



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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 19, 2026

FONOM Advances Northern Ontario Priorities at 2026 AMO Conference

Municipal leaders bring Northern concerns directly to provincial and federal decision-makers

OTTAWA, ON— The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) used the 2026 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference to advance several priorities affecting communities across Northeastern Ontario.

Throughout the conference, FONOM representatives met with provincial ministers, parliamentary assistants and federal officials to discuss Northern highways, policing costs, housing and infrastructure, homelessness, mental health and addictions, and health care.

FONOM President Dave Plourde met with Jennifer McKelvie, Parliamentary Secretary to the federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure. The discussion focused on ensuring the National Housing Strategy and other federal programs reflect the needs of small, rural, Northern and remote municipalities.

The meeting also addressed:

- The housing and infrastructure pressures facing growing Northern communities;
- The need to modernize Highways 11 and 17 to support public safety, housing and economic growth;
- The impacts of homelessness, mental health and addictions on municipal services and local housing needs; and
- Rebuilding communities affected by wildfires while creating more climate-resilient housing and infrastructure.

“Northern communities need housing and infrastructure programs designed around the realities of the North,” said Dave Plourde, President of FONOM. “Our smaller populations, large geographic areas, limited tax bases and growing resource economy create very different pressures. We appreciated the opportunity to bring those realities directly to the federal government and look forward to continuing our work with Parliamentary Secretary McKelvie.”

FONOM also met with Ontario Transportation Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth George Pirie and Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products to discuss highway safety and the importance of Northern Ontario’s transportation network.

During the meeting, FONOM received an update on the Province’s \$770-million investment in Northern



highways this year. The discussion also explored how FONOM and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association can encourage the federal government to match Ontario's investment in Northern highways.

"Highways 11 and 17 are vital national transportation corridors that connect our communities and support mining, forestry, manufacturing and trade," Plourde said. "Ontario's investment is significant, but making these highways safer and more reliable cannot be the responsibility of the Province alone. The federal government must recognize their national importance and become a full funding partner."

FONOM met with Solicitor General Michael Kerzner to continue advocating for a dedicated Northern Ontario policing grant. Municipalities across the North face policing costs that place considerable pressure on local property taxpayers and reduce the funding available for other essential services and infrastructure.

FONOM representatives also met with Anthony Leardi, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, to discuss the organization's proposal for a Compassionate Intervention framework. FONOM is advocating for carefully defined changes to Ontario's Mental Health Act that would allow for short-term assessment, stabilization and treatment in the most serious cases involving substance use, while including strong medical, legal and individual safeguards.

"Northern municipalities are dealing with increasingly complex pressures, but we also brought practical solutions to the conference," said Maggie Horsfield, First Vice-President of FONOM and Deputy Mayor of North Bay. "Whether the issue is policing, highway safety, housing or addictions, municipalities cannot address these challenges on their own. The meetings at AMO allowed us to speak directly with decision-makers and reinforce the need for programs that recognize Northern circumstances."

FONOM welcomed several investments announced during the conference, including the new \$1-billion Canada-Ontario funding stream for municipalities that do not levy development charges. The program will support housing-enabling infrastructure such as roads, bridges and water systems, with applications scheduled to open October 29, 2026.

The Province also announced additional investments in community sport and recreation infrastructure, primary care teams, land ambulance services and public health.

In addition to formal meetings, FONOM hosted the Northern Ontario Hospitality Suite, providing Northern municipal leaders with an opportunity to speak informally with more than 16 provincial ministers while showcasing Northern Ontario food, beverages and hospitality.

"The Hospitality Suite gives Northern municipal leaders a unique opportunity to build relationships and have direct, informal conversations with provincial decision-makers," Horsfield added. "We thank our partners for helping FONOM host the event and everyone who joined us to experience some genuine Northern hospitality."



FONOM will continue working with its municipal members, the Province, the federal government, AMO and other Northern organizations to advance practical solutions for Northern Ontario.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, August 20, 2026

FONOM Celebrates Municipal Service and Those Stepping Forward in 2026

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is recognizing the municipal leaders who have decided not to seek re-election this fall, while thanking all new and returning candidates who have put their names forward to serve their communities.

Serving on a municipal council requires a significant commitment of time and energy. Municipal leaders are often called upon to make difficult decisions that directly affect their neighbours, local businesses and the future of their communities.

“On behalf of FONOM and our 110 member municipalities, I want to sincerely thank every mayor, councillor and municipal leader who has decided not to seek another term,” said FONOM President Dave Plourde. “Whether they served one term or several, each of them stepped forward because they cared about their community. Their contributions deserve to be recognized and appreciated.”

FONOM also recognizes three members of its Board of Directors who will be stepping away from municipal office this year: Councillor Sandra Hollingsworth (Sault Ste. Marie), Deputy Mayor Renée Carrier (French River), and Deputy Mayor Danny Whalen (Temiskaming Shores).

“Sandra, Renée and Danny have each brought a strong community voice and a valuable Northern perspective to the FONOM Board,” Plourde said. “Their knowledge, commitment and willingness to speak up for Northern Ontario have made FONOM a stronger organization. We thank them for their service to their municipalities, to FONOM and to communities throughout the North.”

Plourde also thanked the entire FONOM Board for its hard work during the current four-year municipal term, including Maggie Horsfield (City of North Bay), Lynn Watson (Echo Bay), Al MacNevin (NEMI), Lynda Carleton (Township of Machar), Terry Kelly (Township of East Ferris), Lorne Feldman (City of Timmins), Paul Lefebvre and alternate Mark Signoretti (Greater City of Sudbury).

“FONOM’s advocacy is a team effort,” said Plourde. “Our Board members bring forward the priorities of their communities and work together to develop practical Northern solutions. I am proud of the respectful and determined way our Board has represented our 110 member municipalities over the past four years.”

During the current term, the FONOM Board has advanced several major Northern Ontario priorities.



While progress has been made, there is still much more advocacy work ahead, and FONOM will continue pressing for action on the following issues: Improving the safety and capacity of Highways 11, 17 and 69;

- Seeking a dedicated Northern Ontario Policing Grant to address rising municipal policing costs;
- Calling for changes to Ontario's Mental Health Act to provide compassionate intervention for individuals experiencing severe substance use disorders;
- Supporting Northern Ontario's forestry and natural resource sectors;
- Advocating for fair and predictable municipal infrastructure funding;
- Addressing Northern housing, homelessness and community infrastructure needs;
- Supporting improvements to Northern air, rail and transportation services; and
- Working with regional partners to identify municipal workforce, recruitment and retention challenges.

"These files require persistence, partnerships and a strong, united Northern voice," Plourde said. "Every member of the FONOM Board has contributed to that work, and I thank them for their commitment."

FONOM also recognizes those who have put their names forward as new or returning candidates in the 2026 municipal election.

"Running for municipal office takes courage," Plourde added. "It means putting your ideas, your experience and yourself before the public. We thank every new and returning candidate who is willing to take on that responsibility and contribute to the future of their community."

FONOM supports the goals of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project, including encouraging greater participation in local democracy, attracting candidates with different backgrounds and perspectives, promoting respect for those involved in the democratic process, and increasing awareness of the important role municipal governments play in people's daily lives.

"Healthy local democracy depends on people being willing to run, residents being engaged and everyone participating in a respectful way," Plourde said. "We encourage candidates to focus on the issues, listen to their residents and treat one another with respect throughout the campaign."

FONOM also encourages Northern Ontario residents to learn about their local candidates and participate in the municipal election.

"Regardless of the final results, everyone who allows their name to appear on a municipal ballot is making a contribution to local democracy," Plourde concluded. "We wish all candidates well, thank



those who have served and look forward to working with the municipal councils elected across Northern Ontario.”

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The Prescription Diversion Project

Diversion of Safe Supply Medications is Causing Harm in Our Community

The diversion of prescribed Safe Supply medications, particularly hydromorphone, has become a significant problem in our community and requires urgent attention from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO).

Hydromorphone tablets intended for medical use are being diverted and trafficked on community streets, creating risks to public safety and exposing vulnerable individuals, including youth, to highly potent opioids.

Given the significant patient and community harm arising from the diversion of these medications, we respectfully request that the CPSO implement the necessary changes to Safe Supply prescribing practices recommended by Addiction Medicine Canada in its letter to the College dated August 17, 2026.

Specifically, we request that CPSO policy require physicians prescribing in Safe Supply programs to ensure:

1. Directly observed consumption

When prescribing opioids for Safer Supply purposes, all doses should be consumed daily under direct observation by a regulated health professional.

2. Maximum daily dose

A maximum total daily dose equivalent to five hydromorphone 8 mg tablets - i.e. 40 mg hydromorphone (or approximately 200 mg morphine equivalents of any opioid) for Safer Supply prescribing.

Prescribing practices include an obligation to protect not only individual patients, but also other patients and the broader community from preventable harm. Given the scale and urgency of the concerns regarding diversion of Safe Supply medications, we respectfully request that the College review and approve these recommended policy changes at its next Board meeting in September, 2026.

We thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this serious matter and request confirmation of the College's intended action regarding these recommendations.

Confirmation of Communication

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FONOM STATEMENT ON U.S. TARIFFS AND CANADA–U.S. TRADE

Iroquois Falls – August 24, 2026 - The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the Government of Canada’s decision to stand firm in defence of Canadian industries, businesses, workers, communities, and our national sovereignty following the imposition of the latest U.S. tariffs.

FONOM recognizes the leadership of Prime Minister Mark Carney, Minister Dominic LeBlanc, and Canada’s trade negotiating team. We also recognize the support provided by Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Canada’s premiers as they work with the federal government through a Team Canada approach.

FONOM remains hopeful that Canada and the United States can eventually reach a fair, stable, and mutually beneficial agreement. However, no deal is better than a bad deal that compromises Canadian jobs, industries, sovereignty, or our ability to make decisions in Canada’s best interests.

This is not the time for partisan politics. FONOM calls on all federal political parties, provincial and territorial premiers, and Canadian political leaders to stand together in support of the Government of Canada’s position. A divided Canada would only weaken our negotiating position. Our strength will come from speaking with one clear and united Canadian voice.

Northeastern Ontario’s forestry, mining, manufacturing, steel, transportation, and resource sectors are especially vulnerable to tariffs and prolonged trade uncertainty. These industries support thousands of workers, families, Indigenous communities, municipalities, and businesses across the North. When a major employer reduces production or closes, the effects are felt throughout the entire community.

The federal government has already established tariff relief, worker assistance, financing, and industry-support programs. FONOM urges the Government of Canada to ensure that these measures are delivered quickly and effectively, with particular attention given to forestry and resource-dependent communities. Programs must be accessible to Northern businesses and workers before temporary disruptions become permanent job losses or plant closures.

Canada must also continue expanding its domestic supply chains, developing new



international markets and reducing its dependence on any single trading partner. Northern Ontario's critical minerals, forests, energy, transportation corridors, and skilled workforce will be essential to building a stronger and more self-reliant Canadian economy.

FONOM encourages residents, municipalities, governments, and businesses to Buy Canadian whenever possible. Supporting local businesses, choosing Canadian-made products, using Canadian resources, and investing in Canadian companies are practical ways we can protect Canadian jobs and strengthen our economy.

Federal, provincial, and municipal procurement policies should also give greater priority to Canadian businesses, workers, materials, steel, lumber, and manufactured products. Canadian taxpayer dollars should support Canadian jobs and communities wherever possible.

FONOM will continue working with the federal and provincial governments, NOMA, AMO, industry partners, and our 110 member municipalities to ensure the needs of Northeastern Ontario remain part of the national response.

Our position is clear: stand with the Government of Canada, support our workers and industries, Buy Canadian, and remain united as Canadians.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FONOM CONCERNED ABOUT REGIONAL IMPACT OF RYAM TÉMISCAMING SHUTDOWN

North Bay – August 27, 2026 – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is expressing concern following Rayonier Advanced Materials' (RYAM) announcement that it intends to temporarily shut down its industrial complex in Témiscaming, Quebec, on September 15.

The shutdown is expected to affect about 400 unionized workers, many with specialized skills and extensive experience in the forestry sector, as well as managers, contractors, suppliers, and other businesses that depend on the facility. A prolonged shutdown could result in the loss of this skilled workforce and have lasting consequences for the forestry industry throughout the region.

Although Témiscaming is located in Quebec, the community and the RYAM facility have strong economic connections to Northeastern Ontario. The effects of a major industrial shutdown do not stop at a provincial boundary, particularly when specialized workers, suppliers and forestry operations are connected across the region.

"FONOM is deeply concerned for the workers facing uncertainty, their families and the entire community of Témiscaming," said FONOM President David Plourde. "These are highly skilled workers whose knowledge and experience are important to the forestry industry. We are also thinking about the contractors, suppliers, transportation companies and businesses throughout the region, including those in Ontario, that depend on this facility. A prolonged shutdown could have lasting consequences for the region's forestry sector." RYAM has stated that the business environment surrounding the facility has become unsustainable. The company cited the magnitude of U.S. tariffs, together with long-standing challenges facing the pulp and paper sector, as reasons continued operations are no longer economically viable.

"This announcement demonstrates the real consequences of unfair U.S. tariffs," Plourde said. "Tariffs do not only affect corporate balance sheets. They affect workers, families, local businesses and the long-term future of forestry-dependent communities."



FONOM recognizes that the forestry sector was already facing significant market pressures before the latest tariff measures. The combination of tariffs, changing markets, operating costs and ongoing uncertainty is placing additional pressure on facilities and communities across Northern Ontario and neighbouring regions.

FONOM is encouraging the governments of Canada and Quebec to work urgently with RYAM, Unifor, the Town of Témiscaming and regional partners to identify solutions that could allow operations to resume.

Federal programs, including regional economic development and tariff-related business and worker supports, will be important to the response. FONOM also encourages the governments of Canada and Ontario to ensure programs delivered through FedNor, the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and other agencies are available to assist affected suppliers, businesses and communities on the Ontario side of the border.

“There are many programs offered by both governments, but they must be coordinated, accessible and delivered quickly,” Plourde said. “The priority must be supporting affected workers and businesses while doing everything possible to prevent a temporary shutdown from becoming permanent.”

FONOM continues to support a strong Team Canada response to U.S. tariffs, including assistance for affected industries, expanded domestic supply chains, new international markets and procurement policies that give priority to Canadian workers, resources and manufactured products.

“The forestry industry remains essential to Northern communities and to the Canadian economy,” Plourde concluded. “Governments, industry, labour and communities must work together to protect these jobs and preserve the future of this facility.”

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FONOM Calls for Federal-Provincial Cooperation on Bail Reform

September 2, 2026

NORTH BAY, ON – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is calling on the federal and provincial governments to use the temporary suspension of Ontario’s new cash bail requirements as an opportunity to work together on a coordinated and constitutionally sound approach to bail reform.

An Ontario Superior Court judge has granted an injunction placing the Province’s new cash bail requirements on hold while the court considers a constitutional challenge. The new rules would have required an accused person or their surety to provide the full cash security deposit ordered by the court within two business days of release.

FONOM respects the judicial process and recognizes that the injunction is temporary and does not represent a final ruling on the constitutionality of the Province’s measures. However, the public-safety concerns that led to these reforms remain unresolved.

“The constitutional questions surrounding Ontario’s new requirements must be taken seriously, but so must the concerns being raised by municipalities, police services and victims,” said FONOM President Dave Plourde. “During this pause, the federal and provincial governments should work together to develop a bail-reform solution that respects the responsibilities of both levels of government and can withstand a constitutional challenge.”

Northern municipalities continue to experience the effects of violent and repeat offenders cycling through the justice system. FONOM is particularly concerned about the lack of accountability within the current surety system.

FONOM has been made aware of a troubling situation in Sault Ste. Marie where the same surety was reportedly used seven times in one day for the same accused person, who was arrested seven times.

“A surety is supposed to accept responsibility for supervising an accused person and helping ensure that bail conditions are followed,” Plourde said. “When the same surety can reportedly be used repeatedly without meaningful consequences following additional arrests, it raises serious questions about whether the current system is working as intended.”

FONOM has consistently supported reforms that strengthen accountability for sureties and better address violent and repeat offenders. This includes more consistent enforcement and the forfeiture of pledged funds when bail conditions are breached.

“Being a surety must involve more than signing a document or making a promise that is rarely enforced,” Plourde added. “There must be clear responsibilities and meaningful consequences when those responsibilities are not fulfilled.”

FONOM believes the federal government, which is responsible for Canada's criminal law, and the provincial government, which administers the justice system in Ontario, must collaborate on reforms that are effective, enforceable and constitutionally sound.

"This should not become another jurisdictional dispute between governments," Plourde concluded. "Both levels of government share a responsibility to protect the public and maintain confidence in the justice system. FONOM is asking them to use this time to find a lasting solution that protects the rights of accused persons while providing greater accountability and better protection for victims, police officers and communities."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FONOM Welcomes Prime Minister's Commitment to Work with Ontario on Northern Highways

September 3, 2026

KAPUSKASING, ONTARIO — The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) welcomes Prime Minister Mark Carney's commitment to working with the Province of Ontario to make the safety and expansion of Northern Ontario's highways a priority.

While in Thunder Bay, Prime Minister Carney was asked about the federal government's position on four-laning Highways 11 and 17. The Prime Minister recognized the importance of these highways as critical east-west transportation connections and stated that their multi-laning is a priority for the federal government.

FONOM President Dave Plourde says the Prime Minister's comments are encouraging and represent an important opportunity for the federal and provincial governments to work together.

"We are pleased to hear the Prime Minister recognize what Northern municipalities have been saying for years: that Highways 11 and 17 are not simply provincial roads. They are vital east-west connections that serve Northern Ontario, the rest of Ontario and Canada," said Plourde.

"If four-laning is a priority for the federal government, we need to see it become an equally clear priority for the Province of Ontario. Where four-laning is not immediately practical, we need a comprehensive plan to improve safety and mobility."

Prime Minister Carney indicated that he will be speaking with Premier Doug Ford. FONOM believes those discussions provide an important opportunity for both governments to establish a coordinated plan for Northern Ontario's transportation infrastructure.

"The Prime Minister and Premier have a lot of work to do together, and Northern highways need to be part of that conversation," said Plourde. "We need the federal and provincial governments sitting at the same table, identifying the priorities, committing the resources and working together to rectify the longstanding highway safety and transportation challenges facing Northern Ontario."

FONOM has consistently advocated for increased investment in Highways 11 and 17, including

four-laning, highway safety improvements, passing lanes and other measures that will improve the movement of people and goods across Northern Ontario.

“Northern Ontario is growing, and our transportation infrastructure needs to keep pace,” added Plourde. “These highways are essential to our communities, our economy, tourism, resource development and national supply chains. We appreciate the Prime Minister’s recognition of their importance, and we now look forward to seeing that commitment translated into action with the Province.”

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



Regular Meeting of Council

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

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

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

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

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May 6, 2026

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

Dear Minister Piccini,

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

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-08

Moved by: Councillor Banks

Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

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

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

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Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini
14th Floor, 400 University Avenue
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February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

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



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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

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

Date Fri 2026-05-22 04:30 PM

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

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

Good afternoon,

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

Have a great weekend!

Lisa Smeekens

Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk



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Date: 13 May 2026

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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

WHEREAS Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

AND WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

AND WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately **70–75% of firefighters in Ontario**, protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently **the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services**;

AND WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;

AND WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

AND WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

AND WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to **transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program** that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for **operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario**;

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- The County of Lambton
- Lambton County Fire Chiefs Association
- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:

- Steve Pinnsoneault MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
- Bob Bailey MPP Sarnia-Lambton
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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Carried	Defeated	Deferred

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



Regular Meeting of Council

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

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

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

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

CARRIED


MAYOR

2024-2028 Lake Erie Lakewide Action and Management Plan Available for Public Review and Comment

In accordance with the 2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, a [draft 2024-2028 Lakewide Action and Management Plan \(LAMP\)](#) for Lake Erie has been prepared and is currently available for review and comment.

The draft LAMP was developed by the Lake Erie Partnership, a collaborative team of natural resource managers led by the governments of the United States and Canada, in cooperation and consultation with state and provincial governments, Tribal governments, First Nations, municipal governments, and watershed management agencies. The LAMP for Lake Erie identifies key priorities for the lake, including the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, and the Detroit River, and guides the coordination of binational environmental protection and restoration activities aimed at preserving and protecting Lake Erie's water quality and ecosystem health.

Please use the [Contact Us](#) page on binational.net to direct your questions and comments by **September 25, 2026**.

Le plan d'action et de gestion à l'échelle du lac Érié pour la période 2024-2028 est soumis à l'examen et aux commentaires du public

Conformément à l'Accord relatif à la qualité de l'eau dans les Grands Lacs de 2012, un projet de [Plan d'action et de gestion à l'échelle du lac \(PAAP\) 2024-2028 pour le lac Érié](#) a été élaboré et est actuellement disponible pour consultation et commentaires.

L'ébauche du PAAP a été élaborée par les organismes membres du Partenariat du lac Érié, une équipe de collaborateurs qui gère des ressources naturelles dirigée par les gouvernements des États-Unis et du Canada, en collaboration et en consultation avec les gouvernements des États et de la province de l'Ontario, les gouvernements tribaux, les Premières Nations, les administrations municipales et les organismes de gestion de bassin versant. Le PAAP pour le lac Érié identifie les priorités clés pour le lac, y compris la rivière Sainte-Claire, le lac Sainte-Claire et la rivière Détroit, et guide la coordination des activités

binationales de protection et de restauration de l'environnement visant à préserver et à protéger la qualité de l'eau et la santé de l'écosystème du lac Érié.

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Kelsey Janveau

From: City Clerk
Subject: FW: Ministers Dabrusin and Hajdu announce successful restoration of Nipigon Bay

Ministers Dabrusin and Hajdu announce successful restoration of Nipigon Bay

News release

August 28, 2026 – Nipigon, Ontario

After nearly four decades of restoration efforts, the Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Nature and Minister responsible for the Canada Water Agency, alongside the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario, announced that Nipigon Bay is no longer designated as a Great Lakes Area of Concern.

Nipigon Bay was designated as an Area of Concern in 1987. Pollution from industrial and municipal wastewater, development in Lake Nipigon and the Nipigon River, and debris from past logging activities contributed to degraded water quality and ecosystem health.

The delisting confirms that all beneficial uses which were previously impaired have since been restored. This has led to:

- improved water quality
- recovery of fish populations
- enhanced fish habitats
- healthier populations of sediment-dwelling organisms (benthos)
- better overall aesthetics

This milestone was made possible through the joint efforts of the governments of Canada and Ontario under the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health. Restorations efforts included improvements to nearby wastewater treatment, industry compliance with federal and provincial regulations, enhancements to aquatic habitats through the rehabilitation and re-naturalization of nearby river flows and creeks, restoration of former wetland and spawning grounds, and the creation of new habitat. This reflects the success of sustained collaboration with Indigenous partners and local communities to restore the bay's aquatic ecosystem and protect the Great Lakes for future generations.

This announcement is a reflection of [A Force of Nature: Canada's Strategy to Protect Nature](#). The Strategy will help restore and value nature as a foundation of Canada's economy, sovereignty, and well-being, leading to healthy ecosystems, resilient communities, and prosperity for present and future generations.

Through the Canada Water Agency, the Government of Canada is strengthening coordination and collaboration with provinces, territories, and Indigenous peoples to address freshwater challenges and opportunities in the Great Lakes and across the country. These efforts are part of a broader commitment to building a cleaner, more secure, and prosperous future for Canadians.

[\[Read the complete news release online\]](#)

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Les ministres Dabrusin et Hajdu annoncent la réussite de la restauration de la baie Nipigon

Communiqué de presse

28 août 2026 – Nipigon (Ontario)

Après près de quatre décennies d'efforts de restauration, l'honorable Julie Dabrusin, ministre de l'Environnement, du Changement climatique et de la Nature et ministre responsable de l'Agence de l'eau du Canada, aux côtés de l'honorable Patty Hajdu, ministre de l'Emploi et des Familles et ministre responsable de l'Agence fédérale de développement économique pour le Nord de l'Ontario, ont annoncé que la baie Nipigon n'est plus classée parmi les secteurs préoccupants des Grands Lacs. La baie Nipigon a été désignée comme secteur préoccupant en 1987. La pollution provenant des eaux usées industrielles et municipales, les aménagements réalisés sur le lac Nipigon et la rivière Nipigon, ainsi que les débris issus des activités d'exploitation forestière antérieures ont contribué à la dégradation de la qualité de l'eau et de la santé de l'écosystème.

Le retrait de la liste confirme que toutes les utilisations bénéfiques qui avaient été compromises ont depuis été rétablies. Cela a eu pour conséquence :

- l'amélioration de la qualité de l'eau
- le rétablissement des populations de poissons
- l'amélioration des habitats piscicoles
- des populations d'organismes benthiques plus saines
- une amélioration de l'aspect général de la baie.

Cette étape importante a été rendue possible grâce aux efforts conjoints des gouvernements du Canada et de l'Ontario, dans le cadre de l'Accord Canada-Ontario concernant la qualité de l'eau et la santé de l'écosystème des Grands Lacs. Les efforts de restauration ont notamment porté sur l'amélioration du traitement des eaux usées dans les environs, la mise en conformité des industries avec les réglementations fédérales et provinciales, la valorisation des habitats aquatiques grâce à la réhabilitation et à la renaturalisation des cours d'eau et ruisseaux voisins, la restauration d'anciens milieux humides et de frayères, ainsi que la création de nouveaux habitats. Cela témoigne du succès d'une collaboration durable avec les partenaires autochtones et les communautés locales visant à restaurer l'écosystème aquatique de la baie et à protéger les Grands Lacs pour les générations futures.

Cette annonce s'inscrit dans le cadre d'[Une force de la nature : la stratégie du Canada pour protéger la nature](#). La stratégie contribuera à restaurer et à valoriser la nature en tant que fondation de l'économie, de la souveraineté et du bien-être du Canada, favorisant ainsi des écosystèmes sains, des communautés résilientes et la prospérité des générations actuelles et futures.

Par l'intermédiaire de l'Agence de l'eau du Canada, le gouvernement du Canada renforce la coordination et la collaboration avec les provinces, les territoires et les peuples autochtones afin de relever les défis et de saisir les opportunités liées à l'eau douce dans la région des Grands Lacs et dans tout le pays. Ces efforts s'inscrivent dans le cadre d'un engagement plus large visant à bâtir un avenir plus propre, plus sûr et plus prospère pour les Canadiens.

[\[Lire le communiqué de presse complet en ligne\]](#)

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Kelsey Janveau

From: City Clerk
Subject: FW: Development of the 2026-2030 Lake Superior Lakewide Action and Management Plan

Development of the 2026-2030 Lake Superior Lakewide Action and Management Plan



The [Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement](#) commits Canada and the United States to prepare and issue Lakewide Action and Management Plans (LAMPs) for each of the five Great Lakes every five years on a rotational basis. We are pleased to advise you that the Lake Superior Partnership has begun to develop the next Lake Superior LAMP, which is scheduled for completion by the end of 2026.

At this time, we are offering interested organizations and individuals an opportunity to provide input to the plan at an early stage. Specifically, we welcome your perspective on the environmental conditions, issues, or concerns about Lake Superior that should be considered in the development of the Lake Superior LAMP, and any suggestions on actions or approaches that could be taken to address them.

The 2026-2030 Lake Superior LAMP will build upon the accomplishments of the [2020-2024 LakeSuperior LAMP](#).

This is your first chance to participate in the development of the Lake Superior LAMP, but not your last! A draft plan will be made available for comment later this year.

Please direct your suggestions or questions to the Lake Superior Partnership using the [contact page](#) by **September 29, 2026**.

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Élaboration du Plan d'action et d'aménagement panlacustre du lac Supérieur 2026-2030



[L'Accord relatif à la qualité de l'eau dans les Grands Lacs](#) engage le Canada et les États-Unis à préparer et à publier des plans d'action et d'aménagement panlacustre (PAAP) pour chacun des Grands Lacs, tous les cinq ans, à tour de rôle. Nous sommes ravis de vous aviser que le Partenariat du lac Supérieur a commencé l'élaboration du prochain PAAP du Supérieur, qui devrait être achevé d'ici la fin de 2026. À l'heure actuelle, nous offrons aux organismes et aux particuliers intéressés une occasion de contribuer au plan dès le début du processus. Plus précisément, nous accueillons votre point de vue sur les conditions, les questions ou les préoccupations environnementales concernant le lac Supérieur qui devraient être prises en compte lors de l'élaboration du Plan d'action et d'aménagement panlacustre (PAAP) du lac Supérieur, ainsi que toute suggestion de mesures ou d'approches qui pourraient être mises en œuvre pour y remédier.

Le PAAP du lac Supérieur 2026-2030 tirera parti des réalisations découlant du [PAAP du lac Supérieur 2020-2024](#).

Il s'agit d'une première occasion de participer à l'élaboration du PAAP du lac Supérieur, mais pas de la dernière! Un plan provisoire sera publié aux fins de commentaires plus tard cette année.

Council Correspondence September 4, 2026

Veillez faire parvenir vos suggestions ou questions au Partenariat du lac Érie au moyen de la [page contact](#) d'ici le **29 Septembre 2026**.

Restez informé!

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August 28, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford
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Re: Elimination of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF)

At its meeting of August 20, 2026, Council considered the Notice of Motion from Councillor Giddings regarding the Elimination of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF) and passed the following motion:

Motion No. THC-260820-21

Moved by Councillor Daniel Giddings
Seconded by Councillor Gene Brahaney

Whereas the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) eliminated the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF), effective June 16, 2026, ending a long-standing cost relief program that assisted employers where pre-existing conditions contributed to the cost or duration of workplace injury claims; and

Whereas municipalities are significant employers of workers performing physically demanding duties and may experience increased WSIB costs as a result of the elimination of SIEF; and

Whereas the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund was established to provide cost relief to employers when pre-existing conditions significantly contributed to workplace injury claims, thereby encouraging employers to hire and retain workers with disabilities and pre-existing medical conditions; and

Whereas the Workplace Safety and Insurance system was established to provide a fair and balanced insurance system that protects both workers and employers; and

Whereas increased workplace insurance costs have the potential to place additional financial pressures on municipal operating budgets and property taxpayers;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board review the impacts of eliminating the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF) consult with employers, municipalities, labour representatives and other stakeholders, and consider modernizing or revising the program rather than eliminating employer cost relief altogether, including by modernizing, revising or replacing the current program with an improved cost-relief mechanism that continues to fairly recognize the impact of pre-existing conditions.

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills;
- Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South;
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- All Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario;
- the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board;
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC);
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce;
- Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB);
- Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA);
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA);
- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM);
- Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO);
- Local Members of Parliament (for awareness);
- Local Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce;
- Northumberland County; and
- all Ontario municipalities, requesting their consideration and support.

Carried.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipality.

Sincerely,



Jessica Polley
Clerk



RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 368/26
Title: OCIF Funding Support
Date: August 25, 2026
Moved by: Councillor Davey
Seconded by: Councillor Norrie

That Council receive for information Financial & IT Services - OCIF Funding Support Resolution report;

And that Council support the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) request that the Province of Ontario make permanent the doubling of Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) funding from \$200 million to \$400 million annually beginning in 2027; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, and Ontario municipalities.

☒ CARRIED ☐ DEFEATED ☐ DEFERRED

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Terry Richardson', is written over a light blue and yellow curved graphic element.

Terry Richardson, Mayor



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TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Maguire

Resolution # **302-08-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Elliott

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Municipality of South Huron and the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) in urging the Province of Ontario to permanently maintain the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) at its doubled allocation of \$400 million annually to fund critical municipal infrastructure;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier, the Ministers of Infrastructure, Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Finance, local MPPs, AMO, and MFOA.



TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Elliott Resolution # **299-08-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Hooper

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Assiginack Council supports the call on the Province of Ontario to:

Reinstate FIPPA compliance for the Premier, provincial Ministers, and their staff to ensure uniform public scrutiny.

Implement recommendations from the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to protect record keeping, security, and democratic accountability across the province.

FURTHER, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).



TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Bowerman Resolution # **300-08-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Maguire

Carried

WHEREAS, Council received correspondence from the County of Simcoe regarding its resolution declaring intimate partner violence as an epidemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Assignack hereby declares intimate partner violence an epidemic, and fully supports the County of Simcoe’s resolution, and calls upon the Province of Ontario to declare intimate partner violence an epidemic;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, local MPPs, the County of Simcoe, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).



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REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Hooper

Resolution # **303-08-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Bowerman

Carried

Whereas Council received communication from the Township of Clearview regarding their resolution advocating for provincial funding for traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques; Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council hereby supports the resolution passed by the Township of Clearview requesting the Province of Ontario to expand financial support for traffic calming and speeding mitigation measures to include all Ontario municipalities; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Clearview.



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September 1, 2026

Via email; doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their August 10, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

328-2026

Moved By: Jim Dietrich

Seconded by: Ted Oke

That South Huron Council supports the Huron OPP Detachment Board's July 20, 2026 Supporting Resolution regarding Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques; and

That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMO, ROMA, all Huron OPP Detachment Board and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson, Administrative Assistant
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May 26, 2026

Re: OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its Regular Meeting on May 25, 2026, passed the following motion pertaining to the OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques:

Resolution #: R-24-05-25-26

Moved by: Councillor Maitland

Seconded by: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the resolution from the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board dated May 7, 2026 regarding traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the resolution from the OPP Detachment Board and direct staff to circulate the resolution of support to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MPP Steve Clark, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards, and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca.

Thank you.

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman
Clerk



May 7, 2026

Traffic Calming/Speeding Mitigation Techniques

The North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board, at its Meeting on May 7, 2026, passed the following motion with the request for municipal support:

Moved by: Ian Fraser

Seconded by: Jim Goodman

WHEREAS history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing across Ontario;

WHEREAS the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

WHEREAS this commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

AND WHEREAS such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grenville 1 OPP Detachment Board respectfully request North Grenville and Merrickville-Wolford Councils advocate that the province expand its stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the following:

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Transportation

Minister of Finance

MPP Steve Clark

AMO

ROMA

All Ontario Police Service Boards

And all 444 Municipalities in Ontario

Carried.



July 21, 2026

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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**Re: Letter of Support – Appeal to Attorney General of Ontario for Review
and Reform of Provincial Offences System**

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Please be advised that the Huron OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution at their July 20, 2026, Meeting:

Resolution: 37-2026

Moved by: Member Lamport

Seconded by: Member Anderson

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's May 26, 2026 correspondence regarding Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques; and

That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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Tuesday, August 18, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Bowerman

Resolution # **304-08-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Elliott

Carried

Whereas Council received correspondence from the Township of Tudor and Cashel regarding Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for one-pound single-use propane cylinders;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council supports the Township of Tudor and Cashel in requesting that the Province of Ontario and RPRA review the EPR framework to ensure producers—not municipalities—provide convenient return options and fund the end-of-life management of single-use propane cylinders;

and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Township of Tudor and Cashel, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and RPRA.



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September 2, 2026

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier
Constituency Office
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Orangeville, ON L9W 1K3

Dear Deputy Premier Jones

**RE: Request for Review of Extended Producer Responsibilities for One-Pound
Single-Use Propane Cylinders**

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on September 2nd, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Tudor & Cashel.

Resolution No: 2026-09-02-04
Moved by: Councillor Kauffledt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Township of Tudor & Cashel's resolution regarding a request for review of extended producer responsibility for one-pound single-use propane cylinders.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA) and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



Via: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Honorable Todd McCarthy

Subject: Request for Review of Extended Producer Responsibility for One-Pound Single-Use Propane Cylinders

Dear Sir,

I am writing to request that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA) undertake a review of the current regulatory framework governing one-pound single-use propane cylinders sold in Ontario.

Consumers purchasing these cylinders pay environmental stewardship or producer responsibility costs at the point of sale with the expectation that an appropriate end-of-life management system exists. In practice, however, accessible return and recycling opportunities for these cylinders are extremely limited across many parts of the province. Most retail locations that sell the cylinders do not accept them back, and consumers are often left with few or no practical disposal options.

As a result, municipalities have become the default managers of these products. Municipal waste facilities bear the responsibility, cost, and safety risks associated with collecting, storing, and managing these pressurized cylinders despite not being the producers or distributors of the product. Improper disposal also creates significant operational hazards at material recovery facilities, transfer stations, and landfills, including the risk of fires and equipment damage.

This situation appears inconsistent with the principles of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), which are intended to shift the financial and operational responsibility for post-consumer products from municipalities and taxpayers to producers. When consumers contribute to environmental handling costs at the time of purchase, there should be a convenient, accessible, and effective collection system available to ensure the product is managed responsibly at the end of its useful life.

I respectfully request that the Ministry and RPRA review the current requirements applicable to one-pound propane cylinders and consider the following:

- Assess whether the existing producer responsibility system provides sufficient and accessible return opportunities for consumers throughout Ontario.
- Evaluate whether the fees collected from consumers are being used to establish an effective province-wide collection and recycling network.



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- Require producers and retailers to provide convenient and publicly accessible take-back locations wherever these products are sold.
- Review whether municipalities are being unfairly burdened with the costs and liabilities associated with managing these products.
- Consider regulatory amendments to strengthen producer accountability and ensure the objectives of Ontario's circular economy and waste diversion policies are being achieved.

Municipalities should not be left to absorb the financial costs, operational challenges, and public safety risks associated with products for which producers have collected environmental stewardship fees. A well-functioning producer responsibility system should ensure that consumers have practical disposal options and that municipalities are not forced to subsidize the end-of-life management of these products.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further or provide examples of the challenges municipalities continue to face regarding the management of one-pound propane cylinders.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carrol
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Tudor and Cashel Township

Cc: Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA): registry@rpra.ca
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September 2, 2026

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Dear Hon. Doug Ford

RE: Review and Reform of Provincial Offences System

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on September 2nd, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Huron OPP Detachment Board.

Resolution No: 2026-09-02-05
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Huron OPP Detachment Board's resolution regarding an appeal to the Attorney General of Ontario for a Review and Reform of Provincial Offences System.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP, AMO, ROMA, all Police Service Boards, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



July 21, 2026

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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Resolution: 37-2026

Moved by: Member Lamport

Seconded by: Member Anderson

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That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 –

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: September 1, 2026

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

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: ☒ DEFEATED: ☐ Postponed to: _____

WHEREAS electric kick-style scooters (e-scooters) have become an increasingly popular and affordable form of transportation in Parry Sound and across Ontario; and

WHEREAS e-scooters can provide an accessible, low-emission transportation option and help address transportation needs in communities such as Parry Sound that do not have conventional public transit; and

WHEREAS Ontario's current e-scooter pilot program places responsibility on individual municipalities to determine how e-scooters may operate locally, creating administrative and enforcement challenges, particularly for smaller municipalities with limited resources; and

WHEREAS the continued use of a pilot framework has resulted in uncertainty and inconsistent approaches to e-scooter regulation across the Province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound requests that the Province of Ontario establish a province-wide regulatory framework for e-scooters that recognizes their unique operating characteristics, maintains appropriate safety standards, and provides municipalities with authority to address local needs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parry Sound requests the support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) in advocating for a framework that reduces unnecessary administrative and enforcement burdens on local municipalities; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith, and all municipalities across Ontario.