



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

July 17, 2026

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Federal Review of DGR as a Potential National Interest Project Highlights Need for Highway 11 and 17 Investment

June 24, 2026, Thunder Bay, ON & Kapuskasing, ON – The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) welcome the federal government's decision to initiate the process toward potential listing of the proposed Deep Geological Repository (DGR) in Ignace as a project of national interest.

While the project has not yet been designated, the announcement recognizes the potential national significance of Canada's long-term strategy for managing used nuclear fuel. NOMA and FONOM stress that the project must proceed through rigorous regulatory, environmental, scientific, and Indigenous consultation processes before any final decisions are made.

"The federal government's announcement reinforces an important reality: nation-building projects require nation-building infrastructure," said NOMA President Rick Dumas. "Whether we are talking about critical minerals, national defence, energy development, or the future transportation of used nuclear fuel, Highway 11 and Highway 17 remain essential to connecting Northern Ontario and Canada."

FONOM President Dave Plourde added that planning for future infrastructure demands cannot wait until projects are approved.

"Major highway projects take years to plan, design, permit, and build," said Plourde. "If governments believe these projects are important to Canada's future, then they must also recognize the importance of investing now in the transportation corridors that will support them."

NOMA and FONOM note that the federal government is also advancing the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project and the Grays Bay Road and Port Project through the same national interest review process. These projects recognize the importance of strategic transportation infrastructure in supporting Canada's economic development, northern growth, sovereignty, and long-term national interests.

The same conversation must occur around Highway 11 and Highway 17.

Highway 11 and Highway 17 form Canada's primary east-west transportation corridor through Northern Ontario, serving as a critical link for trade, supply chains, emergency services, resource development, and community connectivity. They are also the lifeline for hundreds of communities across the North.

Recent discussions involving NOMA, FONOM, Premier Doug Ford, Minister George Pirie, and federal Transport Minister Steven MacKinnon have reinforced the importance



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of Highway 11 and Highway 17 as strategic national infrastructure. Following meetings with both provincial and federal leaders this month, municipal leaders have renewed calls for the corridor to be recognized as a national priority for expansion, modernization, and long-term investment.

Should the Deep Geological Repository ultimately proceed, transportation associated with the project could occur on Northern Ontario highways within the coming decades. Preparing for that future requires a highway system that is safe, reliable, resilient, and capable of supporting nationally significant projects.

NOMA and FONOM continue to call on the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to work together to identify and advance priority segments for expansion, twinning, and safety improvements along Highway 11 and Highway 17.

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June 26, 2026

Re: Public Consultation on the Future of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport

To Whom It May Concern:

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is pleased to support the federal and provincial initiatives aimed at modernizing and strengthening the future of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

FONOM represents more than 110 municipalities, covering nearly 65 percent of Ontario's landmass. Reliable transportation links are essential to the economic vitality, health care access, tourism growth, and business development of Northern Ontario communities. Billy Bishop Airport plays an important role in connecting Northern Ontario residents, businesses, and visitors to the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) and beyond.

For many residents of Northern Ontario, Billy Bishop Airport provides efficient access to specialized health care services, government meetings, educational opportunities, and business activities located in Toronto's downtown core. The airport also serves as a valuable gateway for tourists and investors travelling to Northern Ontario, helping support local economies across the region.

FONOM has previously supported investments that enhanced the airport's capacity and long-term viability, including the runway extension. We continue to recognize the importance of maintaining and expanding transportation infrastructure that strengthens connections between Northern Ontario and the province's economic heart.

As governments consider the future of Billy Bishop Airport, FONOM supports initiatives that improve passenger choice, strengthen regional and national connectivity, modernize airport operations, and create opportunities for economic growth. Increased air service and improved accessibility will benefit not only Toronto and Southern Ontario but also communities across Northern Ontario that depend on efficient transportation links.

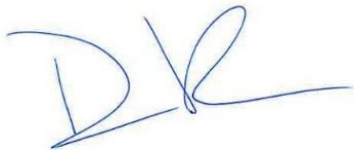
In addition, FONOM respectfully requests confirmation that air ambulance services transporting patients from Northern Ontario will continue to have uninterrupted landing privileges at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. For many patients requiring urgent access to specialized medical care in downtown Toronto, Billy Bishop provides the most direct and efficient point of arrival. Preserving this access is essential to ensuring timely medical treatment and maintaining equitable health care services for Northern Ontarians.

We believe Billy Bishop Airport will continue to serve as a strategic transportation asset that supports health care access, emergency medical transportation, business development, tourism, and economic growth throughout Ontario.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important initiative. We appreciate your

consideration of these comments and look forward to your confirmation regarding the continued access of Northern Ontario air ambulance services to Billy Bishop Airport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Plourde', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Plourde
President
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FONOM Welcomes Northern Shield Energy Corridor as an Opportunity for Northern Ontario and Canada

July 6, 2026 – North Bay, ON – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) welcomes today's announcement by Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Alberta Premier Danielle Smith identifying the proposed route for the Northern Shield Energy Corridor.

FONOM believes the proposed corridor represents an important opportunity to strengthen Canada's economy, improve energy security and reinforce Northern Ontario's role in supporting nation-building infrastructure.

"Today's announcement demonstrates the growing recognition that Canada's future economic prosperity depends on building major infrastructure entirely within our own borders," said FONOM President Dave Plourde. "Northern Ontario has long been a strategic transportation and resource corridor, and initiatives like the Northern Shield Energy Corridor further reinforce the importance of investing in our region."

FONOM noted that Northern Ontario is already central to Canada's mining, forestry, energy and transportation sectors. As new energy, critical mineral and industrial projects advance, investments in supporting infrastructure will become increasingly important.

"Building an energy corridor is only one part of the equation," Plourde added. "To fully realize its economic potential, governments must continue investing in the transportation, housing, skilled workforce, broadband and municipal infrastructure that allows communities to grow and support major projects."

FONOM has consistently advocated for strategic investments in Highway 11 and Highway 17, recognizing these corridors as nationally significant transportation routes that support trade, resource development, emergency response, tourism and supply chains across Canada.

"The discussion surrounding this project further strengthens the case for continued investment in Northern Ontario's transportation network," said Plourde. "If Canada is serious about nation-building, it must ensure the highways, communities and infrastructure that connect our country are ready to support that vision."

FONOM also recognizes the importance of meaningful consultation and partnership with Indigenous communities as the feasibility study progresses and supports opportunities for Indigenous participation and long-term economic development.

The Federation looks forward to working collaboratively with the provincial and federal governments, Indigenous partners, municipalities and industry as planning continues.

"Projects of this scale have the potential to create lasting economic opportunities for Northern Ontario," said Plourde. "By working together, we can strengthen Canada's economy while creating new opportunities for our northern communities and future generations."

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June 22, 2026

RE: 6.8 Township of Stone Mills Opposition to Changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 27, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-171:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda item 6.8 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the Township of Stone Mills opposition to the changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly as well as to MPP Joseph Racinsky.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk



CC: All Ontario Municipalities and MPP's

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May 14, 2026

Sent Via Email Only

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Township of Stone Mills opposition to the changes to Ontario's Freedom of
Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of April 13, 2026, Township of
Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 30-706-2026

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information
and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet
ministers and their staff from public access requests;

AND Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records
related to matters of public interest;

AND Whereas the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario has warned that these
changes would reduce transparency and accountability, Freedom of Information laws are an
essential to the public trust and democratic accountability;

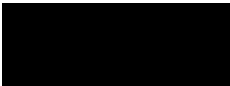
Therefore Be It Resolved That Stone Mills Township oppose the proposed changes to
FIPPA;

1. Call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain
accessible to the public;
2. Urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of
Ontario and the public before proceeding;
3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister,
all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Moved By Councillor Woodcock
Seconded By Councillor Milligan
Carried

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

Sincerely,



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cc. All Ontario Municipalities
All MPP's



June 22, 2026

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

RE: Prince Edward County: Resolution No. 2026-208 Regarding Reinstating the Requirements for Compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on June 16th, 2026, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2026-06-16

MOVED BY: Keith Kerr

SECONDED BY: Greg Hallam

“WHEREAS, all residents of Ontario have the right to fair, open and democratic government;

AND WHEREAS, all elected representatives, municipal and provincial alike, in Ontario have a duty to faithfully execute the powers and trust placed in them and willingly swear an oath to this effect and are subject to fair public scrutiny;

AND WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) are essential tools to protect Ontarians against privacy breaches, and abuses of power;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 97, the Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026, which received Royal Assent on April 24, 2026, and introduced significant amendments to both FIPPA and MFIPPA to alter statutory timelines and privacy governance frameworks;



AND WHEREAS, the amendments introduced via Bill 97 have created a jurisdictional imbalance by excluding records held by provincial Ministers, their offices, and staff from the application of FIPPA, while maintaining the statutory responsibilities and administrative burdens for municipal elected officials and staff under MFIPPA, thereby establishing higher standards for transparency and personal record accountability for municipal governments;

AND WHEREAS, excluding members of the highest offices and their staff from reasonable public access requests and records retention creates security concerns, reinforces the appearance of self-dealing and is contrary to the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Tay Valley Township Council call on the Province to reinstate requirements for compliance with FIPPA to ensure that the Premier, Ministers, and their staff are subject to proper and fair public scrutiny like all other elected representatives in Ontario;

THAT, the Government of Ontario implement recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to increase and ensure proper security, record keeping and democratic accountability;

AND THAT, this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Bethlenfalvy, MPP John Jordan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the 444 municipalities of Ontario."

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MR" followed by a long horizontal line and a stylized flourish.

Mary Remmig, Deputy Clerk

cc: Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy;
MPP John Jordan;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
All Municipalities of Ontario."



June 24, 2026

To: Ontario municipalities affected by the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes Program

RE: Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes Program – Municipal Collaboration Opportunity

On behalf of the Town of Penetanguishene, I am writing to share the enclosed Council resolution regarding the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program and to invite your municipality to participate in a collective discussion on this matter.

The Heads and Beds PILT program, originally established in 1970 and last updated in 1987, to \$75 per head/bed for provincially owned institutional facilities. As you may be aware, this rate has remained unchanged for nearly four decades and has not kept pace with inflation, municipal service responsibilities, or other Provincial PILT programs.

As a result, municipalities hosting these facilities continue to experience growing financial pressures, as the funding received does not reflect the true cost of providing essential municipal services.

The Town of Penetanguishene has made continuous efforts over several years to seek a fair and reasonable resolution to this matter, including multiple delegations with the Ministry of Finance. Despite these efforts, the current system remains, in our view, both outdated and inequitable.

We recognize that Penetanguishene is not alone in facing these challenges. Other municipalities across Ontario may be experiencing similar financial impacts as a result of this outdated program. As part of our ongoing advocacy efforts, we are reaching out to municipalities that receive Heads and Beds PILT funding to gauge interest in participating in a collective discussion. The intent is to determine whether there is a shared municipal interest in pursuing a collaborative advocacy approach with the Provincial Government to seek a complete review of the program and a fair and equitable solution.

If your municipality is interested in taking part in a joint discussion, or if you wish to share your experience on this issue, we welcome the opportunity to connect. Please confirm your municipalities interest by emailing our Executive Assistant, Emily Dermott-Simpson at edermott-simpson@penetanguishene.ca.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your leadership and look forward to hearing from you.



Sincerely,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

Doug Rawson, Mayor
Town of Penetanguishene



COUNCIL RESOLUTION FORM

Date: May 5, 2026 **Disposition:** CARRIED

Moved by: Deputy Mayor D. La Rose **Item No.:** 10 vi.
Seconded by: Councillor G. Vadeboncoeur

Description: Resolution – Heads and Beds In-Lieu of Taxes

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes program was established in 1970 at a fixed rate of \$25 per full-time university student, increased to \$50 in 1973 when hospitals and provincial correctional facilities were included, and last increased in 1987 to \$75 per head/bed; and

WHEREAS the fixed rate has remained unchanged for nearly four decades and has not kept pace with inflation, which would place the rate at approximately \$180 today; and

WHEREAS the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes has also not kept pace with provincially mandated municipal service responsibilities or other Provincial payment-in-lieu programs that are based on property assessment and municipal tax rates; and

WHEREAS the Town of Penetanguishene has formally requested regulatory amendments through multiple delegations with the Ministry of Finance, seeking a fair and reasonable resolution to the current situation, which the Town considers to be unfair and unreasonable; and

WHEREAS the Town is of the opinion that a complete and thorough review of the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes program is necessary to ensure municipalities and

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
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	Yea	Nay
S. Marchand		
B. Waters		
G. Vadeboncoeur		
D. La Rose		
B. Desroches		
D. Leroux		
D. Rawson		


MAYOR

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



local taxpayers are treated fairly and equitably in relation to the costs associated with provincially owned facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene direct staff to circulate this resolution to affected municipalities across the Province of Ontario to gauge interest in participating in a collective lobbying initiative regarding the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of this outreach is to determine whether there is shared municipal interest in pursuing collaborative advocacy with the Provincial Government to seek a fair and equitable approach to the Heads and Beds Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes program.

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
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	Yea	Nay
S. Marchand		
B. Waters		
G. Vadeboncoeur		
D. La Rose		
B. Desroches		
D. Leroux		
D. Rawson		



MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

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Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated
he/her/their seat(s) abstained from
discussion and did not vote.



June 25, 2026

Please be advised that at the **June 23, 2026** Township of Cramahe Council Meeting the following resolution was passed:

Resolution Number: 2026-165

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councilor Schriver

WHEREAS amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act established timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, with the current deadline set for January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS municipalities require additional time and resources to evaluate listed properties and determine whether designation is warranted under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the Township of Cramahe Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of May 29, 2026, recommended that Council advocate for a further extension of the current deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Cramahe endorse the recommendation of the Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and

THAT the Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Result: **CARRIED**

Sincerely,

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Council Meeting

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

Moved by: Beth Blackwell
Seconded by: Jennifer Prenger

Whereas amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

Whereas the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Carried'

Tracey Guy

Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2026/07/06)
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Clerk



TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Elliott

Resolution # **269-06-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Hooper

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Township of Armour in their call to the Government of Ontario and Canada to prioritize the development of new and upgraded highway rest stops and traveler infrastructure along Highways 11 and 17 across Northern Ontario and they be so told.

Mayor

Brenda Reid

Clerk

Stasia Carr

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



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 4.4.3.
Resolution Number 2026-158
Title: Correspondence - Armour - Hwy 11 and 17 - Rest Stops / Areas
Date: June 17, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 2026-158 passed by the Township of Armour regarding rest stops and service areas along Highways 11 and 17;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



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Date: May 26, 2026

Motion # 2026-158

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried / Defeated

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:

Recorded vote requested by:



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Date: May 26, 2026

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod
Brandt, Jerry
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy
Ward, Rod
Whitwell, Wendy

For	Opposed
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June 25, 2026

Re: Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of Municipal Voters Lists

Please be advised that at its regular County Council meeting held Wednesday, June 24, 2026, the Council of the County of Peterborough passed the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 129-2026

Moved by Councillor Carolyn Amyotte

Seconded by Councillor Carol Armstrong

Whereas the Province of Ontario shifted responsibility of the municipal election voters list from MPAC to Elections Ontario by amending the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, through the Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020, effective after the 2022 municipal election; and

Whereas many of the eight lower-tier Township elector lists presented by Elections Ontario have discrepancies in voter counts from the 2022 municipal election, specifically in the number of eligible non-resident property owners which are significantly lower than the 2022 numbers; and

Whereas Elections Ontario has acknowledged the discrepancies and is planning to address them;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the County of Peterborough urges the Province of Ontario to immediately encourage prioritization of the review of data specifically related to non-resident property owners to ensure voter lists are as accurate as possible prior to August 14, 2026; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPPs, AMO, ROMA, AMCTO, EOWC, FOCA, all Ontario municipalities and the eight lower-tier Township Clerks for support.

Sincerely,

Kari Stevenson

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk





July 16, 2026

Via email only

Re: Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of Municipal Voters' Lists

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held July 14, 2026, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2026-273**

Moved by Councillor Franzen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Armstrong

That Council support the following resolution from the County of Peterborough regarding Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of the Municipal Voters' Lists:

Whereas the Province of Ontario shifted responsibility of the municipal election voters list from MPAC to Elections Ontario by amending the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, through the Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020, effective after the 2022 municipal election; and
Whereas many of the eight lower-tier Township elector lists presented by Elections Ontario have discrepancies in voter counts from the 2022 municipal election, specifically in the number of eligible non-resident property owners which are significantly lower than the 2022 numbers; and
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Carried.

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

cc: All Ontario municipalities
Peterborough County Lower Tier Municipalities

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June 25, 2026

Via Email

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

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

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

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



Kathryn Douglas
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All Ontario Municipalities



Council Correspondence July 17, 2026

**The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting**

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

Moved by: Councillor Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

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

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

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

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

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

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June 25, 2026

Via Email

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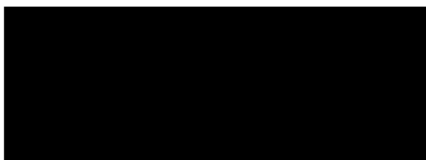
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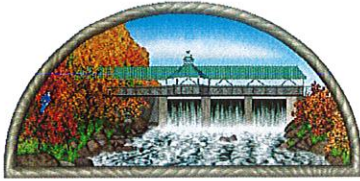
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All Ontario Municipalities



The Municipality of the
VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

Moved By: A-B Date: June 16, 2026

Seconded By: N.K Resolution # 2026- 168

Be it resolved;

THAT the Council of The Village of Burk's Falls receives the presentation from Austin Toth;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the retention of the Cancer/Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to allow the collection of signatures via a copy of the available petition to the public at the municipal office.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to distribute this resolution to all municipalities.

Recorded Vote requested by: _____

Ryan Baptiste	for / opposed
Ashley Brandt	for / opposed
Sean Cotton	for / opposed
Chris Hope	for / opposed
Nancy Kyte	for / opposed

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred

Pecuniary Interest declared by:

[Signature]
Mayor

Cancer Clinic Petition Huntsville

Petition Mission Statement - We the undersigned would like to ensure the Cancer Clinic remains in the Huntsville District Memorial Site. We affirm the strategic and equitable treatment option of the Huntsville cancer clinic and its continuing operation".

A person diagnosed with cancer is assessed at a major cancer treatment centre located in Barrie or Sudbury, and provided certain criteria are met can be referred for ongoing treatment at home or if required, to an oncology treatment centre staffed by registered nurses such as is in Huntsville Memorial Hospital Site. For the Almaguin Area, most patients attend Royal Victoria Hospital – Hutson Regional Cancer Centre in Barrie, Ontario, which has an association with Huntsville Memorial Hospital. The type of cancer, treatment required, available resources and individual patient needs as it relates to the need for treatment closer to home to maximize results are the criteria for admission into the satellite programs.

The East Parry Sound Area (including Almaguin Highlands) is in a unique position depending on your address. People diagnosed with cancer are typically referred to Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, located 146 to 187 km away, for assessment and initial treatment. If the patient is fortunate they can receive treatment at an Oncology treatment centre like the one located in Huntsville. These centres require specialized staff and resources to meet the treatment needs of Cancer patients. Huntsville Memorial Site has that kind of specialize, dedicated medical staff and services which Cancer Patients consider as excellent.

For those residing in the Almaguin Area, attending the Huntsville Oncology Clinic can be from 26 km to 80 km from their residence.

We have heard with concern of the possibility of the Cancer Clinic being moved to Bracebridge. For those residing in the Almaguin Area this would be a significant increase driving for treatment. The extra distance would have more impact during winter months.

It should be noted that the Cancer Clinic was originally located in the Bracebridge Hospital location many years ago. At that time, it was decided to move it Huntsville due to location being one of the rationales.

A further obstacle for many Cancer patients is that they should not drive right after treatment, and someone needs to attend with them.

Cancer Patients in Bracebridge have access to both the Orillia Cancer Clinic (56 km) and the Huntsville Clinic (37km).

While there is apparent discussion of providing "public transportation" from Huntsville to Bracebridge, there are concerns which include but are not limited to:

- 1) Having compromised immunity system(Cancer patients) being on public transportation is risky
- 2) The side effects of treatment include nausea and Gastrointestinal issues, which would put patients at further risk on public transportation, not to mention the embarrassment for the patients involved.
- 3) Having to wait around for public transport would be difficult for the same reasons listed above.

In Summary, the current situation is working well and equitably for cancer patients. It would be unfortunate to change that.



The Corporation of the Township of
NORTH STORMONT
RESOLUTION

Date: June 23, 2026

Resolution No. 163-2026

MOVED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
Deputy Mayor S. Densham
Councillor A. Bugelli
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor C. Shane

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SECONDED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
Deputy Mayor S. Densham
Councillor A. Bugelli
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor C. Shane

AD

BE it resolved that the Council of the Township of North Stormont support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution 2026-03: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle, as presented.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; the Ontario Big City Mayors; the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus; the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and all EOWC municipalities."

☒ **CARRIED** ☐ **DEFEATED** ☐ **DEFERRED**

Landry

Chair

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: _____

☐ **Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest**

☐ **Vacated His/Her/Their Seat**

RECORDED VOTE

Councillor C. Shane	_____
Councillor A. McDonald	_____
Councillor A. Bugelli	_____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham	_____
Mayor F. Landry	_____



The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Council - 13 Jul 2026

Item 10.(d)

Date: July 13, 2026

C-2026-150

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay supports the Township of North Stormont's Resolution No. 163-2026.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalry, Minister of Finance; Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and all Ontario municipalities.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote ☐ Referred ☐ Deferred

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



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June 23, 2026

Hon. Rob Flack
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Affairs and Housing
VIA EMAIL:
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Hon. Kinga Surma
Minister of Infrastructure
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RE: 6.5 Town of Halton Hills Resolution Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 27, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-172: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda item 6.5 be received; and

Whereas Council supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework resolution that Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

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



Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Region of Halton MPPs
Region of Halton
City of Burlington
Town of Milton
Town of Oakville
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April 28, 2026

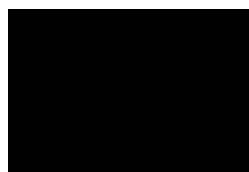
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday April 20, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0071 regarding Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0071.

Respectfully,



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

cc. The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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All Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0071

Title: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Date: April 20, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS municipalities, including the Town of Halton Hills, play a critical role in delivering essential services and infrastructure that support growing and evolving communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are increasingly contributing to areas that intersect with provincial responsibilities, such as housing, social services, and certain capital obligations, placing additional pressure on property tax-based revenue systems;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenue tools, particularly property taxes, are limited in their ability to keep pace with growth, inflation, and the expanding expectations placed on local governments;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills continues to invest in critical infrastructure, including roads, water, stormwater, emergency services, and recreation, to support both existing residents and future growth;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have identified opportunities to better align municipal funding tools with the realities of modern service delivery and growth pressures;

AND WHEREAS ensuring long-term financial sustainability for municipalities is essential to maintaining service levels, supporting housing targets, and protecting affordability for residents;

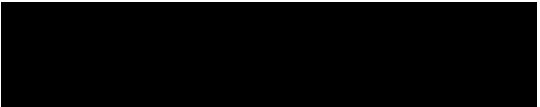
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Halton Hills respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, in collaboration with AMO, FCM and other municipal partners, undertake a comprehensive review of the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, with a view to strengthening long-term sustainability and alignment of responsibilities;

AND FURTHER THAT this review considers opportunities to:

- better align funding responsibilities with service delivery expectations;
- explore sustainable, growth-related revenue tools that reflect the demands placed on municipalities; and
- support a funding framework that enables municipalities to accommodate growth while protecting affordability for residents;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to continue working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that funding frameworks become responsive to community needs and evolving growth pressures;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; The Region of Halton MPP's and MP's; Halton area Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



MISSISSAUGA

RESOLUTION 0147-2026
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on June 24, 2026

0147-2026 Moved by: Councillor N. Hart

Seconded by: Councillor C. Fonseca

WHEREAS women and children experiencing intimate partner violence rely on emergency shelters as a critical component of their safety, recovery, and transition to stable housing;

WHEREAS adequate lengths of stay in emergency shelters are often necessary to support safety planning, access to social services, legal supports, mental health resources, and housing stabilization;

WHEREAS funding formulas and service benchmarks directly influence shelter capacity, operations, and the ability of service providers to meet community needs;

Whereas The City of Mississauga declared Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic on September 13th 2023;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario utilize varying approaches to shelter funding and length-of-stay expectations, providing opportunities for benchmarking and best-practice review;

WHEREAS any reductions to funding based on the formulas may have unintended consequences on service levels and the availability of supports for individuals fleeing intimate partner violence;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the local Members of Provincial Parliament requesting a provincial review of benchmarking, funding formulas, and length-of-stay standards for emergency shelters serving women and children experiencing intimate partner violence, with a view to ensuring adequate shelter stays and preventing reductions in funding that could negatively impact service delivery and client outcomes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor C. Parrish				
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor A. Tedjo	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor N. Hart	X			
Councillor J. Horneck	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor M. Reid	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor B. Butt	X			

Carried (11, 0)



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June 19, 2026

RE: 10.5 Proposed Planning Act Changes Schedule 7 of Bill 119, the Proposed Protecting Ontario Streets and Communities Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 17, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-212:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Correspondence Item 10.5 Proposed Planning Act Changes Schedule 7 of Bill 119, the Proposed Protecting Ontario Streets and Communities Act be received for information; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario has proposed amendments to the Planning Act through Schedule 7 of Bill 119, the Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026, to authorize municipalities to utilize Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) for zoning by-law contraventions related to prohibited land uses; and

And Whereas the current enforcement process for zoning by-law violations requires prosecution through the Provincial Offences Court system, which can be time-consuming, costly, resource-intensive, and result in lengthy delays before compliance is achieved; and

And Whereas rural municipalities often face unique challenges in enforcing zoning by-laws due to limited staffing resources, large geographic areas, and increasing complexity of land use issues; and



And Whereas the proposed AMP framework would provide municipalities with a more efficient and responsive compliance tool while maintaining procedural fairness through administrative review and appeal mechanisms; and

And Whereas the proposed changes would reduce pressure on the Provincial Offences Court system by resolving appropriate zoning enforcement matters through an administrative process rather than requiring formal court proceedings; and

And Whereas a streamlined administrative process would provide greater certainty and timelier outcomes for both municipalities and property owners, encouraging voluntary compliance and reducing enforcement costs; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Puslinch supports the Province's proposed amendments to the Planning Act under Schedule 7 of Bill 119 permitting the use of Administrative Monetary Penalties for zoning by-law contraventions relating to prohibited land uses; and,

That Council recognizes these amendments as providing municipalities, particularly rural municipalities, with a practical, efficient, and cost-effective enforcement tool that will improve compliance outcomes while reducing administrative and legal burdens; and,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), MPP Joseph Racinsky, and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk



July 7, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Re: Intimate Partner Violence

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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



The Corporation of the Town of Bruce Mines

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July 6th, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Re: Policy Without Appropriation: Physician Shortage in Northern Ontario and the Practice Ready Ontario Program

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Bruce Mines, we are writing to, once again, address the physician shortage in Northern Ontario. This critical issue has been front and centre for years, and while the *Practice Ready Ontario (PRO)* program—which evaluates internationally educated family physicians to confirm they are ready to practice in Ontario—is widely acknowledged and genuinely applauded, the province appears to have stopped short of closing the loop.

Therefore, council is compelled to express our concern in the gap between the government's opening the door to a solution but falling short of providing the financial framework needed to walk through it.

Northern Ontario's municipalities face a structural imbalance that is fundamentally different from communities in the south. We are small in population, geographically dispersed, and operate with limited tax bases that cannot support the escalating costs associated with physician recruitment, retention, and community health infrastructure. Despite these limitations, municipalities are increasingly expected to shoulder responsibilities that fall squarely within the provincial mandate for health care delivery.

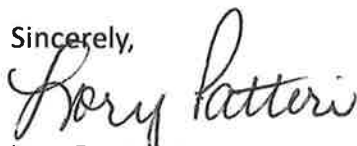
Municipalities **have** stepped in where we can, but we cannot continue to fund physician recruitment packages, housing incentives, locum coverage, or clinic operations without dedicated provincial support. The current model places an unsustainable burden on small

We respectfully request that the Province of Ontario:

1. **Establish a dedicated Northern Ontario Physician Recruitment and Retention Fund**, accessible to small and rural municipalities ensuring communities are not forced to subsidize provincial healthcare responsibilities.
2. **Work directly with Northern municipalities** to develop a coordinated strategy that reflects the unique demographic, geographic, and fiscal realities of the North.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and look forward to a written response from your office.

Sincerely,



Lory Patten, Mayor
Town of Bruce Mines

Cc:

Ms. Marit Stiles

Leader of the Official Opposition
Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario

Mr. John Fraser

Interim Leader, Ontario Liberal Party

The Honourable Sylvia Jones

Deputy Premier of Ontario
Minister of Health

The Honourable George Pirie

Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth

Bill Rosenberg

Member of Provincial Parliament
Algoma—Manitoulin

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

Distributed to all Ontario municipalities.



Date: 10 June 2026 20

Moved By: Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

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

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Carried Defeated Deferred

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



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May 18, 2026

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-207

DATE: May 12, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Braney

SECONDED BY: Councillor Engelsdorfer

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

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

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

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

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



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

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Braney, Councillor Engelsdorfer





Council Correspondence July 17, 2026

**The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting**

Title: Justine Brotherston, Municipal Clerk, Township of Puslinch
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026
Time: 6:23 PM

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 5, 2026, correspondence from Justine Brotherston, Municipal Clerk, Township of Puslinch, regarding Support for Halton Hill's March 24, 2026 Resolution Regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens;

AND THAT Council directs staff to provide a staff report in response to the resolution regarding invasive species;

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

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

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

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs



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June 30, 2026

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

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

Resolution No. 2026-202:

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Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

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

Whereas Council supports the Towns of Halton Hills' resolution;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED



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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk



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June 5, 2026

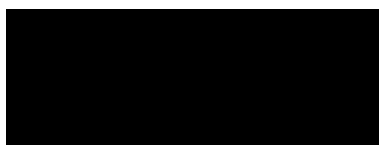
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

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

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

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

Respectfully,



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

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



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Resolution No.: 2026-0107

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

Date: June 1, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 12.3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

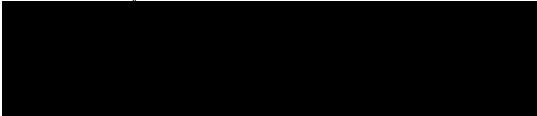
AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to develop clear labelling, public education and retailer guidance requirements so that residents, gardeners, landscapers and retailers can easily identify invasive species and choose native or non-invasive alternatives;

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

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

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

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



Mayor Ann Lawlor



The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting

Title: Mayor Annette Groves, The Town of Caledon
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026
Time: 6:27 PM

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the July 2, 2026, correspondence from Mayor Annette Groves, The Town of Caledon, regarding the July 2, 2026 Motion for Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases;

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

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

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

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs



Annette Groves
Mayor

July 2, 2026

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

Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier
Constituency Office
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Dear Deputy Premier Jones,

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

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

The resolution reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, be it resolved that:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

CC:

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Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks minister.mecp@ontario.ca

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