



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie  
Council Correspondence

November 7, 2025

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# NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO AN APPROVED RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

**Project Name:** Goulais Wind Farm

**Renewable Energy Approval Number:** 3507-9ABJWH

**IESO Reference Number:** F-000662-WIN-130-601

**Project Location:** Section 12, Unorganized Township of Pennefather, District of Algoma (north of Sault Ste. Marie)

**Dated at District of Algoma this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2025.**

Chi-Wiikwedong LP, by its general partner Chi-Wiikwedong Holdings LP, by its general partner Chi-Wiikwedong GP Inc. (Goulais) was issued a Renewable Energy Approval on October 4, 2013 and amended on September 3, 2014, in respect

<https://capstoneinfrastructure.com/our-businesses/operating-facilities/Goulais-Wind>.

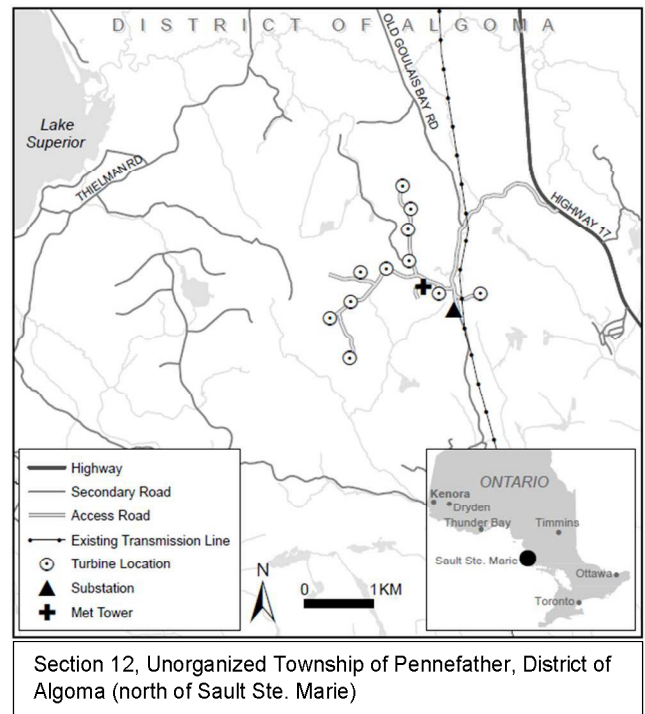
Goulais is proposing to make a change to the project and the project itself is subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act (Act)* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 32.2 of the Regulation. This notice is being distributed to make the public aware of a **proposed change to the project**.

## Project Description and Proposed Change:

Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the project in respect of which the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) was issued, is a Class 4 Wind Facility.

An application has been made to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to **change the project** and alter the terms and conditions of the existing Renewable Energy Approval as follows:

- The Project is proposing to amend the REA to update the maximum rating of each turbine to 2.5 MW from 2.3 MW to allow for operational flexibility. If approved with this change, this facility will continue to have a total maximum name plate capacity of 25 MW. The project location, taking the proposed change into account, remains the same and is described in the map below.
- Corporate Name Change. The name of the general partner of Chi-Wiikwedong LP is now Chi-Wiikwedong Holdings LP.



## Documents for Public Inspection:

Goulais has prepared a Modification Document to form part of the application to be submitted to the MECP. The Modification Document details the changes that are required to the supporting REA documents to reflect the amended

<https://capstoneinfrastructure.com/our-businesses/operating-facilities/Goulais-Wind>.

## Project Contacts and Information:

To learn more about the project proposal or to communicate concerns, please contact:

[njoseph@capstoneinfra.com](mailto:njoseph@capstoneinfra.com)

<https://capstoneinfrastructure.com/our-businesses/operating-facilities/Goulais-Wind>



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The Honorable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building Queen's Park  
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**Sent by E-Mail**

October 22, 2025

**Re: Provincial Decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)**

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on October 20, 2025:

Whereas, the Province of Ontario filed enabling regulations in December 2019, to prescribe the locations, fines, and signage for municipalities to utilize Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras (ASE) as a tool to address speeding and improve public safety; and

Whereas, the Province's ASE legislative framework, together with provincial encouragement in 2019, has led municipalities such as Ajax to implement ASE technology to improve safety, reduce speeding, and prevent serious collisions and fatalities; and

Whereas, the Provincial government, through the Ministry of Transportation, is responsible for the legislation, regulations and program standards governing municipal ASE programs; and

Whereas, some cities have implemented ASE programs without appropriate restraint, Ajax is part of the vast majority of municipalities who have implemented best practices endorsed by the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Traffic Council - including speed thresholds, advanced signage and public notification of ASE camera locations - that prioritize public safety while also ensuring transparency in the program, resulting in safer roads; and

Whereas, consistent with local, regional, national and international research, the Town of Ajax's ASE program has resulted in significant reductions in speed, increased speed compliance in Community Safety and School Zones, and

changes in driver behaviour as outlined in the October 23, 2023, Council report titled “Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Program Update”; and

Whereas, the Town of Ajax has not generated any net revenue from the Automated Speed Enforcement program. However, the Town has made considerable investments into resources and infrastructure to support this program, and entered into service agreements that cannot easily be cancelled; and

Whereas, despite clear evidence and proven results from municipalities like Ajax, municipalities were caught off guard by the Premier’s sudden announcement to cancel ASE programs across the province, made without adequate notice and consultation; and

Whereas, the Premier’s concerns regarding ASE can be addressed through amendments to provincial legislation, regulations and program standards that enable municipalities to utilize ASE within prescribed guidelines, without an outright ban on the technology; and

Whereas, on September 10, 2025, Mayor Collier wrote a letter to Premier Doug Ford calling on the continuation of ASE and offered to meet to highlight how these programs can be implemented with appropriate restraint and serve as valuable tools for improving safety that are supported by local residents.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council formally opposes the Province’s decision to abruptly cancel ASE, a public safety tool enabled through provincial regulations in December 2019; and
2. That Ajax Council requests the Provincial government to amend their legislation, regulations, and program standards governing ASE as follows:
  - a) Restrict the use of ASE to School locations
  - b) Use of ASE in areas that do not contain schools must be approved by the Minister of Transportation, supported by data clearly Internal demonstrating the need and a description of why alternative traffic calming measures are not suitable for the location.
  - c) Develop a revised fee schedule for ASE tickets that reduces the cost for lower speed infractions while maintaining higher penalties for excessive speeding and stunt driving
  - d) Develop new signage to include language indicating that the location is speed camera enforced

- e) Develop more visible ASE signage that includes the speed limit
  - f) That the Ministry of Transportation provide greater oversight and enforcement of Municipal ASE programs through regular audits; and
3. That should the provincial government proceed with banning the use of ASE despite Ajax and other municipalities immediate actions to address concerns and requests to work collaboratively with the Province and other municipalities to continue these programs, the Province be requested to reimburse municipalities for all costs incurred to implement ASE program; and
  4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax, local MPPs across the Region of Durham, John Henry, Chair of the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Regional Municipality of Durham, all Ontario Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), and the Ontario Traffic Council.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 365-885-6983 or [Thomas.street@ajax.ca](mailto:Thomas.street@ajax.ca)

Sincerely,



Thomas Street  
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor S. Lee  
Councillor R. Tyler Morin  
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation  
Rob Cerjanec, Ajax MPP  
Durham Region Local MPPs  
Durham Regional Chair John Henry  
The Regional Municipality of Durham  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police  
Ontario Traffic Council

# The Corporation of The Township of Stone Mills

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October 22, 2025

**Sent Via Email Only**

Re: Advocacy for Funds to Effectively Manage the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of September 15, 2025, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

## **Resolution 19-695-2025**

**Whereas** the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation has resulted in a substantial increase in dead ash trees throughout Ontario, resulting in extensive ecological, economic, and public safety challenges;

**And Whereas** dead ash trees contribute to potential hazards, including falling limbs, compromised power lines, and blocked transportation routes, posing significant threats to public safety;

**And Whereas** removing and replacing dead ash trees is a costly undertaking that imposes financial burdens on municipalities, private organizations, and individual property owners;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of Stone Mills formally requests that the Provincial and Federal governments establish a dedicated fund to assist municipal governments, private organizations, and property owners in effectively managing the removal and replanting of trees, thereby addressing the aftermath of the EAB infestation.

**Be It Further Resolved That** funding support should encompass:

1. Grants for municipalities to fund community-wide removal and replanting initiatives.
2. Financial assistance for private organizations engaged in environmentally restorative work.
3. Subsidies for individual property owners to safely remove and replace dead ash trees.

**And Be It Further Resolved That** this request be forwarded to relevant Provincial and Federal ministries and agencies involved in environmental management, forestry, and public safety.

**Be It Finally Resolved That** a supporting letter be drafted and disseminated to other municipalities across Ontario to encourage regional advocacy and collaboration in addressing this ecological challenge.

**Moved By** Councillor Fenwick  
**Seconded By** Deputy Woodcock  
**Carried**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*B Teeple*

**Brandi Teeple**  
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cc. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources  
Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health  
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga  
Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga  
Quinte Conservation  
Canadian Food Inspection Agency  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities



October 28, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: East Gwillimbury's Opposition to the *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*.**

For your information and records, at its meeting of Municipal Council held on October 21, 2025, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

*WHEREAS on April 17, 2025, the Government of Ontario brought forth Bill 5: "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy", a broad omnibus legislation that introduces sweeping changes to multiple environmental and planning statutes, including the Environmental Assessment Act, Endangered Species Act, Ontario Heritage Act, and others; and*

*WHEREAS this legislation was passed through the legislature in 49 days, thus limiting opportunities to provide feedback; and*

*WHEREAS Bill 5 received Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and*

*WHEREAS the "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy" Act, 2025 enables the creation of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), which allow the provincial cabinet to exempt projects from compliance with municipal bylaws, environmental protections, and Indigenous consultation obligations; and*

*WHEREAS lands under protection through various provisions, such as the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Greenbelt Protected Countryside, constitute 83% of the total EG area, which makes EG relevant in environmental stewardship for the Region and the Province; and*

*WHEREAS the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan are foundational to protecting the ecological and hydrological integrity of the region, and the provisions in the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 directly conflict with the objectives of these plans; and*

**Town of East Gwillimbury**

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*WHEREAS in alignment with the 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan, EG Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2023 and approved the EG's Thinking Green Environmental Strategy in 2024, highlighting EG's commitments and efforts to preserve and restore the environment as EG grows; and*

*WHEREAS the Town of East Gwillimbury achieved 92% of its 2024 housing target, regardless of current environmental provisions, demonstrating that promoting sustainable growth is not only responsible but necessary;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges the stated goals of economic growth and development in the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, but expresses serious concerns with the Act as it interferes with local planning, limits public consultation, is inconsistent with the principles of free, prior and informed consent in consultation processes with Indigenous communities, and weakens protections to heritage and species, and formally opposes the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 in its current form; and*

*THAT Council endorses the position of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in requesting that municipalities be included in the development of any regulatory frameworks related to Special Economic Zones; and*

*THAT Council directs staff to submit this resolution 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 Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs, President of the Treasury Board, and MPP for York-Simcoe*
- *The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)*
- *All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration*
- *The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)*
- *Donna Big Canoe, Chief of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation*
- *Abram Benedict, Ontario Regional Chief (ORC) for the Chiefs of Ontario; and*

*THAT Council encourages residents to contact their MPPs to express concerns about the impacts of the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, on local governance, environmental protection, and Indigenous rights..*

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Amanda McNeil, Hon. B.A., M.M.St.  
Legislative Coordinator

CC:

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs, President of the  
Treasury Board, and MPP for York–Simcoe  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario municipalities  
The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)  
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October 23, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

**Re: Norfolk County Council – Letter of support for the Regional Municipality of Waterloo**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County, Council passed the following resolution on October 15, 2025, Council-in-Committee meeting:

**Resolution No. CIC-263**

Moved By: Councillor Van Paassen

Seconded By: Councillor Brunton

That Council support the resolution from the municipality of Waterloo, and send a letter to all ministers, ministries and all municipalities.

In addition, Council endorsed the following resolution made by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/2, 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 business improvement areas, places of worship, daycares, camp grounds, public facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks; and

Whereas the province amended Ontario Regulation 391/2 to not expand services for new public space recycling; and

Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Therefore, be it resolved that Region of Waterloo Council request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21, Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources as stated above; and

Further that Council request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

That Minister McCarthy be asked to provide more information on the estimated \$171M in savings for municipalities through this program. of their residents and businesses

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact the Office of the County Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: [Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca](mailto:Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca).

Sincerely,

*T. Rodrigues*

Tracey Rodrigues  
Deputy County Clerk  
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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE**



**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 5.4.1.  
**Resolution Number** 2025-241  
**Title:** Resolution of Support - Stop the Spray Canada  
**Date:** October 15, 2025

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**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution No. 125-2025 passed on August 7, 2025 by the The Corporation of the Township of Moonbeam, regarding the aerial spraying of glyphosate;**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks; our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and all Ontario Municipalities.**

  
MAYOR

CARRIED

October 27, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney P.C., O.C., M.P.  
Office of the Prime Minister of Canada  
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The Honourable Doug Ford MPP  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford:

**Re: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability**

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At its meeting of October 21, 2025, the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury adopted the enclosed motion calling on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to remove the federal and provincial portions of the HST from new homes purchased as primary residences.

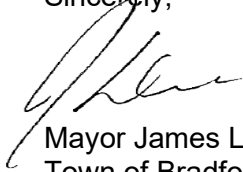
This measure would extend the relief already provided for purpose-built rental housing to families seeking to buy their first home. It represents a practical, immediate step toward improving affordability and supporting new housing supply.

For an average new home in our community, the 13 percent HST adds tens of thousands of dollars to the purchase price, a burden that directly undermines our shared goal of making homeownership affordable for working families and seniors. Removing that tax would provide meaningful relief.

Bradford West Gwillimbury is one of Ontario's fastest-growing municipalities, investing heavily in growth-related infrastructure while working to keep housing within reach. We urge both levels of government to work together on this change as part of a broader strategy to make homeownership attainable again for young Canadians. Simply put, cutting taxes in this way will help make life more affordable.

We would welcome the opportunity to contribute to any federal-provincial review of housing-related taxation and policy tools that can help deliver more affordable homes.

Sincerely,



Mayor James Leduc  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury



Jonathan Scott  
Councillor, Ward 2

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cc:

Hon. François-Phillipe Champagne PC MP  
Hon Peter Bethlenfavy MPP  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney MPP  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
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Hon. Gregor Robertson PC MP  
Hon. Rob Flack MPP  
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)





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November 6, 2025

Via email: [mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Hon. Mark Carney,

**Re: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability**

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Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their November 3, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

444-2025

Moved By: Ted Oke

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

**That South Huron Council supports the October 21, 2025 Resolution of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding removing HST/GST from new homes to support housing affordability; and**

**That the supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Lobb and MPP Thompson, AMO, and to all municipalities in Ontario.**

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator  
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Encl.

cc: Minister of Finance and National Revenue, Hon. Francois-Philippe Champagne, [minister-ministre@fin.gc.ca](mailto:minister-ministre@fin.gc.ca); Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Hon. Gregor Robertson, [gregor.robertson@parl.gc.ca](mailto:gregor.robertson@parl.gc.ca); Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford, [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org); Ontario Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, [peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org); Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack, [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org); MP Lobb, [ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca); MPP Thompson, [lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org); AMO, [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca); and all Ontario Municipalities

September 30, 2025

**CL 14-2025, September 25, 2025**

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**Motion Respecting State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions**

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2025, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Niagara Region issued three separate declarations of emergency in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction on February 23, 2023, recognizing that the scope and scale of the crisis surpasses the Region's capacity to respond effectively; and

WHEREAS following the submission of the three declarations of emergency, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) has engaged with the Region's Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC); and

WHEREAS these issues have continued to intensify and add further strain to the social support system in Niagara over the past two years; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are continuing to experience similar challenges; and

WHEREAS a coordinated, province-wide approach and associated funding support is required to address the growing emergency of mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction, the scale of which falls well beyond the scope of what a municipality can address.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That Niagara Region **ADVOCATES** that the Province support a coordinated approach between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address ongoing challenges related to mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction;
2. That Niagara Region **FORMALLY ADVOCATES** for Provincial funding to address identified gaps in programs and services contributing to the state of emergency including affordable housing, supportive housing, addictions treatment, and mental health supports for vulnerable populations; and

3. That this motion **BE SENT** to the Provincial and Federal Governments, FCM, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk

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Distribution List

Premier of Ontario  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

October 29, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General  
The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety  
The Honourable Ruby Sahota, Secretary of State  
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General  
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General

***BY EMAIL ONLY***

**RE: Resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities**

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their October 23, 2025 Council meeting, and at the request of the Regional Municipality of Halton, passed the following resolution regarding Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities.

Whereas community safety is a top priority for all levels of government;

And whereas, Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the motion passed by the Regional Municipality of Halton, enclosed herewith;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Wasaga Beach:

1. Supports Halton Region's motion and the steps already taken by the federal government, including Bill C-48;
2. Urges the Government of Canada to move quickly on its promise to further strengthen bail and sentencing laws;
3. Calls on the Province of Ontario to invest more in the justice system, including:
  - a. Better bail enforcement and monitoring,
  - b. More resources for prosecutors and courts,
  - c. More judges and detention facilities;
4. Supports a coordinated national approach involving all levels of government to improve community safety and fix gaps in bail and sentencing;

And be it further resolved that the Town of Wasaga Beach supports these future reforms:

- Expanding reverse onus for repeat violent offenders,
- Stronger mandatory bail conditions (e.g., firearm bans, curfews, electronic monitoring),
- Limits on multiple bail releases for serious violent offenders,
- Better information-sharing between police, prosecutors, and correctional services,
- Making community and victim impact a key part of bail decisions;



## TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

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### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

And further that the Town supports reviewing time limits and rules in the Criminal Code that could lead to serious cases being thrown out;

And that this motion be shared with:

- Federal and provincial government leaders and relevant ministers,
- Local MPs and MPPs,
- Police and justice associations,
- Municipal associations like AMO and FCM,
- Regional Municipality of Halton
- All municipalities within the Province of Ontario

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [mayor@wasagabeach.com](mailto:mayor@wasagabeach.com) or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2225.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith  
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

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cc: Federal and provincial government leaders and relevant ministers,  
Local MPs and MPPs,  
Police and justice associations,  
Municipal associations like AMO and FCM,  
Regional Municipality of Halton  
All municipalities within the Province of Ontario



**VIA EMAIL**

Friday, October 3, 2025

Corporate Services Department  
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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General  
The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety  
The Honourable Ruby Sahota, Secretary of State  
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General  
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION:      Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities**

WHEREAS community safety is the foremost responsibility of all levels of government, including federal, provincial/territorial, and municipal authorities;  
AND WHEREAS recent violent home invasions in Halton Region and across Canada highlight the ongoing need to evaluate and strengthen bail laws and the administration of justice to better protect communities;

AND WHEREAS repeat violent offenders continue to be granted bail in some instances, placing victims, families, and first responders at risk, and public confidence in the justice system is undermined when such offenders are quickly returned to the community;

AND WHEREAS the federal government passed Bill C-48, which came into force in January 2024, introducing key reforms to the Criminal Code, including:

- A new reverse onus provision targeting repeat violent offending involving weapons,
- An expanded list of firearms offences triggering reverse onus,

- Requirements for courts to consider an accused's violent history and state on the record their consideration of community safety;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has committed to tabling additional legislation during the Fall 2025 session of Parliament to further strengthen community safety, including reforms related to bail and sentencing;

AND WHEREAS the provinces and territories are responsible for the administration of justice, including:

- Appointing justices of the peace and judges,
- Managing court operations and bail monitoring,
- Hiring and managing Crown Attorneys,
- Funding and overseeing provincial police services and detention centres;

AND WHEREAS on November 13, 2024, the Police Association of Ontario (PAO), the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA), and the Toronto Police Association (TPA), representing 35,000 police members in Ontario, called for urgent action to ensure violent and repeat offenders are not released pending trial, and similar calls have been echoed by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and Canada's Premiers;

AND WHEREAS strengthening bail provisions and the broader justice system requires ongoing collaboration across all levels of government, and doing so would reduce pressures on local police services, the courts, and municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:

THAT Halton Regional Council:

1. Recognizes the steps already taken by the federal government through Bill C-48 and acknowledges the commitment to introduce further legislation in Fall 2025;
2. Calls on the Government of Canada to prioritize and expedite the introduction of its promised bail and sentencing reforms in the upcoming session of Parliament;
3. Calls on the Province of Ontario to invest in and strengthen the administration of justice, including:
  - Enhancing bail enforcement and monitoring,

- Increasing resources for Crown prosecutors and court operations, including the previously announced courthouse for Halton
- Expanding judicial capacity and detention infrastructure;
- 4. Encourages a national, coordinated approach involving all levels of government to ensure community safety is not compromised by gaps in bail or sentencing systems.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- THAT Halton Regional Council calls for the following policy considerations in future reforms:
  - Expanding reverse onus provisions for repeat violent offenders,
  - Establishing stronger mandatory bail conditions, including firearm prohibitions, curfews, electronic monitoring, and no-contact orders,
  - Limiting multiple bail releases for individuals with histories of serious violent offences,
  - Improving inter-agency information sharing among police, Crown prosecutors, and corrections,
  - Prioritizing victim and community impact in bail decisions;
- THAT Halton Regional Council calls on the federal and provincial governments to review Criminal Code time limits and rules for stay of proceedings in cases involving serious and violent offences;
- THAT this motion be forwarded to:
  - The Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Minister of Public Safety, the Secretary of State (Combatting Crime),
  - The Premier of Ontario, Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario,
  - All federal and provincial parties in the House of Commons and Ontario Legislature;
  - Halton's Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament,
  - The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Association of Ontario, and the Ontario Provincial Police Association;
  - Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) and Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG);



- Halton's Local Municipalities;
- THAT this motion be shared with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all municipalities across Ontario and Canada, encouraging them to pass similar motions in a spirit of collaborative, cross-jurisdictional reform.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,



Graham Milne  
Regional Clerk  
[Graham.Milne@halton.ca](mailto:Graham.Milne@halton.ca)

c.  
The Honourable Pierre Poilievre, Leader of Official Opposition  
Yves-François Blanchet, Leader of Bloc Québécois  
Don Davies, Interim Leader of NDP  
Elizabeth May, Leader of Green Party  
Halton MPs  
Halton MPPs  
Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police  
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police  
Police Association of Ontario  
Ontario Provincial Police Association  
Ontario Association of Police Boards  
Canadian Association of Police Governance  
City Clerk's Office, City of Burlington  
Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director, Legislative Services, Town of Halton Hills  
Meaghen Reid, Director, Legislative & Legal Services/Town Clerk, Town of Milton  
William Short, Town Clerk, Town of Oakville  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
all municipalities across Ontario and Canada



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Resolution # RC25170	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>L. K. Gots</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hayfield</i>

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has introduced new regulations, effective January 1, 2025, requiring grocery stores with over 4,000 square feet of retail space to accept empty alcohol containers and return deposits as a condition of maintaining their liquor licenses; and

**WHEREAS** many large retailers have raised concerns about this obligation due to logistical challenges, including costs, space limitations, and insufficient infrastructure to manage high volumes of returned containers and local residents in Wawa are very upset that there will be no location in the community or area accepting empty alcohol containers; and

**WHEREAS** this change may negatively impact vulnerable populations, including low-income individuals who depend on bottle returns as a modest yet vital source of income and will increase the amount of waste being dumped at the municipal landfill; and

**WHEREAS** the ongoing privatization and deregulation of Ontario's previously effective bottle return program threaten to undermine decades of progress in sustainable waste management, environmental stewardship, and circular economy practices; and

**WHEREAS** the lack of a clear, accessible, and equitable alternative for recycling alcohol containers may place additional strain on municipal waste systems and contribute to increased environmental degradation;

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# The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the development of an accessible, province-wide, and publicly accountable alcohol container return system that:

1. Protects low-income earners and vulnerable residents who rely on bottle returns;
2. Closes gaps in the deposit-return cycle to reduce landfill waste and environmental harm;
3. Provides adequate infrastructure, training, and support to retailers participating in the return system;
4. Ensures strong, consistent enforcement and oversight of return program compliance;
5. Safeguards the public interest in recycling and waste diversion amid increasing privatization pressures;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council urges the Government of Ontario to collaborate meaningfully with municipalities, retailers, environmental organizations, and experts to implement a fair, effective, and inclusive solution that ensures the long-term success of Ontario's deposit-return and recycling systems;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their support and consideration.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Resolution # RC25121	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>

**WHEREAS** The Beer Store has closed more than 70 of its store locations across the Province since the Ford Government made the decision to end its exclusivity agreement with The Beer Store and allowed other locations like convenience and grocery stores to sell beer, wine and mixed alcoholic drinks; and

**WHEREAS** many of the retail stores being closed are in small, northern communities such as Chapleau, Atikokan, Powassan and Blind River where The Beer Store is very important to the local community; and

**WHEREAS** the presence of The Beer Store in Northern Ontario communities and in Wawa, provides good paying jobs, convenient access to beer sales for tourists looking to purchase a variety of Canadian made beer products not carried in other locations and contributes to the local and provincial economy; and

**WHEREAS** The Beer Store closure in Wawa would lead to job losses in the community and negatively impact the local economy;

**NOWHEREFORE** Council of the Municipality of Wawa request that the Provincial Government take the steps necessary to preserve the presence of The Beer Store in small, rural and northern communities and that it request that The Beer Store reconsider its decision to close additional Beer Stores in Ontario, especially in small, northern communities.

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy the Minister of Finance, Honourable Victor Fedeli the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Bill Rosenberg the M.P.P. Algoma-Manitoulin, FONOM, NOMA, and AMO.

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		
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

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October 17, 2025

The Beer Store  
Corporate Office | 2258 Coleraine Drive  
Bolton, ON L7E 3A9

Attention: Roy Benin

Dear Mr. Benin.

The closing of The Beer Store is the final nail in the coffin for those of us in the town of Wawa who are interested in our environment and recycling. I am not a consumer of alcohol, but since 1992, I have picked up the sad, abandoned packaging others have thrown out on the sides of our roads.

As a volunteer, I have cleaned our outdoors of trash by the truckloads and most of it was made up of beer and wine containers. Having a European background and knowing that even pop cans have a deposit of 10 cents on them there, it is with tears in my eyes that I see the loss of a place to turn in recyclables.

I fought the bureaucracy, wrote to companies and ministers about the abuse of our environment and the renewable resources until finally a deposit was established here in Ontario. The program encourages people to turn in their recyclables rather than putting them in the landfill and the pennies add up.

Here in the north, we live in an "untouched" wilderness and try to promote this for tourism, hunting, and fishing. Often, one of the first stops in town is The Beer Store. Why is this now closed when the nearest store is over 200 km away and there is now no place to accept the empties? Our grocery store had beer and wine when that program was first introduced, but has now cut back as they don't want to accept the recyclables. The one convenience store is also not set up for recyclables and doesn't carry the selection of products The Beer Store did.

So, while it is still possible to purchase a limited selection in our town, the loss of the recycling program affects us deeply. Many organizations, such as skating clubs, hockey teams, Boy Scouts/Girl Guides and even retirees profit from the deposit through bottle drives. These assist the community and keep our outdoors clean to benefit the environment as well. Cans and bottles do not disintegrate in the outdoors. To the contrary, broken glass hurts people and wildlife both. Why are we going backwards on this important recycling project? Why are we in the North forgotten.

We will be drowning in beer cans without a recycling program. What is the solution? Please find one as it is you and this government that have made these changes.

Sincerely,



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



**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 5.4.2.  
**Resolution Number** 2025-241  
**Title:** Resolution of Support - Closure of Before and After School Programs  
**Date:** October 15, 2025

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**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater, at its Regular Meeting of September 2, 2025, passed a Resolution urging the Province of Ontario to address the staffing shortages leading to the closure of before and after school programs;**

**AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St-Charles is experiencing a similar challenge, whereby financing for before and after school programming is provided through the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, but the managing organization has been unable to recruit sufficient staff to operate programs in our local school, despite the existence of a substantial waiting list of families requiring care;**

**AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of St-Charles recognizes the importance of before and after school programs in providing a trusted, safe, and consistent environment for children outside of regular school hours—support that many working parents and guardians rely upon to balance their employment and family responsibilities;**

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of St-Charles hereby supports the Municipality of Bluewater's September 2, 2025 resolution regarding the closure of before and after school programs;**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education; John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming—Cochrane; and all Ontario municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR





**Date:**

8 October 2025

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**Moved By:**

Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

**Seconded By:**

Councillor Alex Boughen

Whereas conservation authorities serve a critical function in safeguarding Ontario's natural heritage, overseeing watershed management, mitigating flood risks, and advancing climate resilience;

And whereas the Province of Ontario's recent mandate to freeze conservation authority fees has significantly hindered their capacity to deliver essential services;

And whereas Conservation Authorities are now expected to process an increasing volume of permit applications under a fee structure that remains frozen, despite rising costs of living and wage pressures, further compounding operational and fiscal challenges;

And whereas municipalities are increasingly compelled to absorb the resulting financial shortfalls, leading to unsustainable downloading of costs onto local taxpayers;

And whereas the intent behind the provincial fee freeze was to reduce development-related expenses and accelerate housing supply;

And whereas this policy has inadvertently shifted the financial burden from a user-pay cost recovery model to the municipal tax base, thereby straining local budgets and compromising the principle of fair and equitable funding;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming urges the Province of Ontario to reconsider the fee freeze mandate and to implement a funding framework that protects municipal taxpayers from cost recovery deficits, while supporting a sustainable and balanced approach to conservation authority financing.

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Carried

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Gary L. Atkinson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Netty McEwen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alex Boughen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristen Rodrigues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John van Klaveren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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