United States' Executive Administration is enacting tariffs under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, which will significantly impact the economic stability of both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario reports that Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 to \$290 billion on infrastructure over the next 10 years; and

Whereas trade agreements and legislation have traditionally prevented municipalities from giving preference to Canadian products and services; and

Whereas municipalities can help combat tariffs and support businesses through procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of County of Bruce calls on the federal and provincial governments to:

1. Empower municipalities to buy Canadian;
2. Remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible;
3. Work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses.
4. That the federal and provincial governments be requested to remove interprovincial trade barriers.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried



Northumberland County

Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

June 25, 2025

Right Honourable Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)
Honourable Philip Lawrence (MP for Northumberland-Clarke)
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade)
Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities
All Ontario municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Township of Mulmur
'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions'**

At a meeting held on June 18, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508, adopting the below recommendation from the June 3, 2025 Finance and Audit Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor John Logel
Seconded by: Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By J. Logel (SL)
Seconded By S. Dibb (SS)

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2025-06-18- 508

Council Date: June 18, 2025

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 2, 3 and 4, 2025).

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Carried  _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2025-06-03- 444

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Carried 

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____

Committee Chair's Signature



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April 11, 2025

Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions

At the meeting held on April 2, 2025, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution:

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

c/o Township of McKellar, 701 Hwy 124 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

President: Lynda Carleton **Secretary-Treasurer:** Karlee Britton

RE: Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education

The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA), representing the twenty-three Municipalities within the District of Parry Sound, held its Spring 2025 meeting on May 23, 2025, in the Municipality of Callander. At this meeting, the following resolution was carried:

Moved by: Kathy Hamer (Municipality of McDougall)

Seconded by: Daniel O'Halloran (Township of McMurrich Monteith)

Whereas democracy is an open process – one that requires ongoing engagement between citizens and their elected officials; and

Whereas ethics and integrity are at the core of public confidence in government and in the political process; and

Whereas proper policies and procedures protect the democratic process; and

Whereas sections 223.2 and 223.3, Municipal Act, 2001 state all municipalities are required to adopt a Code of Conduct for members of Council and to appoint an Integrity Commissioner; and

Whereas it is the role of the Integrity Commissioner to educate member of Council on the Councillor Code of Conduct policy as well as to investigate alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct, at the municipality's expense; and

Whereas there are many new elected officials each term of Council who need access to information and proper training in order to do the work effectively and responsibly; and

Whereas Municipal Affairs and the Ombudsman's Office are hesitant to give information, so there is nowhere to ask questions and learn; and

Whereas the only source of information is to pay for fee-for-service on a case-by-case basis from the Integrity Commissioner which is very cost-prohibitive for small municipalities; and

Whereas Council is expected to oversee the management of taxpayers money and taxpayers deserve to know where their tax dollars are being spent;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association calls upon the Ontario government to provide free access to information so that Councils can be effective in their role in our democratic system; and

Further That the DPSMA hereby requests that Municipal Affairs and/or the Ombudsman's Office and/or the Integrity Commissioner provide, if requested by a municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each investigation.

Further That this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka and to all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Forwarded on behalf of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association; For questions and/or inquires, please contact:



Karlee Britton | Secretary-Treasurer
District of Parry Sound Municipal Association
clerk@mckellar.ca
(705) 389-2842 x4

cc:

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
Municipalities within the District of Parry Sound
All Ontario Municipalities

**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Bill 6, Safer Municipalities Act, 2025
Date: May 20, 2025

WHEREAS:

1. A municipality's parks and open spaces are critical infrastructure that support a strong community, and the public's shared and safe use of the municipality's parks and open spaces is integral to ensuring that support.
2. Ontario's municipalities are struggling to maintain their parks and open spaces for their shared and safe use by the public as a result of the increasing proliferation of encampments and illicit activities related thereto.
3. Municipalities that enforce their standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in their parks and open spaces must have regard to the availability of shelter space for those who need shelter.
4. On January 27, 2023, Justice Valente of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice rendered his judgment in *Waterloo (Regional Municipality) v. Persons Unknown and to be Ascertained (2023)*, [2023] O.J. No. 417 (Waterloo Decision) which declared that the municipality's by-law violated section 7 of the Charter and was therefore inoperative insofar as it applied to prevent encampment residents from erecting temporary shelters on a site when the number of homeless individuals in the region exceeded the number of accessible shelter beds.
5. The Waterloo Decision's analysis of the adequacy of shelter beds suggests an unworkable and unclear standard that goes beyond the number of shelter spaces and that includes the requirement to provide shelter spaces that must accommodate illicit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk. The result is that municipalities are impaired in their enforcement of their standards and have lost or are losing control of their parks and open spaces.
6. On December 12, 2024, the provincial government introduced Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024. Among its various initiatives, Bill 242 proposed to amend section 2 of the Trespass to Property Act by adding aggravating factors that must be considered in the court's determination of a penalty under that section. However, the key challenge was that a municipality's exercise of its rights at common law and under section 9 of the Trespass to Property Act to remove encampments from the municipality's parks and open spaces remained potentially subject to the unworkable and unclear standard for the adequacy of shelter space suggested by the Waterloo Decision.
7. On January 13, 2025, Council of the City of Peterborough resolved to request the provincial government to amend Bill 242 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
8. Bill 242 died on the order paper as a result of the recent provincial election.
9. On April 30, 2025, the provincial Government re-introduced the legislation in the form of Bill 6, Safer Municipalities Act, 2025. Bill 6 is substantively the same as Bill 242.
10. In these circumstances, municipalities continue to need provincial legislation that clearly defines a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved:

1. That the provincial government be respectfully requested to amend Bill 6 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
2. That, without limitation, Bill 6 provide that a municipality will have met the standard for shelter space for the purposes of the municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces:
 - a) despite the establishment and enforcement of shelter rules including rules that prohibit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk; and
 - b) if an official designated by the municipality is satisfied that the number of available shelter spaces is at least equal to the aggregate of the number of individuals actually seeking shelter and the number of individuals against whom the municipality is planning to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to:
 - a) Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;
 - b) Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;
 - c) Honourable Robert Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - d) Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;
 - e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and to
 - f) Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required. Thank you.

John Kennedy

John Kennedy, City Clerk

Sent by Email

June 4, 2025

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
MPP Pickering-Uxbridge
1550 Kingston Rd., Suite 213
Pickering, ON L1V 1C3
peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org

Subject: Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on May 26, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS individuals and families receiving income support through Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are facing increasing challenges in meeting basic needs due to rising costs of living;

And Whereas Statistics Canada notes that people with disabilities have a higher poverty rate and a lower rate of employment than the overall population;

And Whereas the annual income support for Ontario Works is currently \$8,796.00 and \$16,416.00 for Ontario Disability Support Program. These supports have not increased sufficiently to keep up with inflation and the cost of living. Such costs are anticipated to continue increasing;

And Whereas the low income measure for a single person in Greater Toronto Area is estimated to be approximately \$27,343 annually, and the deep income poverty threshold is determined to be \$20,508;

And Whereas Food Banks, including our local Food Banks, provide a necessary service with increasing demands in our communities;

And Whereas the Pickering Food Bank served 1,722 adults, and 1,054 children in February 2025;

And Whereas food banks are already reducing their distribution capacity; and it is anticipated that due to developing economic circumstances, such as the current tariff war, there will be increased unemployment, increased food prices, and a heightened demand for food distribution, while donations continue to decline;

And Whereas these economic trends will continue to erode the purchasing power of OW and ODSP recipients, increasing reliance on food banks and placing additional pressure on municipalities and community organizations;

Now therefore it be resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering directs through the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. That staff send a letter to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, to strongly urge that the Ontario Provincial Government significantly raise the payments of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program and the increases be reflected in the upcoming Provincial Budget and that the increased amount aligns with inflationary costs and thereby decrease the pressure on food banks and the reliance on municipalities and taxpayers to supplement the gap in financial need; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Regional Municipality of Durham, all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

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

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Copy: Robert Cerjanec, MPP Ajax
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby
Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa
Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock
Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, Region of Durham
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer



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Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Delivered Electronically to: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Delivered Electronically to: premier@ontario.ca

June 4, 2025

Dear Hon. Doug Ford and Hon. Rob Flack:

Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers

Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the May 27, 2025, Norfolk County Council meeting:

Resolution No. C-114

Moved By: Councillor Huffman

Seconded By: Councillor Veri

That Council direct staff to prepare and send correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Premier Doug Ford indicating that Norfolk County does not require Strong Mayor Powers to help achieve the provinces' goals; and

That Norfolk County request an exemption from the associated provincial directive; and

Further That a copy of this motion be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Tigert". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

W. Tigert
Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities

Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson
D-Mayor Cathy Regier
Councillors:
Mark Bell
Connie Tabbert
Chris Olmstead
Micheal Moore
Joey Trimm

Honorable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th floor Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2J3

June 4, 2025

RE: Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities

Dear Minister Flack,

Thank you for your letter dated April 9, 2025, regarding the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to the Township of Whitewater Region. Our Council discussed this issue in an open forum at our council meeting on May 22 and are firmly of the belief that this effort undermines the value of collaboration between the Mayor, Councillors, and Staff. Increasing the powers of the Mayor eliminates shared decision making, create divisiveness at the council table, and blurs the lines between administrative and political roles. Our council believes that this would result in an erosion of the democratic process at the Municipal level, especially in small municipalities like Whitewater Region.

Our council works as a cohesive unit, firmly focused on the goals of advancing and encouraging growth and making our community a wonderful place in which to live and invest. Each of member of council brings their own set of skills, knowledge, values and perspectives to achieve these goals, and has worked extremely well together.

Since it was sworn in, our Council has been collectively focused on advancing provincial priorities by delivering much needed housing, building infrastructure that supports community growth and the construction of new homes, including housing-enabling infrastructure such as water and wastewater. The Township of

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Whitewater Region has grown significantly over the last decade (the fourth fastest growing municipality in the County of Renfrew) and, as a rural municipality, we have added a large amount of new housing to meet market demands.

Whitewater Region has invested in our planning department with delegated planning authorities from the County of Renfrew. With a qualified planner, we can very quickly process most planning matters with the exception of plans of subdivisions. With our expanded building inspector staff, we have been able to reduce permit processing times. We do all of this while keeping permits and planning application fees suppressed, augmenting our planning and building department with general taxation revenues to support growth in our community and contribute to meeting Provincial priorities.

Whitewater Region averages approximately 30 new single family detached homes per year over the past 10 years. Although we only have one of our rural communities with both water and wastewater services, it is positioned well for additional development; with one subdivision partly built out and a second subdivision in its planning stages. This sizeable development is constrained by water and wastewater services, stormwater management and road access to the provincial highway.

Our challenge is not with the balance of power around our Council table or our relationship with staff, it is that we simply do not have the funds (or technical staff) needed to update or expand our infrastructure services to support development. Whitewater has implemented Development Charges as a means of raising additional funds, and have purposefully suppressed them to \$5,000/home in order to promote affordable development. Whitewater staff have applied to grants made available by the Province of Ontario, but with no success. Our Council has plans to use your governments' increases to our OCIF and OMPF but these only barely satisfy 20% of our existing Asset Management Program shortfall. This shortfall was further exasperated when OPP billing has increased at the same rate as our OMFP increases. Whitewater Region simply cannot afford to support additional development, let alone invest in our current infrastructure.

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In closing, our Council requests that the Ontario Government excludes the Township of Whitewater Region from its proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities, and work with us to identify funding to support expansion of its infrastructure systems to support existing and future residential and commercial growth. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Please feel free to contact me through our offices if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,



Mayor Neil Nicholson

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Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Re: Resolution - Strong Mayor Powers Update

At its meeting of May 21, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to designate the Township of Whitewater Region as a "Strong Mayor" community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective May 1, 2025; and,
WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,
WHEREAS the Township of Whitewater Region has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council-debate and shared decision-making; and,
WHEREAS many municipally elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concern regarding the imposition of these powers; and,
WHEREAS the Township of Whitewater Region did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; and,
WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the Strong Mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Whitewater Region formally request that the Premier of

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Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Township of Whitewater Region from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation;

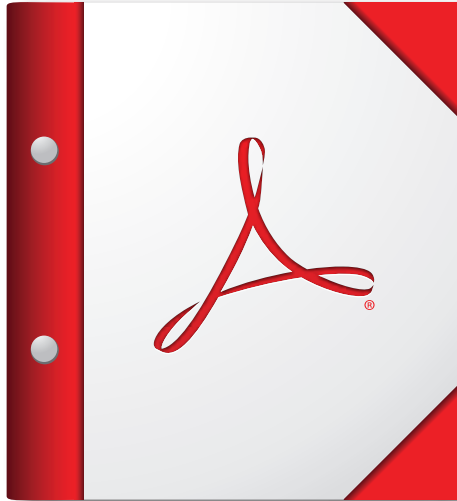
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

Carried - Resolution #2025-5335

Sincerely,



Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC



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June 6, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queens Park
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premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

At the Municipality of Bluewater's regular Council meeting held on June 2, 2025, Council passed the following resolutions:

MOVED: Councillor Whetstone **SECONDED:** Councillor Hessel
WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has designated Municipality of Bluewater as a "Strong Mayor" community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective May 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,


WHEREAS the Municipality of Bluewater did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; and,

WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the Strong Mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bluewater Council formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Municipality of Bluewater from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron Bruce, all Ontario municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and the Association of Municipalities (AMO) for their awareness and support. **CARRIED**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander". The first letter 'A' is large and stylized, with a loop that extends upwards and to the left. The rest of the name is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc:

Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce MPP

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Association of Municipalities (AMO)

All Ontario municipalities



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June 6, 2025

The Honourable Minister Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON
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RE: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers

Dear Minister Flack,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards.

Resolution No: 2025-05-04-06
Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards resolution regarding Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs Cheryl Gallant, MP Billy Denault, MPP AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) All Ontario Municipalities."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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April 16, 2025

The Honourable Minister Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
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Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers

Dear Minister Flack,

Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards wishes to formally express our strong opposition to the implementation of “strong mayor” powers as introduced through recent amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and related regulations.

Council has carefully reviewed the intent and implications of these powers, and we believe they are neither appropriate nor beneficial for the structure and scale of local government in our municipality. The Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards—like many rural and small-town communities across Ontario—has a longstanding tradition of cooperative governance, where all elected officials have an equal voice and decisions are made collectively, through open dialogue and democratic process.

The introduction of strong mayor powers, including the ability for mayors to unilaterally hire and dismiss senior staff, veto by-laws, and control budget processes, significantly undermines the fundamental principle of governance by council. This shift in authority creates an imbalance that risks eroding trust among council members, staff, and the public. It may also reduce transparency and accountability, which are cornerstones of effective and responsible municipal leadership.

The authority granted through strong mayor powers is primarily aimed at eliminating obstacles that hinder the construction of new housing. However, our municipal council is already making meaningful progress without relying on these powers. We are actively collaborating with two local non-profit organizations and the County of Renfrew to develop affordable and accessible housing units, demonstrating our commitment to inclusive housing solutions through partnership and community engagement.

Moreover, there is no demonstrated need for such powers in municipalities like ours. The current system—based on majority rule and consensus-building—has served our community well and reflects the values of fairness, representation, and collaboration that our residents expect from their local government. These powers may be intended for use in large urban centres facing unique governance challenges, but applying them more broadly to small and rural municipalities is both unnecessary and potentially disruptive.

We therefore respectfully request that your ministry reconsider the implementation of strong mayor powers across Ontario, particularly in municipalities that have not asked for, and do not require, such authority. We urge you to engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities of all sizes, and to recognize that one-size-fits-all approaches to governance often do more harm than good.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns further and to contribute to a broader conversation about how best to support good governance and municipal autonomy in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Council for Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards

cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
Cheryl Gallant, MP
Billy Denault, MPP
AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)
All Ontario Municipalities



Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: May 20, 2025 No: RESOLUTION - 267-2025
 Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Disposition: CARRIED
 Seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien Item No: 12.4

Description: Strong Mayor Powers

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS the Province has announced the expansion of strong mayor power to another 169 municipalities as of May 1, 2025 in addition to the 47 municipalities which currently have received strong mayor powers;

AND WHEREAS the Province claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape , and accelerate the delivery of key priorities;

AND WHEREAS research from the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario has identified that:

- There is no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housings starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and
- Strong Mayor Powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and chief administrative offices threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership;

AND WHEREAS strong mayor powers is an erosion to the democratic process of an historically non-partisan municipal governance structure;

AND WHEREAS the Township of McNab/Braeside has received requests from The Town of Parry Sound, the Municipality of North Middlesex and the Municipality of North Perth for our support to reject strong mayor powers and have strong mayor powers removed from their municipalities;

AND WEHREAS Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside encourages the Provincial government to repeal this legislation;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township support all municipalities requesting the rejection of strong mayor powers.

AND BE IT FURTEHR RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Fack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

[Signature]
 MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by:	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: _____
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
 abstained from discussion and did not vote



Legal and Legislative Services

June 24, 2025

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: The Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes Resolution – Strong Mayor Powers

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of June 23, 2025, received and supported correspondence from Township of Rideau Lakes dated May 22, 2025, calling upon 444 municipalities to collect and coordinate action and seek legal and constitutional expert to challenge the Strong Mayor Powers.

Attached please find a copy of Township of Rideau Lakes correspondence dated May 22, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter,
Acting Manager, Legislative Services/Town Clerk
acarter@forterie.ca
AC:dlk
Encl.

c.c.: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; minister.mah@ontario.ca
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**TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU LAKES
Special Council Meeting**

RESOLUTION 129-2025

Title: Councillor P. Banks: Proposed Motion re: Strong Mayor Power Legal Challenge to Province

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Moved by Councillor P. Banks

Seconded by Councillor Dunfield

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has unilaterally imposed “Strong Mayor Powers” on numerous municipalities without democratic consultation or local consent, overriding the will of almost 50 municipal councils and communities;

WHEREAS these powers centralize authority in the office of the mayor, undermining the longstanding principles of democratic, council-based decision-making and the equal voice of ward councillors who represent diverse and distinct communities within a municipality;

WHEREAS the imposition of Strong Mayor Powers has particularly harmful implications for rural municipalities, which often have part-time mayors who may now feel there is neither the need nor the financial capacity to hire and retain full-time, independent, and professionally qualified Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs), undermining the critical role of senior staff in providing non-partisan, expert advice and ensuring stable, accountable local administration;

WHEREAS in such municipalities, these powers threaten to erode the role and independence of professional administrative staff, including CAOs, whose accountability to the full council is essential for transparent, well-managed local government, raising concerns that a single elected official may unilaterally direct, override, or dismiss senior staff without the benefit of full council oversight;

WHEREAS the Township of Rideau Lakes, representing a small rural community, has taken a leadership role by committing financially toward a collective advocacy, legal, and communications effort to defend local democracy and resist the imposed governance framework;

WHEREAS over 50 municipalities across Ontario have already expressed formal opposition to Strong Mayor Powers, and growing support from across regions—including Newmarket and other urban and rural communities—demonstrates the broad, nonpartisan resistance to this undemocratic model;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council formally reaffirms its opposition to the imposition of Strong Mayor Powers and requests to opt out of this governance model, reaffirming our commitment to democratic, council-based governance and equal representation for all residents.

2. Council highlights the unique risks and negative consequences for municipalities, where part-time elected officials and resource-constrained administrations are especially vulnerable to disruptions in effective and accountable governance.
3. Council directs that a copy of their resolutions be included in the publicly documented list of municipalities that oppose Strong Mayor Powers.
4. Council further directs that this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities in Ontario as a strong call to collective, coordinated action against this top-down provincial policy.
5. Council commits to contributing financial support to the shared effort initiated by the Township of Rideau Lakes, recognizing the importance of standing together to protect democratic local governance in every municipality, large or small.
6. Once a coordinated effort is established among all 444 municipalities, we, as a collective, should seek out a legal and constitutional expert to challenge the Ford government's 'strong mayor' powers. These powers undermine the democratic rights of councillors and may violate constitutional principles of local governance and representation.

Carried



June 3, 2025

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
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Via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

The Council of the Town of Renfrew is writing to formally express its strong opposition to the Province of Ontario's decision to designate the Town of Renfrew as a "Strong Mayor" community, with enhanced mayoral powers that came into effect on May 1, 2025.

The Strong Mayor framework significantly alters the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making, diminishing collaborative governance, and weakening the principle of majority rule that is foundational to local democracy.

The Town of Renfrew has a long history of local governance built upon a foundation of Council debate and shared decision-making. At no time did the Town request, seek, or support designation under the Strong Mayor legislation. This designation, imposed without consultation, has raised serious concerns within the community and among elected officials across Ontario.

The Town of Renfrew is not alone in this position. A growing number of municipalities and municipal leaders throughout the province have voiced their opposition to this governance model and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal.



Accordingly, the Town of Renfrew respectfully requests the following:

1. That the Government of Ontario immediately remove the Town of Renfrew from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation.
2. That a copy of this letter be shared with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

The Council of the Town of Renfrew thanks you for your attention to this matter and urges the Province to respect the democratic will of our Council and community.

Yours sincerely,

Gloria Raybone

Chief Administrative Officer on behalf of the Town of Renfrew Council

CC: The Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Regional Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

June 3, 2025

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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Att: Minister Rob Flack

RE: Strong Mayor Powers – Town of Prescott Position

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott, we are writing regarding the Province's recent decision to expand Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities, including our own.

While we recognize the Province's stated intent to accelerate housing development across Ontario, Council remains unclear on how these powers—especially in the context of smaller municipalities—provide a practical or effective mechanism to build more homes, faster. We have identified some alternatives to the centralization of authority in the office of the Mayor to the complex housing challenges we face that would have a direct result in getting housing and infrastructure completed.

We would like to see the province and municipalities be fully aligned and develop a strong working relationship that addresses the barriers to housing development. These barriers are often beyond a municipalities control but are well within the provincial authority to reduce red tape and delays. Whether it be in planning approvals, environmental assessments, or infrastructure coordination, municipalities often face significant holdups not of their own making, but as a result of slow or opaque bureaucratic processes.

We would like to see the same concept of Strong Mayors be used at the provincial level to veto or override provincial-level bottlenecks that stall housing progress. By having conduit, through which municipalities can identify the issues they are facing on specific projects to the province, we would be able to get shovels in the ground quicker and projects completed within months and not years.

This Council remains firmly committed to addressing the housing crisis and to doing our part to enable more homes and more opportunity in Prescott and beyond our borders in neighbouring communities. We believe the path forward must be grounded in bi-lateral efforts, shared accountability, and a commitment to strengthening local governments to make decisions for their communities.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and would welcome further dialogue with the Province to develop housing solutions that are truly effective and locally appropriate by removing unnecessary and non-valued added steps to the process.

Kindly,

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Mayor Gauri Shankar on behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott

May 30, 2025

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

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Premier:

**Re: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council Resolution of May 7, 2025, Re:
Correspondence from York Region, re: Provincial Funding Shortfall of
Human and Health Programs and Services**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on May 7, 2025, and Council passed the following resolution:

That Council receive and endorse the correspondence from York Region, re: Provincial Funding Shortfall of Human and Health Programs and Services as attached.

Davneet Sandhu

Davneet Sandhu
Council/Committee Coordinator

Copy: Hon. Paul Calanda, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
All York Region MPP's
All Ontario municipalities

From: [Regional Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Provincial Funding Shortfall of Human and Health Programs and Services
Date: Friday, April 25, 2025 12:39:46 PM

On April 24, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Regional Chairman and all nine mayors, send a joint letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Long-Term Care, and Health, and York Region MPPs requesting a meeting to:
 - a. Discuss the \$77 million shortfall in health and human services funding arrangements for mandated health and human services, taking into account population growth, socio-economic shifts and increased costs, and establish permanent sustainable provincial funding solutions to ensure York Region receives the funding needed to deliver these important programs.
 - b. Request the Province to improve the funding arrangements for mandated human and health services to reduce the burden on property taxpayers.
2. York Region staff work with community partners, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and other public sector organizations to advocate to provincial counterparts for sustainable funding to ensure services delivered by municipalities can meet growing and changing community needs.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate the report, to local municipalities, local hospitals, Human Services Planning Board, Newcomer Inclusion Table, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, United Way Greater Toronto, AdvantAge Ontario, Ontario Long-Term Care Association, Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, Association of Public Health Business Administrators, Ontario Alliance to End Homelessness, Ontario Health Teams in York Region and local Members of Provincial Parliament requesting they join in the Region's advocacy efforts.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[Provincial Funding Shortfall of Human and Health Programs and Services - Committee of the Whole - Week 1 - April 10, 2025](#)

Please contact Monica Bryce, (A) Director, Integrated Business Services at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72096 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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

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June 4, 2025

Please be advised that, at their regular meeting on June 3, 2025, Council of the Municipality of North Grenville adopted the following resolution:

Title: Bill 5: Protecting Ontario By Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

Date: June 3, 2025

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced *Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning policies, including replacing the Endangered Species Act with a new framework that reduces protections for at-risk species, and enabling the creation of Special Economic Zones that may override local planning authority and environmental oversight;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of North Grenville supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be done in a way that upholds environmental responsibility and maintains the integrity of local planning processes;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5, as proposed, weakens safeguards for natural heritage systems, threatening biodiversity, and diminishing the authority of municipalities to manage growth in accordance with local needs and official plans;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of North Grenville urges the Government of Ontario to recommit to upholding the rights of Indigenous Peoples as affirmed in Canadian law through the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and engage in transparent inclusive consultations with Indigenous Nations and civil society before tabling new development legislation;

AND WHEREAS Special Economic Zones would allow the Province to unilaterally override municipal decision-making by exempting Special Economic Zones from Municipal By-laws;

AND WHEREAS the use of Special Economic Zones to bypass local deliberation on proposed projects may not deliver on the promise of supporting economic growth;

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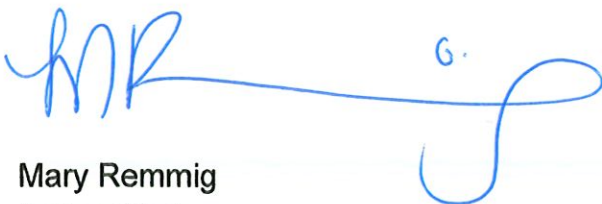
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of North Grenville:

1. Opposes all provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections and Ontario's proud legacy of protections of endangered species, that override the rule of law and that nullify Municipal planning authority;
2. Urges the Province of Ontario to support housing and infrastructure development in ways that align with sound environmental planning and wildlife protection and empower municipalities with appropriate planning tools;
3. Urges the Province of Ontario to conduct robust consultation on Bill 5: Protecting Ontario By Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025;
4. Urges the Province of Ontario not to use Special Economic Zones to exempt projects from By-laws that impacts revenue including development charge By-laws, property tax By-laws, or fees and charges By-law;
5. Requests the Province of Ontario consider the feedback submitted for Bill 5 by the Associations for Municipalities in Ontario (AMO) which highlights protecting Municipal autonomy and fiscal sustainability and Ontario's Environment and Indigenous Cultural Heritage; and,
6. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to:
 - o The Minister of Energy and Mines;
 - o The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - o The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
 - o The Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism;
 - o The Premier of Ontario;
 - o The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and,
 - o All Ontario Municipalities.

The above resolution, adopted by the Municipal Council, is forward for your information and action as required.

Thank you,

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Mary Remmig
Acting Clerk

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June 02, 2025

To all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

Re: In Support of: Bill 5- Risks to your communities and support requested

Moved: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded: Mayor Grantham

THAT: Council support the Chatham-Kent Resolution for opposition of this section of Bill 5.

Result: Carried

As Mayor of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, I am sharing this motion to bring to your attention the potential risks to your communities and ask for your support to oppose this approach. The following motion was approved yesterday, May 12, 2025:

“Whereas 29831 Irish School Road in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is a property approximately 800 metres from the Town of Dresden;

And Whereas the property contain small fill areas used for historic local landfill purposes, and the property has never been properly studied or zoned for any significant landfilling use;

And Whereas the current property owners are attempting to create a new recycling and landfill facility for millions of tonnes of waste, which would result in hundreds of trucks travelling through towns and communities in the area;

And Whereas this approach has been strongly opposed by Council, the Community, neighbouring Indigenous Nations and many other voices, due to impacts to the environment, our homes, the safety of our families and children, and the fabric of our communities;

And Whereas the Provincial government has proposed Bill 5, which includes a section removing the obligation for a full Environmental Assessment for this new landfill and recycling facility;

And Whereas if this limited, historic local landfill use on the edge of Dresden can be expanded into a massive landfill and recycling facility, then this can happen anywhere;

And Whereas there are likely hundreds of properties across the Province that may have had limited, historic waste uses, which could also face this threat;

And Whereas Bill 197 established a veto for Municipalities within 3.5 kms of a new landfill, which reflected the need for local government and community approval of landfill sites;

And Whereas the approach being taken for this property disregards the importance of our rural communities, and local voices, in determining appropriate landfill sites within their communities:

Now Therefore to ensure that other Municipal Councils and communities know about what is happening in Dresden, and the potential risk to their community if this approach is taken by the Province, Council requests that the Mayor's Office write a letter to all other Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

- 1. Advising them of this issue and the risks to their community if a similar approach is taken for other historic landfill properties; the possibility of the Ontario government setting a precedence and*
- 2. Requesting their support in opposing this approach and ensuring that full Environmental Assessments are required for all landfills and that municipalities have a strong voice in determining appropriate locations for landfills in their communities."*

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Grantham'.

Colin Grantham, Mayor
Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc



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June 6, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

At the regular meeting of Woodstock City Council held on June 5, 2025, the following resolution was passed:

"That Woodstock City Council support the resolution from the City of Kingston opposing all provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections and Ontario's proud legacy of protections of Endangered Species, and that override the rule of law and that nullify municipal planning authority;

And further that City Council urge the Province of Ontario to support housing and infrastructure development in ways that align with sound environmental planning and wildlife protection and empower municipalities with appropriate planning tools;

And further that City Council call on the provincial government to rescind Bill 5 and return to consultation with the public, Ontario Municipalities, and First Nations;

And further that City Council voice opposition to the establishment of a Special Economic Zone within the City of Woodstock, as currently defined in Bill 5;"

And further that this resolution be circulated to The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; The Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development; Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Humphries".

Amy Humphries
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/City Clerk
City of Woodstock

Cc.

The Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines – stephen.lecce@pc.ola.org

The Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – rob.flack@pc.ola.org

The Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks –
todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org

The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development – vic.fedeli@pc.ola.org

Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP - ernie.hardemanco@pc.ola.org;

And all Ontario Municipalities



Office of the City Clerk

May 21, 2025

Via email

All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, May 20, 2025 – Resolution Number 2025-197; Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

At the regular Council meeting on May 20, 2025, Council approved Resolution Number 2025-197 with respect to Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 as follows:

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning policies, including replacing the Endangered Species Act with a new framework that reduces protections for at-risk species, and enabling the creation of Special Economic Zones that may override local planning authority and environmental oversight; and

Whereas the City of Kingston supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be done in a way that upholds environmental responsibility and maintains the integrity of local planning processes; and

Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, weakens safeguards for natural heritage systems, threatening biodiversity, and diminishing the authority of municipalities to manage growth in accordance with local needs and official plans; and

Whereas the Canadian Environmental Law Association submits that all of the Bill 5 schedules, with minor exceptions, should be withdrawn and not further considered by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario until they are substantially modified to ensure robust protection for the environment, human health, and vulnerable members of the Ontario public, including Indigenous peoples, who may otherwise be harmed by the amendments contained in the various schedules; and

Whereas the Canadian Civil Liberties Association finds that Schedule 9, in allowing the Minister of Economic Development to exempt “trusted proponents”

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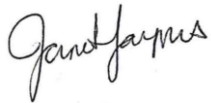
from compliance with municipal and provincial law within the special economic zones, promotes abandonment of the rule of law subjecting Ontario's lands and peoples to the possibility of arbitrary and non-transparent decision-making and effectively nullifying decades of legacy law-making in those zones;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of Kingston oppose all provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections and Ontario's proud legacy of protections of Endangered Species, that override the rule of law and that nullify municipal planning authority; and

That the Council of the City of Kingston urge the Province of Ontario to support housing and infrastructure development in ways that align with sound environmental planning and wildlife protection and empower municipalities with appropriate planning tools; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P. Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Stephen Lecce, M.P.P. Minister of Energy and Mines, The Honourable Rob Flack, M.P.P. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, M.P.P. Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ted Hsu, M.P.P., Kingston & the Islands, John Jordan, M.P.P., Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Janet Jaynes', written in black ink.

Janet Jaynes
City Clerk
/nb



June 11, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Sent Via Email

Re: Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025

Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 10, 2025,
passed the following resolution:

146/25

Moved by: Councillor Burns
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Akpata

"That the correspondence from the Township of The Archipelago regarding Bill 5,
Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 be supported."

Carried.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle's support of the above
matter.

Yours Truly,

Jennifer Astrologo
Director of Council Services/Clerk
Town of LaSalle
jastrologo@lasalle.ca

Encl.

cc: (via email)

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier of Ontario
Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
MPP Anthony Leardi
MPP Andrew Dowie
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.7.
Resolution Number 25-086
Title: Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Barton
Seconded by: Councillor Manners

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes significant changes to environmental legislation, including the replacement of the Endangered Species Act, 2007 with the significantly weaker Species Conservation Act, 2025, and would grant the Premier and Cabinet unprecedented powers to override provincial and municipal laws – including laws that protect public health, farmland, and the natural systems that safeguard communities from extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS The Township of The Archipelago's strategic priorities include protecting and preserving our unique and high-quality natural environment, and delivering municipal services in a responsible, sustainable, cost-effective, and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS The Township of The Archipelago supports the goals of responsible economic growth and increased housing supply; and

WHEREAS nature is not red tape – it is the economic driver of our region, and is central to Canadian culture, identity, and economy; protecting nature is essential for building resilient communities and upholding the sovereignty and stewardship of Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS Bill 5 will undermine critical environmental, species, and heritage protection laws, introducing significant economic, environmental, social, and cultural uncertainty, endangering Ontario's 249 at-risk species, and potentially infringing on the legal and constitutional rights of the Ontario public – especially Indigenous communities that are disproportionately affected by such actions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby

opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would undermine environmental safeguards, Indigenous rights, or local planning authority, and urge the Province to withdraw the Bill; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council urges the Province of Ontario to pursue housing and infrastructure development through policies that maintain robust environmental protections and respect local planning regimes; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier; The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); and all Ontario municipalities; Chief Adam Pawis, all Township of The Archipelago Ratepayer Associations; and to other environmental organizations.

Carried



Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
VIA EMAIL:
premier@ontario.ca

Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Housing
VIA EMAIL:
rob.flack@pc.ola.org

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June 18, 2025

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Minister of the
Environment, Conservation
and Parks
VIA EMAIL:
todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org

MPP Joseph Racinsky
Wellington-Halton Hills
VIA EMAIL:
joseph.racinsky@pc.ola.org

RE: Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act 2025

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 28, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-167:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.9 and 6.10 be received for information; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes; and



Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario's natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch:

- **Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;**
- **Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;**
- **Opposes the use of Bill 5 that may reduce a municipality's ability to enforce its local by-laws (planning and other affected by-laws);**
- **Opposes the potential use of Bill 5 to supersede Ministry jurisdiction to require proper approvals such as ARA licences or ECAs; and**
- **Opposes the potential use of Bill 5 to apply a SEZ to lands that are already licenced through provincial approvals such as an ARA licence or ECA to supersede requirements under those licenses or approvals.**
- **Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:**
 - 1. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
 - 2. The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
 - 3. The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**
 - 4. MPP Joseph Racinsky**
 - 5. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
 - 6. All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration.**
 - 7. All Conservation Authorities in Ontario**
 - 8. Conservation Ontario**

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

Monika Farncombe

From: Jennifer E. Willoughby <jwilloughby@shelburne.ca>
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Subject: Town of Shelburne - Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5

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Good Morning

At the May 12, 2025, meeting of Shelburne Town Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously

Moved By: Councillor Len Guchardi
Seconded By: Councillor Lindsay Wegener

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority;

And Whereas the Town of Shelburne supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes;

And Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario’s natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council for the Town of Shelburne:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Urges the Province to support municipalities through ensuring responsible growth through infrastructure projects designed to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife and natural resources;

And Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,

- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
- Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin–Caledon,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
- All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration,
- All Conservation Authorities in Ontario,
- Conservation Ontario

CARRIED; Mayor Wade Mills

Thank You

Jennifer Willoughby, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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Resolution

Meeting Date: May 12, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-093

Moved: Councillor Prendergast

Seconded: Councillor Andrews

Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority; and

Whereas the Town of Orangeville supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes; and

Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario’s natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Town of Orangeville:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
 - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP for Dufferin–Caledon
 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration.

Result: Carried Unanimously

*MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE
RESOLUTION*

Date: 17 June 2025

132- 2025

MOVED BY: *Councillor Holloway Wadhvani*

SECONDED BY: *Deputy Mayor Hink*

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced *Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning policies, including replacing the Endangered Species Act with a new framework that reduces protections for at-risk species, and enabling the creation of Special Economic Zones that may override local planning authority and environmental oversight; and

Whereas the Municipality of Port Hope supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be done in a way that upholds environmental responsibility and maintains the integrity of local planning processes; and

Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, weakens safeguards for natural heritage systems, threatening biodiversity, and diminishing the authority of municipalities to manage growth in accordance with local needs and official plans; and

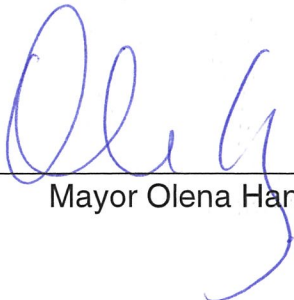
Whereas the Canadian Environmental Law Association submits that all of the Bill 5 schedules, with minor exceptions, should be withdrawn and not further considered by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario *until they are substantially modified to ensure robust protection for the environment, human health, and vulnerable members of the Ontario public, including Indigenous peoples, who may otherwise be harmed by the amendments contained in the various schedules*; and

Whereas the Canadian Civil Liberties finds that Schedule 9, in allowing the Minister of Economic Development to exempt “trusted proponents” from compliance with municipal and provincial law within the special economic zones, promotes abandonment of the rule of law subjecting Ontario’s lands and peoples to the possibility of arbitrary and non-transparent decision-making and effectively nullifying decades of legacy law-making in those zones; and

Whereas Amnesty International Canada urges the Government of Ontario to 1) immediately halt or withdraw Bill 5; 2) Recommit to upholding the rights of Indigenous Peoples as affirmed in Canadian law through the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act; and 3) Engage in transparent inclusive consultations with Indigenous Nations and civil society before tabling new development legislation;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Municipality of Port Hope:

1. Opposes all provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections and Ontario's proud legacy of protections of Endangered Species, that override the rule of law and that nullify municipal planning authority;
2. Urges the Province of Ontario to support housing and infrastructure development in ways that align with sound environmental planning and wildlife protection and empower municipalities with appropriate planning tools;
3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; The Honourable Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and All Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Olena Hankivsky



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June 24, 2025

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

**RE: Resolution of Support – Municipality of Chatham-Kent re: Bill 5 – Protect
Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025**

At their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday June 4, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

“Resolution #2025-199

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that Council hereby receive and supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent’s Resolution “Bill 5 – Risks to your communities”;

And further that Council directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried”

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

Encl.

cc Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario Municipalities





**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: June 4, 2025

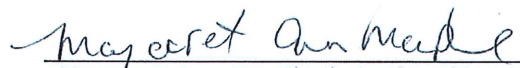
Resolution No.: 2025- 199

Moved By: Joe Lumley **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that Council hereby receives and supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's Resolution "Bill 5 – Risks to your communities";

And further that Council directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried: ✓ **Defeated:**


Margaret Ann MacPhail, **Acting Mayor**

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Paul Sowrey		
Acting Mayor Margaret Ann MacPhail		

May 13, 2025

To all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

Re: Bill 5 - Risks to your communities and support requested

As Mayor of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, I am sharing this motion to bring to your attention the potential risks to your communities and ask for your support to oppose this approach. The following motion was approved yesterday, May 12, 2025:

"Whereas 29831 Irish School Road in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is a property approximately 800 metres from the Town of Dresden;

And Whereas the property contain small fill areas used for historic local landfill purposes, and the property has never been properly studied or zoned for any significant landfilling use;

And Whereas the current property owners are attempting to create a new recycling and landfill facility for millions of tonnes of waste, which would result in hundreds of trucks travelling through towns and communities in the area;

And Whereas this approach has been strongly opposed by Council, the Community, neighbouring Indigenous Nations and many other voices, due to impacts to the environment, our homes, the safety of our families and children, and the fabric of our communities;

And Whereas the Provincial government has proposed Bill 5, which includes a section removing the obligation for a full Environmental Assessment for this new landfill and recycling facility;

And Whereas if this limited, historic local landfill use on the edge of Dresden can be expanded into a massive landfill and recycling facility, then this can happen anywhere;

And Whereas there are likely hundreds of properties across the Province that may have had limited, historic waste uses, which could also face this threat;

And Whereas Bill 197 established a veto for Municipalities within 3.5 kms of a new landfill, which reflected the need for local government and community approval of landfill sites;

And Whereas the approach being taken for this property disregards the importance of our rural communities, and local voices, in determining appropriate landfill sites within their communities:

Cont'd...

Now Therefore to ensure that other Municipal Councils and communities know about what is happening in Dresden, and the potential risk to their community if this approach is taken by the Province, Council requests that the Mayor's Office write a letter to all other Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

1. Advising them of this issue and the risks to their community if a similar approach is taken for other historic landfill properties; the possibility of the Ontario government setting a precedence and
2. Requesting their support in opposing this approach and ensuring that full Environmental Assessments are required for all landfills and that municipalities have a strong voice in determining appropriate locations for landfills in their communities."

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent



Legal and Legislative Services

June 24, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Resolution - Bill 5 Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of June 23, 2025, received and supported correspondence from The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward dated May 27, 2025, requesting the Province to define Special Economic Zones and their purpose with more clarity and ensure activities within such zones are equally subject to the local and provincial laws that support all Ontario and First Nations people and foster our social, cultural and environmental prosperity.

Attached please find a copy of The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward's correspondence dated May 27, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter,
Acting Manager, Legislative Services/Town Clerk acarter@forterie.ca

AC:dlk

Encl.

The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; minister.mah@ontario.ca

The Honourable Todd McCarthy Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; minister.mecp@ontario.ca

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Sylvia.Jones@ontario.ca

Niagara MPP's jburch-gp@ndp.on.ca; wgates-gp@ndp.on.ca; sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org; jstevens-gp@ndp.on.ca

AMO; amo@amo.on.ca

ROMA; roma@roma.on.ca

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Geralda Jamieson, Interim Executive Director, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre llc1@fenfc.org

Municipalities of Ontario

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May 28, 2025

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 27, 2025 the following resolution regarding Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 205-317

DATE: May 27, 2025

MOVED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to many Acts within one bill which undermine environmental protections in order to "unleash the economy"; and

WHEREAS multiple inclusions will impact habitat, biodiversity protections and environmental integrity without proper process including but not limited to:

- **the repeal and replacement of the Endangered Species Act with a weaker act;**
- **the creation of a Special Economic Zones Act which will permit exemptions from legislated environmental protections;**
- **changes to provisions to the Mining Act which provide sweeping powers to the Minister of Energy and Mines that are poorly defined, subject to caprice, or possibly designed to enable exemption from environment protection; and**

WHEREAS proposed changes will override local planning authority, provincial legislation, and bylaw enforcement for the benefit of specific preferred proponents over the rights of Ontarians; and

WHEREAS First Nations citizens have an enshrined right to access their own archeology and Canadians have an enshrined responsibility to seek free, prior and informed consent from First Nation neighbours regarding land use; and

WHEREAS several proposed changes could imperil the health of lands and water for which First Nations have traditional and treaty rights; and

WHEREAS the provisions of the Special Economic Zones Act are not clear enough to ensure that there are adequate legal and environmental protections to offset risks to Ontarians and First Nations members, to provide adequate safeguards against bad faith environmental practice; and protect against unsafe labour practice as identified by labour sector organizations; and

WHEREAS fairness is enshrined in both Canada's and Ontario's laws yet proposed changes seem to permit prejudicial regulatory practice (e.g. codifying permissions for "trusted proponents" over others); and

WHEREAS the wording of the changes to the Electricity Act seem to support Canadian ownership of energy suppliers but appear to potentially restrict development of specific types of energy and could impact local renewable energy development; and

WHEREAS there is no evidence that undermining of environmental protections, local legal frameworks, and the rights of First Nations communities in Ontario are a necessary step to "unleash the economy"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward supports any regulation that could encourage energy providers to Buy Canadian but urges the province to clarify the proposed provisions of the Energy Act and ensure they foster local green energy development; and

THAT the province remove the elements in Bill 5 that would reduce current environmental protections, reduce protections for species at risk, and reduce legal protection from bad faith actors in special economic zones; and

THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward urges the Province to further define Special Economic Zones and their purpose with more clarity and ensure that activities within such zones are equally subject to the local and provincial laws that support all of Ontario and First Nations people and foster our social, cultural and environmental prosperity;

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward expresses solidarity with the concerns of our neighbouring community, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and members of the Haudenosaunee Nation and support Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and their letter to the province of May 16th 2025, attached; and **THAT** this resolution be shared with the Honourable Doug Ford, Premiere of Ontario; Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and

Housing; Todd McCarthy Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Tyler Allsopp, Member of Provincial Parliament for Bay of Quinte; Chief Don Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte; AMO; ROMA; and the Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Victoria Leskie, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton



MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

KENHTÈ:KE KANYEN'KEHÁ:KA

TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COUNCIL,
24 Meadow Drive, Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, ON K0K 1X0
Phone 613-396-3424 Fax 613-396-3627

May 16, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Subject: Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Comments on Bill 5 – Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to express the concerns and opinions of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte on the proposed Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*. Our community is concerned with the Bill's proposed amendments to the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* ("ESA") and the proposal to replace the ESA with the *Species Conservation Act, 2025*. We also have concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the *Electricity Act, 1998*, the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Mining Act*, the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the *Special Economic Zones Act, 2025*, and the *Rebuilding Ontario Place Act, 2023*, and how they would negatively impact our members, our traditional territories, and our rights as Indigenous people.

Although our community, Kenhtè:ke, is confined within the borders of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, our traditional territory extends to a vast area in Ontario and our Members reside all across Canada and Ontario. Our Members also reside within the City of Toronto, other First Nations communities, and in other communities across the province that will be impacted by Bill 5 and its proposed changes to the aforementioned laws and regulations. As Chief of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, it is my responsibility to act in the best interests of our members, no matter where they reside. For this reason, the concerns expressed in this letter capture potential threats to Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, our traditional territory, and any other territories in the province upon which our members are resident.

The Province of Ontario has the highest Indigenous population across the country. Indigenous peoples have been the stewards of these lands and its inhabitants for centuries, ensuring that no matter what unexpected threats were posed, including threats to the environment and threats to trade and economic relations, the environment remained cared for and protected. This is our sacred duty and one that we do not take lightly. Without a healthy environment, the chances of future generations being prosperous, are greatly diminished.

Concerns Regarding the Environment

We would like to note that the proposals posted by the Province of Ontario to the Environmental Registry of Ontario on April 17, 2025, represented by ERO numbers 25-0416, 025-0380, 025-0409, 25-041, 25-0391, 025-0396, 25-0389 are of great concern to our community. It is evident that the proposals both individually and collectively have the potential to cause serious adverse impacts on the environment, human health, and our right as Indigenous peoples to the stewardship of our lands.

Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*, if passed, will:

1. Exempt key projects from *Environmental Assessment Act* reviews.
2. Repeal the Endangered Species Act, 2007, replacing it with a weaker Species Conservation Act, 2025.
 - a. Reduce protection of the critical habitats of species at risk
 - b. Allow species to be at risk of harassment
 - c. Remove any reference to stewardship and Indigenous Traditional Knowledge
3. Empower the province to declare “special economic zones” under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025, where provincial laws and municipal by-laws—including environmental and public-participation rules—would be inoperative.
4. Remove the third-party and science-based nature of species at risk assessment and introduce political interference in identifying what species at risk is added to the protection regulation.
5. Reduce opportunity for domestic renewable energy.
6. Weaken oversight of mining activities under the Mining Act.

The above proposed changes and introductions will reduce and/or eliminate provincial protections for endangered, threatened and special concern species in Ontario. The elimination of these protections will cause further species decline, loss of biodiversity and unpredictable impacts to food web dynamics.

Permitting and approval processes are crucial in assessing the potential negative environmental impact of a project, and the process requires essential education to ensure projects are carried out with minimal impact. Without the current permitting and approval processes or provincial oversight, there could be an increase in environmental negligence and non-compliances. The proposals eliminate vital safeguards that have been put in place over the years in recognition of their necessity for environmental and human health safety.

This is of grave concern to our community as we have hundreds of endangered species living within our territory. Additionally, our territory is situated on the Bay of Quinte where many of our people rely on the quality of its waters for drinking water, hunting and consuming fish as we have been doing for centuries.

Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte would like to note that the proposals are likely to have direct and indirect negative effects on our traditional and treaty rights through potential negative environmental impacts that would put our food for sustenance and water resources at risk.

Concerns Regarding the Indigenous Rights and Sovereignty

Further to the environmental impacts that the changes and introductions in Bill 5 could have, our community is concerned with the threats that these changes and introductions pose to our rights as Indigenous peoples.

After many years of leading in stewardship by example, education, and advocacy, Canadian and provincial laws are beginning to recognize the value of our traditional knowledge as Indigenous peoples, especially when it comes to caring for the environment. Our rights as Indigenous people to be consulted and accommodated in projects that will impact our traditional territories has been affirmed in Canada's highest court. Additionally, the principle of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent, has been enshrined into Canadian law with the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*, if passed, will:

1. Potentially bypass, and therefore undermine, the Duty to Consult in interest of economic gain.
2. Violates the principle of Free Prior and Informed Consent as required by the UNDRIP, which Canada and Ontario have both committed to implement.
3. Weakened oversight of mining activities under the Mining Act.

Not only are our rights as Indigenous people inherent, but they have also been affirmed in Canadian law. Bill 5, as it is currently proposed, threatens these inherent and Constitutionally recognized rights. In reducing government review and oversight on development projects, the proposed amendments ignore the legal obligation for Ontario and proponents to consult and accommodate First Nations.

Concerns Regarding Ontario Powers

Our final concern is regarding the seemingly unilateral decisions and exemptions that Ontario is proposing. Though we have our own laws as Haudenosaunee, our laws and teachings have a value that is shared with Canada's laws; no one is above the law, everyone is equal under the law. This is a value that is integral to democracy. Our people have been acting under a democratic system for centuries which is one of the reasons why we are so concerned with Bill 5 and its proposed changes and additions.

Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*, if passed, will:

1. Avoid public accountability by seeking to shield government decisions from civil liability.
2. Allow Ontario to make exemptions for proponents by bypassing provincial and local laws and regulations.
3. Allows Cabinet to make extensive changes without legislative scrutiny.

As a First Nation, with Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and with a Nation-to-Nation relationship with Canada and Ontario, we are concerned that Ontario is proposing changes that would make itself and the other named parties exempt from legal recourse and would allow itself and the named parties to

make decisions without consulting experts in the field, including Indigenous peoples. We are also concerned, as noted above, that the Bill will allow Cabinet to make extensive changes to laws unilaterally, without the review and scrutiny of the public. These changes go directly against the heart of Rule of Law which is meant to protect citizens.


Concluding Remarks

Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte are of the opinion that Bill 5 would remove many of the most meaningful protections that safeguard our environment, human health, and Indigenous rights. Bill 5 undermines tremendous, necessary progress made in environmental protection and Indigenous rights recognition and marks a regression that is not in the interest of our seven generations to come.

In solidarity with the Chiefs of Ontario and the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte call for a pause on the advancement of this legislation and call for the Province of Ontario to meaningfully partner and engage with First Nations leadership across the province on the issues raised in the Bill and the future of economic growth and stability in the province.

The above shall not be construed so as to derogate from or abrogate any inherent, Aboriginal, treaty, constitutional, or legal rights of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.

Sincerely,



R. Donald Maracle, Chief
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

Cc: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Resolution # RC25101	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Ontario government has fast-tracked Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 (Bill 5), such that it was referred to the Standing Committee on the Interior on May 6, 2025, after being first read on April 17, 2025, and

WHEREAS the written submission deadline for participation on Bill 5 is May 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM (EDT), and

WHEREAS Bill 5 would enact the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025; amend/repeal the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and replace it by enacting the Species Conservation Act, 2025; and amend various Acts including the Ontario Heritage Act, the Mining Act, the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, and the Electricity Act, 1998 and to revoke various regulations in relation to development and procurement, and

WHEREAS Bill 5 will allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to create zones anywhere in Ontario where municipal and provincial laws will not apply, and where projects or proponents can be exempted from requirements under provisions of an Act or of a regulation, including environmental and heritage laws, and

WHEREAS the provisions of Bill 5 as written include anti-democratic principles and risks undermining civil liberties, Indigenous rights, the environment and local government oversight, and

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa believes that the provincial priorities of housing, resource development and economic development can be achieved without subverting existing laws, undermining municipal authority, threatening the environment, restricting industry growth, or undermining informed consent with Indigenous communities;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby opposes Bill 5; and that Council formally express its opposition to Bill 5 in favour of preserving democracy, transparency, accountability, the environment, civil liberties, and Indigenous rights and;

That Council encourage the province to prioritize democratic principles and governance systems that support responsible development, environmental preservation, and acknowledge our responsibility to future generations; and

That Council formally request that the Ontario government reject Bill 5; and

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; MPP Lisa Thompson; all Ontario municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Standing Committee on the Interior.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR – MITCH HATFIELD	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL



The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 02 Jun 2025

Item 11.(b)

Date: June 2, 2025

C-2025-155

Moved by Councillor Kristian Graziano

Seconded by Councillor Allan Hazelton

WHEREAS the Floating Accommodations – Position Paper (April 2025) provides detailed guidance to Ontario municipalities on the regulation of Floating Accommodations, highlighting critical legal and environmental challenges; and

WHEREAS the document identifies significant gaps in current provincial and federal frameworks that municipalities are best positioned to address through zoning and land-use bylaws; and

WHEREAS the paper recommends proactive municipal action based on successful case studies and legal precedents such as the Glaspell v. Ontario decision; and

WHEREAS Georgian Bay Township has already taken steps to address Floating Accommodations and has an interest in promoting inter-municipal collaboration on this issue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Floating Accommodations – Position Paper (May 2025) for informational purposes; and

THAT the Clerk be further directed to forward the document and this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and member municipalities for consideration and potential provincial advocacy.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote ☐ Referred ☐ Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bochek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor

June 13, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Premier,

RE: Council motion passed June 10, 2025

Please be advised that on June 10, 2025 during a City Council meeting, Guelph City Council passed the following resolutions in regards to the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025.

Moved By: Councillor Caron
Seconded By: Councillor Goller

1. THAT the City of Guelph opposes provisions in Bill 5, particularly under Schedules 2 and 9, and provisions in Bill 17, that would diminish environmental protections or override municipal planning authority; and
2. THAT the City of Guelph call on the Province of Ontario to obey their own rule of law, to pursue housing, forestry, infrastructure and critical mineral development through policies that follow sound environmental planning principles, uphold the planning authority of local government, respect Indigenous treaty obligations, and protect vital ecological systems; and
3. THAT City of Guelph Council endorse the City's submissions regarding Bill 5 to ERO 025-0391 - Special Economic Zones Act, 2025 and ERO 025-0380 - Species Conservation Act, 2025 as posted in Information Items on May 23, 2025; and
4. THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Mike Schreiner, MPP for Guelph; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

Stephen O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
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Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

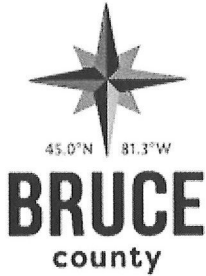
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal
Affairs and Housing

Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of
Environment, Conservation and Parks

Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic
Development, Job Creation and Trade

Mike Schreiner, MPP for Guelph

Association of Municipalities of Ontario



March 24, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney,
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2 (sent via email: pm@pm.gc.ca)

RE: Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs


Dear Prime Minister Carney,

The County of Bruce continues to monitor the situation with respect to proposed tariffs by the United States. Tariffs and the corresponding responses are inherently macro-economic in nature. Given this fact, the tools available to municipalities are limited.

The County of Bruce is adopting a strategy to respond to the impacts of tariffs locally which includes implementation of procurement policies focused on purchasing from Canadian sources, where permitted by trade agreements.

The County calls on the federal and provincial governments to take action to ensure that municipalities have the tools they need to protect Canadian consumers and businesses and ensure the continued prosperity of the Canadian economy. The attached resolution provides the details of the County's formal request.

Regards,



Luke Charbonneau,
Warden
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cc. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
(premier@ontario.ca)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (policy@amo.on.ca)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) (resolutions@fcm.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities

Agenda Number: b.
Resolution Number BCC-2025-042
Title: Government Relations - Implication of Tariffs on
Bruce County
Date: March 20, 2025



Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland
Seconded by Councillor Mark Goetz

Resolution on Supporting Municipal Response to Tariffs

Whereas the United States' Executive Administration is enacting tariffs under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, which will significantly impact the economic stability of both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario reports that Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 to \$290 billion on infrastructure over the next 10 years; and

Whereas trade agreements and legislation have traditionally prevented municipalities from giving preference to Canadian products and services; and

Whereas municipalities can help combat tariffs and support businesses through procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of County of Bruce calls on the federal and provincial governments to:

1. Empower municipalities to buy Canadian;
2. Remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible;
3. Work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses.
4. That the federal and provincial governments be requested to remove interprovincial trade barriers.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried



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June 6, 2025

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

RE: Call for inclusive research to reflect diversity of Canadian communities

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Parry Sound.

Resolution No: 2025-05-04-08
Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Parry Sounds resolution regarding the Call for inclusive research to reflect diversity of Canadian communities.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs Cheryl Gallant, MP Billy Denault, MPP AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) All Ontario Municipalities."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 046

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: April 15, 2025

Councillor G. ASHFORD
Councillor J. BELESKEY
Councillor P. BORNEMAN
Councillor B. KEITH
Councillor D. McCANN
Councillor C. McDONALD
Mayor J. McGARVEY

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: ☒ DEFEATED: ☐ Postponed to: _____

WHEREAS inclusive, evidence-based scientific research leads to better outcomes for Canadians by ensuring that all voices and experiences are reflected in the development of knowledge, treatments, and innovations;

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities benefit directly from research-informed policies on public health, infrastructure, education, environmental protection, and economic development;

WHEREAS diverse and inclusive research teams have been shown to generate more innovative, practical, and impactful solutions, and yet many equity-deserving groups, including women, remain underrepresented in science and research careers;

WHEREAS inclusive research strengthens our economy, healthcare system, and ability to address national and global challenges;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound supports the national call for stronger federal support for inclusive research that reflects the diversity of Canadian communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be shared with other municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and relevant provincial and federal representatives for consideration and support.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No. 274
Title: Notices of Motion
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Moved by D. DeGenova
Seconded by J. Palmateer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the cost which amounts to yet another provincial municipal download;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed Council hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ric Bresse, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

June 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council ratified the following motion:

Resolution 2025-185

Moved by: Councillor Harper

Seconded by: Councillor Scott

WHEREAS the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

WHEREAS the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019—set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household—fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
- Scot Davidson, Member of Parliament for New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be published on the Town's official website and communicated through the Town's official channels to raise awareness and gather public support.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs
Hon. Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury
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