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**APPROVAL OF
PREVIOUS
MINUTES**



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Date: May 23, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm

1355 Peddlers Drive, Calvin, ON

Attendance: Mayor Gould, Councillors Latimer, Manson, Moreton; Staff: CAO Donna Maitland, Public Works Superintendent Ann Carr

Not in Attendance: Councillor Grant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution Number: 2025-178

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this May 23rd, 2025, Special Meeting of Council be called to order @1:00 p.m. by Mayor Gould who indicates that quorum has been achieved

Result: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution Number: 2025-179

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Moreton

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby approves the agenda as circulated.

Result: Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Grant declared a conflict of interest with agenda item number 4, matter Stewarts Rd as " Issue involving potentially my parents". He was not present for any of the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2025-180

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Moreton

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of May 20th, be approved as presented and circulated.

Result: Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Stewarts Rd- Deferred decision re next Steps

Resolution Number: 2025-181

Moved By: Councillor Latimer

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

That the CAO be directed to engage professional firms to submit quotes for a survey of Stewarts Road to the bridge. Should the cost be over \$23,000, proceeding will require Council approval. That the cost of the survey of these lands be borne by the Township; that the Planner of Record, Tulloch Engineering

review the results of the survey and bring forth a recommendation to Council with respect to the survey results.

Councillor Latimer requested a recorded vote.

Councillor Grant – absent

Councillor Latimer – Yes

Councillor Manson – Yes

Councillor Moreton – No

Mayor Gould - Yes

Result: Carried 3/1

6. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

By-Law # 2025-28

Resolution Number: 2025-182

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2025-28 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be approved.

Result: Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2025-183

Moved By: Councillor Latimer

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin now be adjourned @2:18 p.m.

Result: Carried

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**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
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MEETINGS**

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**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS FOR INFORMATION
PURPOSES**

May 15, 2025

MEDIA RELEASE

FONOM Applauds “Tariff and Northern” Focus of 2025 Ontario Budget

Temiskaming Shores, ON – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is encouraged by the Province's 2025 Budget, tabled today by Ontario's Minister of Finance, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy. FONOM believes this year's Budget reflects a "Tariff and Northern" approach, offering a strong foundation for future growth and investment in Ontario's North.

FONOM is particularly pleased to see an increase in the funding envelope for the Connecting Link Program and the creation of a new special fund to support major infrastructure projects along connecting links of regional and national significance. Additionally, introducing a dedicated Pothole Fund for smaller northern and rural communities is a welcome and practical investment in road safety and reliability.

The Province's recommitment to completing the twinning of Highway 69, with ongoing land acquisitions, is another critical step in improving Northern transportation. While no construction dates were announced for the long-anticipated 2+1 highway initiative, first proposed in November 2022, FONOM is encouraged that the Province no longer refers to the need for a pilot project, suggesting progress in implementation.

Further positive developments in the Budget include funding for GO Transit refurbishments that will directly benefit Thunder Bay and the Nipissing District, and targeted financial support for Northern Colleges in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. FONOM also welcomes the Province's continued investment in skilled trades, particularly supporting the Mining, Forestry, and Industrial sectors vital to the northern economy.

Notably, expanding the Provincial definition of "Northern Ontario" to include the District of Muskoka marks a significant shift. FONOM welcomes this change and looks forward to working collaboratively with Muskoka on shared priorities that benefit the broader northern region. The continued growth of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) is another

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positive signal of the government's commitment to long-term regional development.

"Today's Budget sends the right signals to communities across the North," said FONOM President Danny Whalen, "we're seeing tangible investments in infrastructure, transportation, education, and economic development. While there's still work to be done—particularly on the 2+1 highway—this Budget makes us optimistic."

FONOM looks forward to continued collaboration with the Province as these commitments are implemented.

FONOM is an association of some 110 districts/municipalities/cities/towns in Northeastern Ontario mandated to work for the betterment of municipal government in Northern Ontario and strive for improved legislation respecting local government in the North. It is a membership-based association that draws its members from northeastern Ontario and is governed by an 11-member board.



President Danny Whalen

705-622-2479

CAO

From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: May 15, 2025 5:35 PM
Subject: FONOM Media Release following the Ontario Budget
Attachments: FONOM Media Release May 15th, 2025 (1).pdf

Good afternoon Please share this email with Council and senior management.

I've attached the Media Release we will send out shortly, following this afternoon's Ontario Budget.

We had anticipated that the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund would be included in the Budget, but it was not. We will follow up with the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth.

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
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May 15, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

Delivered Electronically to: premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Rob Flack

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Delivered Electronically to: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Hon. Doug Ford and Hon. Rob Flack:

Council of the Town of Mattawa, at their Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025 approved a resolution on the Strong Mayor Powers, which stated:

Resolution Number 25-95

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario announced an expansion of strong mayor powers to an additional 169 municipalities that took effect May 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa was included in the additional 169 municipalities that gained such powers;

AND WHEREAS these powers allow mayors to unilaterally override council decisions, appoint senior municipal staff, and set budgets without majority council approval, undermining the principles of democratic governance;

AND WHEREAS municipal governance functions best through a collaborative decision-making process where elected councils, representing the collective voice of their communities, work alongside experienced municipal staff and the proposed powers has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS there is no evidence to suggest that strong mayor powers have increased housing starts, contrary to the provincial government's stated justification for their implementation;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has raised concerns that strong mayor powers blur the lines

between political leadership and administration expertise, threatening the neutrality of municipal public service;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Mattawa has a long history of collaborative, transparent and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council debated and shared decision-making;

AND WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the strong mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or appeal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa opposes the expansion of strong mayor powers and formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Town of Mattawa from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers under the designated legislation.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Council for the Town of Mattawa are formally requesting that the Strong Mayor Powers be removed from our municipality that was granted through the designated legislation.

Sincerely,



Amy Leclerc
Municipal Clerk
Revenue Services Clerk

c.c. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

CAO

Subject: FW: Town of Mattawa - Resolution Letter - Strong Mayor Powers
Attachments: Opposition for expansion of Strong Mayor Powers.pdf

From: Amy Leclerc <clerk@mattawa.ca>
Sent: May 15, 2025 3:27 PM
To: 'premier@ontario.ca' <premier@ontario.ca>; minister.mah@ontario.ca
Cc: list
Subject: Town of Mattawa - Resolution Letter - Strong Mayor Powers

Good afternoon Honourable Ford and Flack;

Please find attached correspondence from Town of Mattawa regarding a resolution adopted by Council in relation to Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers.

We trust that you will give consideration to this request.

Regards,

Amy Leclerc
Municipal Clerk
Revenue Services Clerk
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CAO

From: Mandi Pearson <mpearson@petrolia.ca>
Sent: May 29, 2025 1:15 PM
To: minister.mah@ontario.ca; Premier of Ontario | Premier ministre de l'Ontario; Bailey, Bob
Subject: Circulation of Town of Petrolia Council "support's municipalities opposed to strong mayor powers"
Attachments: C02 - 25 - May 25 - correspondence - support of opposition to strong mayor powers.pdf; C02 - 25 - May 12 - correspondence - support of opposition to strong mayor powers.pdf

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Petrolia, please find the attached for your information and consideration.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Mandi Pearson (she/her)

Director of Legislative Services / Clerk / Deputy Operations, Cemetery
Manager, Division Registrar 3812

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May 29, 2025

Town of Mattawa
Township of Springwater
Town of Goderich

Via email

RE: Town of Petrolia Council *support* of opposition to strong mayor powers

During the May 26, 2025 regular meeting of council, council in response to correspondence received from Goderich | Mattawa & Springwater the following resolution passed:

C-10 WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia has received correspondence from Goderich, Town of Mattawa and the Township of Springwater in opposition to Strong Mayors Powers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia acknowledge receipt of the letters circulated by Goderich, Mattawa, and Springwater in opposition of Strong Mayors Powers and further that we support them and that a copy of this motion with a recorded vote be sent to them.

Moved By Liz Welsh, Seconded By Joel Field

<i>Bill Clark</i>	<i>For</i>
<i>Chad Hyatt</i>	<i>For</i>
<i>Ross O'Hara</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Debb Pitel</i>	<i>For</i>
<i>Liz Welsh (Moved By)</i>	<i>For</i>
<i>Joel Field (Seconded By)</i>	<i>For</i>
<i>Brad Loosley</i>	<i>For</i>
<i>CARRIED.</i>	

recorded vote requested by Councillor Welsh

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Director of Legislative Services | Clerk

cc:

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing rob.flack@pc.ola.org
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton bob.bailey@pc.ola.org
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May 29, 2025

Municipality of Bluewater
Town of Petawawa
Town of Essex
North-Middlesex
Parry Sound
Zorra Township

Via email

RE: Town of Petrolia Council support of opposition to strong mayor powers

During the May 12, 2025 regular meeting of council, council in response to correspondence received from the Municipality of Bluewater | Town of Petawawa | Town of Essex | North-Middlesex | Parry Sound & Zorra Township the following resolution passed:

MOVED: Liz Welsh

SECONDED: Joel Field

THAT the Town of Petrolia acknowledge receipt of the letters circulated by municipalities in relation to opposition of strong mayor powers and acknowledge that we support them.

Carried

Bill Clark	For
Chad Hyatt	For
Ross O'Hara	For
Debb Pitel	For
Liz Welsh (Moved By)	For
Joel Field (Seconded By)	For
Brad Loosley	Against

CARRIED.

recorded vote was requested by Mayor Loosley.

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Director of Legislative Services | Clerk

cc:

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

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May 20, 2025

Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, MPP
Minister of Long-Term Care
6th Floor
400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M5G 1S5

RE: Request for Meeting Regarding Amendment to Schedule 3 of O. Reg. 246/22

Dear Minister Kusendova-Bashta,

We are writing to respectfully request a meeting with you to discuss the importance of facilitating the exit of the following municipalities from the Board of Management for the District of Nipissing East, and their removal from Schedule 3 of Ontario Regulation 246/22:

- The Township of South Algonquin
- The Township of Papineau-Cameron
- The Town of Mattawa
- The Municipality of Calvin
- The Municipality of Mattawan

Our municipalities have previously provided your office with information outlining the rational and local context surrounding this matter. We are now seeking the opportunity to engage directly with you and our local Members of Provincial Parliament to explore a collaborative path forward to implement the requested changes to the regulation.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet at your earliest convenience, subject to your availability. Your consideration of this request is sincerely appreciated, and we remain available to provide any further information or clarification that may assist your office in reviewing this matter.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Donna Maitland
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
cao@calvintownship.ca

c.c

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

Hon. Billy Denault, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

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Jason McMartin, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Papineau-Cameron Township

Mayor Raymond Belanger – Town of Mattawa

Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer – Town of Mattawa

Mayor Peter Murphy – Municipality of Mattawan

JoAnne Montreuil, Clerk/Treasurer – Mattawan.



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Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,


Jason McMartin, BA, ADA
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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CAO

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Sent: May 27, 2025 12:41 PM
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Subject: RE: Request for Joint Meeting with Local Municipal Leaders Regarding Schedule 3 of O.Reg 246/22

Hello Bryan,

I hope all is well. On behalf of the Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your email and meeting request. We are currently reviewing your meeting request and will be in touch with further updates soon.

Thank you,

Victoria Demkowicz

Director of Stakeholder & Member Relations
Office of the Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care
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From: Bryan Martin <clerk@southalgonquin.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 12:26 PM
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Cc: Mayor Ethel LaValley <mayor@southalgonquin.ca>; mayorbob@hotmail.com <mayorbob@hotmail.com>; Jason McMartin <clerk@papineaucameron.ca>; 'Mayor.belanger@mattawa.ca' <mayor.belanger@mattawa.ca>; cao@mattawa.ca <cao@mattawa.ca>; mayor.gould@calvintownship.ca <mayor.gould@calvintownship.ca>; cao <cao@calvintownship.ca>; murphp <murphp@sympatico.ca>; Joanne Montreuil <admin@mattawan.ca>
Subject: Request for Joint Meeting with Local Municipal Leaders Regarding Schedule 3 of O.Reg 246/22

CAUTION -- EXTERNAL E-MAIL - Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender.
Dear Hon. Minister Kusendova-Bashta,

Please find attached a formal request for a joint meeting involving the Chief Administrative Officers/Clerks and Mayors of the following municipalities:

- The Township of South Algonquin
- The Township of Papineau-Cameron
- The Town of Mattawa
- The Municipality of Calvin
- The Municipality of Mattawan

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss our collective interest in pursuing amendments to Schedule 3 of Ontario Regulation 246/22.

We respectfully request the presence of our MPPs, the Hon. Vic Fedeli and Mr. Billy Denault, to participate in this important discussion.

We are flexible and willing to meet at a location of your choosing, at a time that suits your schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Bryan Martin, CMMIII
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
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**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

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

Moved by: Councillor Barton
Seconded by: Councillor Manners

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried

CAO

Subject:

FW: Advancing municipal priorities in Canada's 45th Parliament

From: FCM Communique <communique@fcm.ca>

Sent: May 27, 2025 3:38 PM

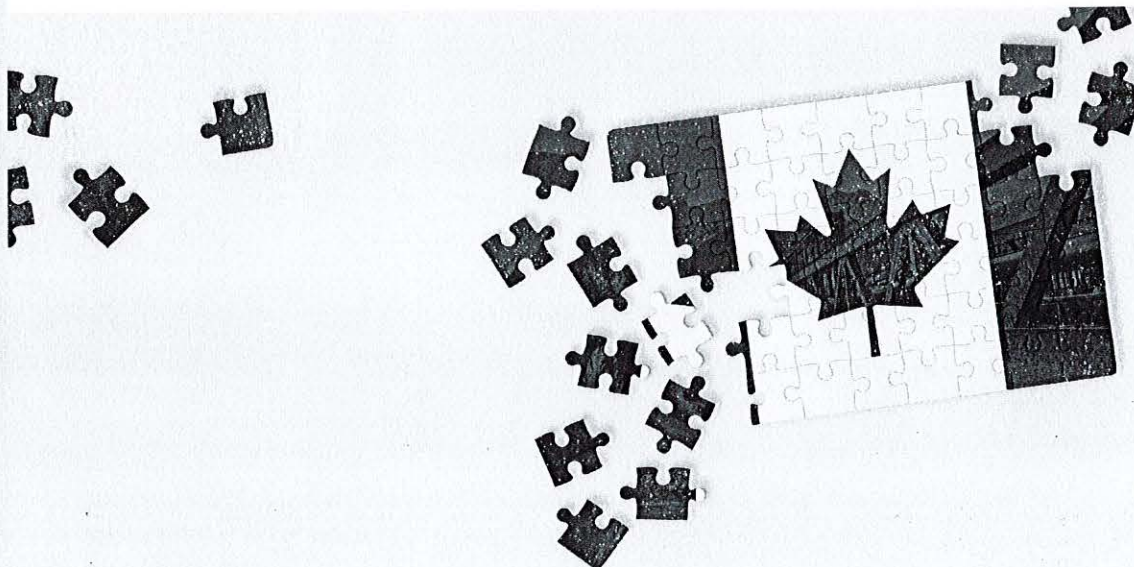
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Subject: Advancing municipal priorities in Canada's 45th Parliament

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May 27, 2025



Dear FCM members,

Earlier today, the Speech from the Throne was delivered to parliamentarians to open Canada's 45th Parliament, outlining the new federal government's vision and priorities under Prime Minister Mark Carney's leadership. The Speech comes at a time of economic uncertainty, global instability and mounting pressure to deliver results on housing and infrastructure—key areas where municipalities are already taking the lead.

We agree with the federal government: it's time to build. The government's early agenda as outlined in the Throne Speech and in the Mandate Letter to Cabinet reflects a

the campaign and in the early days of this new federal government: the need to build 500,000 new homes per year, invest in trade-enabling infrastructure, reduce internal trade barriers, keep our communities safe and drive local economic growth. It also signals a clear intention to move quickly on legislative and fiscal priorities before the House of Commons rises on June 20.

Our response: Municipalities are essential partners in Canada's prosperity

As the national voice of local governments, FCM is already actively engaging on the clear opportunity this Throne Speech presents: to position municipalities as essential, long-term partners in building Canada's prosperity. Our advocacy in the coming days and weeks, including at this week's Annual Conference and Trade Show, will build on the momentum of our Stronger Together election campaign and focus on three key messages:

- **Municipalities are essential partners in building a stronger Canada.** Whether it's achieving housing targets, building infrastructure or growing the economy, the federal government's goals cannot be met without the leadership, expertise and local capacity of municipalities. Working with municipalities is a requirement if the federal government is to be successful in meeting its bold agenda.
- **We must modernize how we work together.** Delivering results requires a new intergovernmental approach—one that reflects the complexities of modern communities and equips us with sustainable, predictable funding tools to deliver for Canadians. Our fiscal framework must evolve to match 21st-century realities.
- **Communities are already driving solutions.** We are already leading in areas like housing approvals, economic development, public safety and climate resilience. We bring proven, shovel-ready solutions to national challenges, and we are ready to do more.

AC2025 as a federal-municipal forum

This year's **Annual Conference and Trade Show** will be a critical forum to maintain momentum following the Throne Speech and to position municipalities as essential to Canada's prosperity. This event will provide a platform for federal ministers and opposition leaders to engage directly with municipal leaders and demonstrate their commitment to working collaboratively across orders of government to deliver for Canadians.

Looking ahead: Building the framework for Canada's future

Prime Minister Carney has committed to a results-driven, partnership-based approach to governance. FCM will work to ensure that this approach includes municipalities, not just as stakeholders, but as core nation-building partners. Our long-term objective remains clear: to secure a modernized fiscal framework and intergovernmental approach that enables communities of all sizes to thrive. Canada needs empowered municipalities if we are to succeed in building a stronger, more resilient nation.

Members will continue to receive updates and be strategically mobilized in support of these goals as we move through this critical early phase of the government's mandate.

- Your FCM team

Unleash our Economy by Protecting Communities

AMO'S SUBMISSION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE INTERIOR ON
BILL 5, *PROTECT ONTARIO BY UNLEASHING OUR ECONOMY ACT*, 2025

May 26, 2025

Executive Summary

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is pleased to provide comments on Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act*.

AMO and Ontario's municipalities commend the provincial government for its strong, decisive leadership regarding the threat posed by tariffs and related measures, which could have devastating impacts on Ontario's economy, residents and communities. As a sector that invests \$68 billion annually in Ontario, municipalities are critical economic partners. We have significant tools to contribute to the province's response to financial upheaval. Municipalities are committed to working with the province and business partners to foster economic opportunities and strengthen our economy in the face of evolving global trade dynamics. Our local economies, natural and human resources, and the businesses and industries situated in Ontario municipalities are the foundation of Ontario's economy and prosperity. Ontario's municipalities will always support and assist the province, especially in times of challenge and uncertainty. AMO and its members in every part of Ontario are confident that our communities and province are resilient, innovative and competitive, and ready to work together to continue to build our shared social and economic prosperity.

In this context, AMO understands the impetus behind Bill 5 and the need to try different approaches to supporting economic projects, provided that important objectives such as health, safety, environmental protection, community well-being and Indigenous rights and relationships are upheld.

Municipalities are committed to fostering economic opportunities and strengthening our economy amid global trade dynamics. If used responsibly and collaboratively, Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have the potential to drive growth more efficiently. SEZs will require strong municipal and local partnership to succeed. The use of SEZs to override local bylaws should only occur with host municipal support and in cases of extraordinary need. AMO calls for municipal inclusion in developing the SEZ regulatory framework.

We are encouraged by the province's commitment to robust environmental protections and fulfilling its Indigenous consultation obligations. This is a critical opportunity for Ontario to demonstrate its commitment to reconciliation and stronger relationships with Indigenous rights holders. We underscore that economic prosperity is tied to health,

safety, and environmental well-being. Therefore, we urge the province to ensure legislative changes are applied judiciously and ensure continued protection for the environment, including species-at-risk and natural habitats.

Protect Municipal Autonomy and Fiscal Sustainability

Municipalities are committed to fostering economic opportunities and support efforts to strengthen our economy in the face of evolving global trade dynamics. Municipalities are eager to ensure that host communities experience the benefits of this growth including job creation, assessment growth, and economic opportunities for local businesses.

However, the use of SEZs as described in Bill 5 would allow the province to unilaterally override municipal decision-making by exempting SEZs from municipal by-laws. Municipal by-laws cover a wide range of topics, from ensuring municipalities have funding to deliver growth-enabling infrastructure, to delivering emergency services, and executing local housing and economic development initiatives. Without limits on how SEZs are identified, and which by-laws would be exempt, municipalities are concerned that the use of SEZs to bypass local deliberation on proposed projects may not deliver on the promise of supporting economic growth. Instead, SEZs may hinder or prevent these projects from moving forward.

SEZs should not be used to exempt projects from by-laws that impact municipal revenue including development charge by-laws, property tax by-laws, or fees and charges by-laws. The revenue collected under these types of by-laws is essential to ensuring that municipalities can fund the essential infrastructure that economic projects need to thrive. Exemptions would – at best – result in municipal property taxpayers having to fund the cost of infrastructure needed to service new projects, or direct funding from other critical projects. At worst, exemptions could leave host municipalities unable to deliver growth-enabling infrastructure, hindering the ability of projects in SEZs to move forward.

Similarly, extreme caution should be used when considering exempting SEZ projects from by-laws that are intended to plan for or coordinate municipal growth. For example, using an SEZ to locate a project outside of planned growth areas may have similar

challenges for coordinating and delivering infrastructure. But even smaller matters controlled through municipal by-laws (such as those overseeing safe road access points) could have adverse effects on the safety of existing residents.

While municipalities are concerned about the potential unintended impacts of SEZs, we also recognize that if used constructively, SEZs can be an important tool to support economic growth. Municipalities are eager to ensure host communities experience the benefits of this growth such as job creation, assessment growth, and economic opportunities for local businesses and residents. But to successfully deliver economic benefits, it's vital that SEZs are developed in partnership with municipalities who are key partners in creating local economic opportunities and integrating SEZs into existing communities.

There is a simple solution to seeing SEZs achieve their full potential while simultaneously mitigating any potential risks to the community or the ability of a municipality to support a project. Moreover, the province has already successfully deployed this solution in its approach to long-term electricity procurements in Ontario which requires pre-consultation and an expression of local support before a project moves forward. Similarly, we propose that SEZs only be used to override local by-laws with a supportive resolution from the host municipality. Further, this power should be used sparingly, in situations of extraordinary need or urgency where approvals cannot be otherwise expedited. We recommend enshrining this provision in legislation.

To help achieve supportive resolutions, a collaborative approach would bring the province, project proponents, and host municipalities together as partners to negotiate approvals and supports. This would build a shared vision of how the project will integrate into the host community and what exemptions to provincial and local laws would help new economic opportunities to bear quickly. It would also unlock the opportunity to ensure municipalities can deliver resources to support the project such as those included in local economic development plans.

Protect Ontario's Environment and Indigenous Cultural Heritage

AMO understands that economic prosperity is tied to health, safety, and environmental prosperity. We believe that provincial officials understand this, too. Which is why we are

calling on the government to ensure that Bill 5, and any regulations that it would enable, are designed to be used in a balanced way that ensures the ongoing protection of species-at-risk, natural habitats, and environmental areas.

Equally critical is respecting Indigenous rights and cultural heritage. We recognize the concerns raised by Indigenous voices regarding the risks that changes to archaeological protections pose to cultural heritage. Ensuring a robust Duty to Consult process and ensuring archaeological processes protect Indigenous cultural heritage is critical. This presents a vital opportunity for Ontario to demonstrate its commitment to reconciliation and to fostering strong, respectful relationships with Indigenous rights holders.

We also urge the province to uphold its legal and moral Indigenous consultation obligations and to engage in good-faith dialogue as it implements new, innovative approaches to supporting our economy, including with SEZs and across various bills like Bill 5. Provincial failure to properly consult Indigenous communities on SEZs and other land development initiatives often strains Indigenous-municipal relationships. This happens because municipalities are frequently left to manage the fallout from provincial decisions that don't adequately consider Indigenous rights and perspectives. Such situations lead to misunderstandings, land use conflicts, and project delays, all of which deplete local resources and hinder growth. By ensuring meaningful Indigenous consultation and accommodation on legislation that determines municipal land use planning and development, municipalities can collaborate effectively with Indigenous communities to foster more sustainable and harmonious local planning and growth. This approach not only benefits Indigenous people but also strengthens the social and economic fabric of the entire province.

Conclusion

Municipalities understand the need to try different approaches to improving economic opportunities for communities across the province. We also appreciate the province's commitment to fulfilling its obligations to Indigenous communities and protecting our environment while making these changes. We ask that the province similarly commit to respecting municipal autonomy by legislating that SEZs within municipal borders require a supportive resolution from the host municipality and a commitment to ongoing collaboration.

AMO's Submission to the Standing Committee on the Interior on Bill 5
May 26, 2025

Recognizing that many of the proposed changes in Bill 5 will require the development of a regulatory framework before they can be implemented. AMO calls on the province to include municipalities in the development of the regulatory framework to implement SEZs. We look forward to working together on this, and other important work to advance Ontario's economic prosperity.

Protect Municipalities by Expanding Access to Goods, Services, and Skilled Labour

AMO'S SUBMISSION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ON BILL 2, *PROTECT ONTARIO THROUGH FREE TRADE
WITHIN CANADA ACT*

May 27, 2025

Executive Summary

AMO appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Bill 2, *Protect Ontario Through Free Trade Within Canada Act, 2025*. With ongoing trade and tariff disruptions causing unprecedented challenges and uncertainty, municipalities are committed to fostering economic opportunities and support proactive action to strengthen our economy. AMO applauds the government's leadership on trade response and is pleased to express its support for the changes to labour mobility and interprovincial trade proposed under Bill 2.

The Importance of Labour Mobility for Ontario's Municipalities

We understand that the proposed legislation would remove labour mobility barriers by streamlining credentials for skilled workers certified in other provinces. We also understand that the government intends to consult on additional measures to increase labour mobility for regulated health professions.

Ontario's 444 municipalities rely on over 235,000 employees from a wide range of professions and fields to build and maintain local infrastructure while delivering local services that Ontarians rely on every day. As almost 4% of Ontario's paid workforce, municipal employees contribute to the economic and social fabric in every region of the province. Municipalities offer good jobs with competitive compensation, benefits, job security, and the opportunity to make a meaningful difference to the communities they serve. Yet like many sectors, municipalities are struggling to attract and retain the workforce they need.

Now more than ever, municipalities require a strong workforce that can support work advancing critical municipal infrastructure, social housing projects, and delivering essential services to residents and businesses impacted by economic challenges. Municipalities also continue to face challenges attracting health care workers such as doctors and nurses, particularly in rural, northern and remote communities.

AMO supports Bill 2's proposed "as of right" rules which will help attract and retain the widest range of qualified professionals to support the work of municipalities, support local economic development, and make it easier for health care professionals to move to Ontario and fill critical positions across the province.

We are aware that in considering similar legislation, the Government of Nova Scotia identified concerns that professional licensing and oversight bodies may not be able to investigate or resolve complaints against workers who moved from one province to another without obtaining local licenses. A lack of professional oversight could result in health and safety risks, or increased liability for employers – including municipalities – who hire out-of-province workers under the new labour mobility regime. AMO calls on the government to ensure that appropriate professional oversight for out-of-province

workers are maintained and are equal to any oversight in place for Ontario workers.

Enabling Interprovincial Trade Opportunities for Municipalities

We understand that the proposed legislation would remove all 23 of Ontario's Party-Specific Exceptions (PSEs) under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and maintain no trade related exceptions against other provinces, territories or the federal government. AMO welcomes the removal of interprovincial trade barriers that respond to municipal calls for the provincial government to unlock interprovincial trade in order to create stronger trade and economic opportunities within Canada.

We recognize that the legislation would enable the provincial government to designate a 'reciprocating jurisdiction' and harmonize or remove regulatory requirements for any agreed to goods and services. While AMO agrees that this approach may allow provinces to negotiate for faster and easier movement of goods and services, we also recognize that the range of goods and services that could be implicated by mutual recognition remains undefined in the legislation.

Many of the regulatory requirements in place for various goods and services serve an important health and safety role. Given that the mutual recognition framework being proposed under this legislation is very broad, the impact to municipal by-laws and standards remains unclear. As such, we call on the province to take steps to maintain strong health and safety standards as inter-provincial trade barriers are lifted, and to address any impacts to municipal by-laws as the government implements 'reciprocating jurisdiction' barriers between provinces. AMO looks forward to engaging further with the appropriate ministries on this topic.

Further Opportunities for Trade and Economic Growth

In April, AMO surveyed municipalities about their procurement practices in the context of recent trade and tariff disruptions. Municipalities identified that while the vast majority of the \$22 billion municipalities spend annually to procure non-construction related goods and services already comes from companies with a Canadian address. However, municipalities reported a reliance on US procurement for critical goods and services where Canadian alternatives are not readily available. These would include:

- IT and communications products such as data server storage, software licenses, and public emergency notification systems;
- Heavy machinery and vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances, plows and road graders; and,
- Goods needed for public health and safety such as equipment and chemicals for water treatment plants, and equipment that meets provincial standards for fire, police and EMS responders.

These goods and services are outside the scope of the 23 PSEs in the CFTA that Bill 2

proposes to remove. This underscores the continued importance of identifying Canadian alternatives for these critical US-sourced goods and services. To support this work, AMO recommends that as the government explores ways to diversify trade within Canada and abroad, it should consider ways to fill domestic supply chain gaps by identifying alternative cost-effective suppliers for goods and services that municipalities rely on.

Municipalities are eager to leverage their buying power to support local businesses and the broader provincial response to US tariffs. We also encourage the provincial government to align economic development initiatives with efforts to support diversify the supply chains and meet local procurement needs.

Conclusion

AMO is pleased to see the government taking action to increase labour mobility and enable interprovincial trade for regulated professions, including health care workers. Municipalities are eager to support government efforts to ease the effects of trade and tariff disruptions and look forward to discussing with the government how the sector can inform and support your economic development and trade strategies. As the province implements its new mutual recognition framework, we ask for engagement and clarity on how it will maintain strong health and safety standards and address any impacts on municipal bylaws. AMO looks forward to continuing to work with your government to ensure municipalities emerge stronger and more resilient so that Ontario's communities can prosper.

CAO

From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
Sent: May 29, 2025 5:25 PM
To: CAO
Subject: AMO Policy Update – Province Introduces Bill 30



Policy Update - Province Introduces Bill 30

Province Introduces Bill 30, *Working For Workers Seven Act, 2025*

Yesterday, the Ontario government tabled its seventh *Working for Workers Act* (Bill 30). While the stated objective of supporting workers amidst potential job losses arising from the US-Canada trade dynamic is noted, one of its proposals raises significant concerns -- exempting Skills Development Fund Capital Stream-supported capital projects from the requirements of *The Municipal Act* and *The Planning Act*.

Earlier exemptions from municipal planning approvals, such as those related to public universities and "community service facilities" like K-12 schools, hospitals, and long-term care homes are aimed to expedite planning for public entities. Bill 30, however, marks a significant shift by:

- Extending expedited planning processes and exemptions from municipal authorities to private entities without the robust accountability and regulatory frameworks that characterize broader public sector bodies, solely by virtue of their qualification to access a source of provincial funding with broad eligibility; and
- Going beyond exemptions to *The Planning Act* to include exemptions to *The Municipal Act*. These powers could allow for waivers from municipal bylaws, including those related to property tax, development charges, and other local requirements with no clear purpose or rationale.

The cumulative impact of what is now the proposed ability of four separate Ministers to override municipal land use planning and other authorities also raises significant concern by increasing the likelihood of unintended consequences and diffuse accountability. Currently before the legislature are proposals to provide powers to:

- The Minister of Infrastructure to use Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) to override *The Planning Act* as part of Bill 17;
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade to create Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to override *The Planning Act* and *The Municipal Act* as part of Bill 5; and
- The Minister of Labour, Immigration, Skills and Training to override *The Planning Act* and *The Municipal Act* for those in receipt of capital funding from the Skills Development Fund under Bill 30.

AMO continues to support the need for bold and innovative action to respond to unprecedented economic challenges. However, the threat of tariffs cannot be used to justify any and all proposals to override provincial and municipal laws. AMO will continue to analyze the proposal and seek opportunities to provide commentary to the legislature.

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

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBRARY BOARD, Monday April 14, 2025
365 Hwy 531, Bonfield ON P0H 1E0

PRESENT: Gail Johnston, Donna Clark, Storme Van Rassel, Leslie Larocque
STAFF: Jeannette Shields
EXCUSED ABSENCE: Britney Morin

- 25-31

Moved by: Storme Van Rassel
THAT the Library Board meeting be opened at 6:55pm.

Seconded by: Gail Johnston

Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 25-32

Moved by: Donna Clark
THAT the Library Board regular meeting agenda be approved as presented.

Seconded by: Gail Johnston
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 25-33

Moved by: Gail Johnston
THAT the minutes of the Library Board Meeting held March 3 and April 14, 2025 be adopted
As circulated.

Seconded by: Storme Van Rassel

Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 25-34

Moved by: Gail Johnston
THAT reports circulated be approved as presented.

Seconded by: Donna Clark
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 25-35

Moved by: Donna Clark
To accept the Board Honorarium Policy and instruct the Librarian to forward to the
CAO to add to budget

Seconded by: Gail Johnston

Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 25-36

Moved by: Gail Johnston
THAT the Library Board meeting be adjourned at 7:29pm

Seconded by: Britney Morin
Carried: Leslie Larocque

Secretary

Chairperson

May 30, 2025

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

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Premier:

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

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

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

Davneet Sandhu

Davneet Sandhu
Council/Committee Coordinator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regards,

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

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Our Mission: **Working together to serve our thriving communities – today and tomorrow**

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CAO

Subject: FW: The Future of Rural Canada unveiled at FCM's Annual Conference

From: FCM Communique <communique@fcm.ca>

Sent: May 31, 2025 12:50 PM

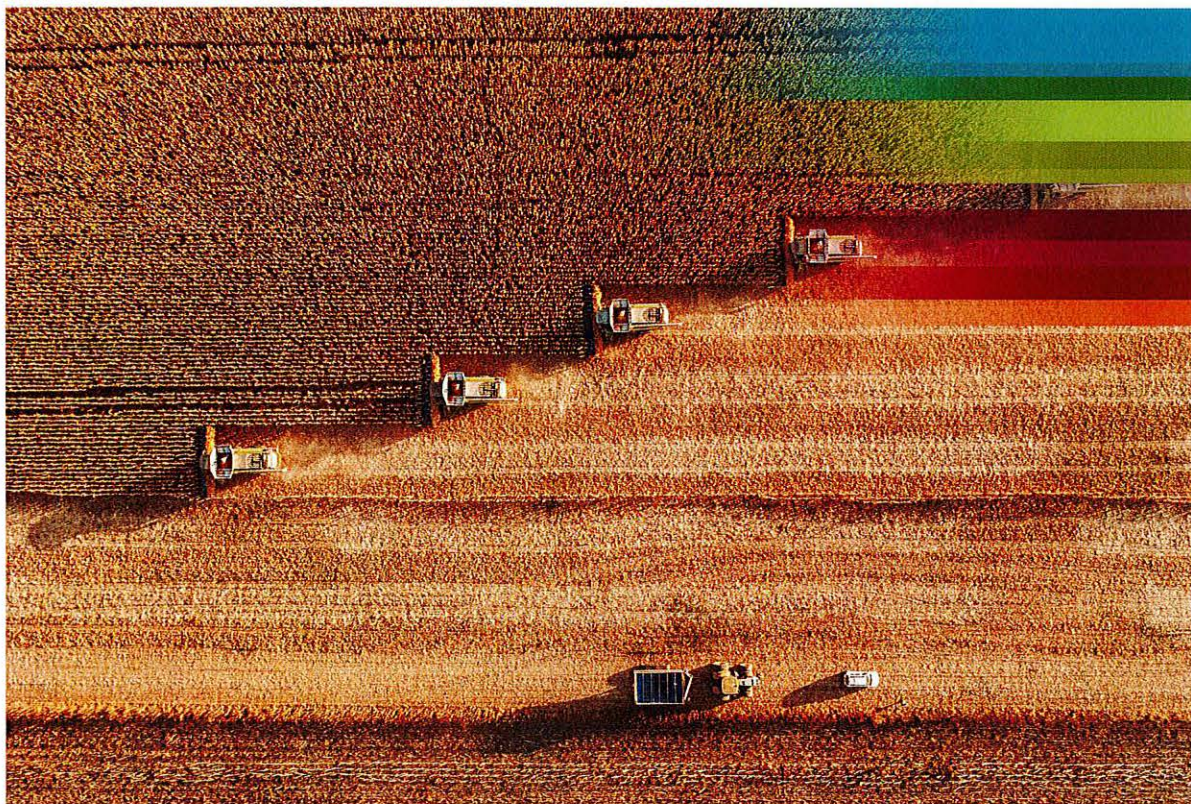
To: list

Subject: The Future of Rural Canada unveiled at FCM's Annual Conference

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May 31, 2025



Rural Canada is a key driver of economic growth and ready to lead the way. Today, at FCM's Annual Conference, we launched ***The Future of Rural Canada*** report, a bold new vision for rural communities across Canada.

Launched in front of more than 2,000 delegates during the Rural Plenary session, it brought together voices from across rural Canada, including industry, municipal associations, as well as federal and US decision-makers. Together, the panelists discussed the state of rural Canada and offered their perspectives on how to transform these communities into dynamic and prosperous spaces.

Simultaneously, FCM's launched its vision for rural municipalities to media from all over the country.

You can watch the press conference here

In *The Future of Rural Canada* report, you can find recommendations across key issues including digital connectivity, infrastructure and transportation, housing and homelessness, community safety, and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Created to guide our joint advocacy and amplify the voices of rural communities, the document can now be found online.

Read it, share it with your network, and join the movement to shape a stronger, more resilient rural Canada. Together, we can turn this vision into reality.

READ THE FULL REPORT HERE



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CAO

From: Karlee Britton <KBritton@mckellar.ca>
Sent: May 30, 2025 3:36 PM
To: Premier@ontario.ca; Smith, Graydon
Cc: King, James
Subject: Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education
Attachments: Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education_DPSMA.pdf

Dear Premier Ford and MPP Smith,

On behalf of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA), I am forwarding the attached resolution, which was carried at the Spring 2025 meeting held on May 23, 2025 in the Municipality of Callander.

This resolution calls on the Province of Ontario to provide Municipalities, particularly small and rural communities, with improved access to free, timely information, training, and transparency related to Codes of Conduct and Integrity Commissioner investigations. As the demands on Municipal councils continue to grow, it is critical that all members, especially newly elected officials, are equipped with the tools and guidance necessary to uphold the integrity of our democratic institutions.

We respectfully request your attention to this matter and your support in ensuring Municipal councils across Ontario are empowered to serve their communities effectively and responsibly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Karlee Britton | Secretary-Treasurer
District of Parry Sound Municipal Association
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District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

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

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

RE: Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education

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

Moved by: Kathy Hamer (Municipality of McDougall)

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

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

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

Whereas proper policies and procedures protect the democratic process; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Karlee Britton | Secretary-Treasurer
District of Parry Sound Municipal Association
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(705) 389-2842 x4

cc:

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

CAO

From: Pronska, Karina (SOLGEN) <Karina.Pronska@ontario.ca>
Sent: May 26, 2025 10:02 AM
To: Pronska, Karina (SOLGEN)
Cc: Di Tommaso, Mario (SOLGEN)
Subject: Inspector General Memo #5: Release of the Inspector General of Policing's first Spotlight Report, Policing Protests and Major Events: Public Order Maintenance in Ontario
Attachments: POU Spotlight Report_EN.pdf; Inspector General Memorandum - IGM - Public Order Unit Findings Report_May 26 2025_Final.pdf



The below and attached are sent on behalf of the Inspector General of Policing of Ontario

Inspector General of Policing Memorandum and Advisory Bulletin

TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Chairs, Police Service Boards

FROM: Ryan Teschner, Inspector General of Policing of Ontario

DATE: May 26, 2025

SUBJECT: Inspector General Memo #5: Release of the Inspector General of Policing's first Spotlight Report, *Policing Protests and Major Events: Public Order Maintenance in Ontario*

I am pleased to announce the release of my first provincial Spotlight Report, ***Policing Protests and Major Events: Public Order Maintenance in Ontario***. This report provides my assessment of the current state of public order policing, while advancing recommendations that, I believe, will improve policing performance and governance concerning public order maintenance functions in the province. In line with the Inspectorate of Policing's (IoP) commitment to transparency, and to enhance the public's understanding of key aspects of policing delivery, the Spotlight Report is available on the [IoP's website](#). I would ask that you share this Spotlight Report with members of your organization and others within the policing sector, both in Ontario and beyond, that would find it of interest.

Between May 2023 and February 2024, the IoP conducted an inspection to ensure compliance with provincial Public Order Maintenance requirements, focusing specifically on public order unit (POU) standards by all

municipal police services, boards and the OPP. This inspection was conducted under the former *Police Services Act*, prior to the implementation of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA) and the coming into force of the Inspector General's statutory mandate. However, given the continued relevance of the inspection's analysis to the policing sector and Ontario government, I am pleased to share our findings. These findings have been published in a broader, Ontario-wide context along with **12 recommendations** that focus on the shared responsibility of police services, police service boards, and the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General, to further strengthen Ontario's public order system.

Overall, **I conclude that the state of public order policing in Ontario is strong.** Ontario POUs have proven themselves to be generally responsive to emerging and evolving conditions, where they can deploy effectively in both planned and unplanned circumstances. Based on the inspection findings, identified trends in public order policing, and applying a CSPA-compliance lens, I also identify areas that merit attention in order to strengthen Ontario's position as a national leader in this space.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Ontario's policing sector, including all chiefs of police and police service board members that participated or facilitated their organization's participation in this inspection. I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), including members of the public order policing system that were engaged by the OACP, and the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards for their constructive engagement throughout the IoP's work. This invaluable cooperation and commendable patience have contributed to a report that, I believe, accurately assesses the state of public order policing and charts a path to keep the province's system strong and responsive to public safety needs.

Sincerely,



Ryan Teschner
Inspector General of Policing of Ontario

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety



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CAO

From: SOLGENinput <SOLGENinput@ontario.ca>
Sent: May 22, 2025 12:26 PM
Subject: Ontario Provincial Policing (OPP) Cost Recovery Model
Attachments: Memo to Municipalities - Cost Recovery Model Review DSG Signed.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached memo from Deputy Solicitor General Mario Di Tommaso with an update regarding the OPP cost recovery model review.

More information will follow soon regarding engagement webinars in June 2025.

Please ensure this correspondence is appropriately redirected to the CAO/Mayor within your OPP policed municipality in case of any recent changes to the contact information.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

Ministry of the Solicitor General

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DATE: May 21, 2025

MEMORANDUM TO: CAOs and Mayors from Municipalities Billed under
O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for
Policing from Ontario Provincial Police

FROM: Mario Di Tommaso
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

SUBJECT: Ontario Provincial Policing (OPP) Cost Recovery Model
Review and June 2025 Webinars

In Fall 2024, the Solicitor General announced a commitment to review of the OPP cost recovery model as set out in [O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police](#) under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is pleased to announce that this review has been initiated. The ministry will be working with a third-party vendor to support an evidence-based review and analysis of the OPP cost recovery model.

The intent is for the review to be completed in time to inform the issuing of the 2026 annual billing statements and the approach going forward.

I would like to thank you for the extensive feedback you have shared with the ministry to date. This feedback is valuable in shaping the review.

We look forward to the opportunity for continued input from your municipalities. To achieve this goal, engagement webinars will take place in June 2025. More information regarding these webinars will follow as soon as possible. Your participation is encouraged to ensure that your perspectives are heard.

You can expect outreach in the coming weeks with details for the June webinars. Should you have any immediate questions, please reach out to Sheela Subramanian, Director, Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy Branch at sheela.subramanian@ontario.ca

Thank you for your continued collaboration and future input.



Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
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From: Jamie Bishop <jamie.bishop@mpac.ca>

Sent: May 26, 2025 10:00 AM

To: CAO <CAO@calvintownship.ca>

Subject: MPAC:2025 Ontario Budget Update

Good morning, Donna.

Last week's 2025 Ontario Budget, A Plan to Protect Ontario, includes several measures that directly impact property assessment and related municipal services. As your property assessment partner, MPAC is committed to keeping you informed and ensuring you have the tools and information needed to support your community.

Property assessment-related highlights from the Budget include:

- Starting in 2026, municipalities will have the option to reduce the municipal property tax rate for eligible affordable rental housing units by up to 35 per cent.
- Changes to legislation that allow MPAC to deliver assessment notices electronically starting in 2026.
- Introducing legislation to provide regulatory authority to facilitate expanded use of MPAC property assessment information, such as for research and operational needs.
- Announcing that work is underway to enable MPAC to provide centralized online access to assessment roll information rather than requiring on-site viewing in municipal offices.

Additionally, the budget notes that the review of Ontario's property assessment and taxation system is ongoing, and we look forward to future announcements.

Like you, we are in the early stages of reviewing the budget, and we will continue to keep you informed on our next steps as we learn more.

We're excited to modernize the way we deliver services—not just to keep pace with change, but to lead it. By continuing to embrace innovation, we're helping to strengthen the foundation of Ontario's property assessment system and, in turn, support vibrant, well-resourced local communities across the province.

MPAC's new strategic plan is aligned with these provincial initiatives. We remain committed to modernizing assessment delivery, supporting transparency, and helping municipalities make data-driven decisions to serve their residents.

We look forward to sharing more with you as information becomes available. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of your Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Team.

Thank you,

Jamie

Jamie Bishop

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BUILDING REPORT

MONTH: May, 2025

1. NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED	3
2. TOTAL MONTHLY VALUE	\$180,000
3. TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$1,010
4. TOTAL BUILDING VALUE TO DATE	\$205,000
5. TOTAL FEES COLLECTED TO DATE	\$1,395

COMMENTS:

Permit: 04-2025	Type: Garage	Value: \$35,000	Fee: \$405
05-2025	Install/Erect/Replace	\$100,000	\$565
06-2025	Storage Shed	\$50,000	\$605

NOTE: Permit 05-2025 not picked up or paid for.

SHANE CONRAD
CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Report

May 2025

May 05: - Phone call from contractor, code question

May 07: - Submitted March building report to MPAC, CMHC, StatsCan.

- Emails and phone calls.
- Travelled to 248 Latimer Lane for inspection
- Traveled to 1392 Peddlers Dr. for inspection.

May 14: - Emails and phone calls.

- Plan review and issued permit 04-2025 to construct a garage.
- Plan review and issued permit 05-2025 to replace roof structure and add porches and decks.
- Submitted April building report to council
- Sent email to property owner.

May 21: - Emails and phone calls.

- Travelled to 170 Peddlers Dr. for inspection.
- Plan review and issued permit 06-2025 for a storage building.

May 23: - Text from property owner.

May 28: - Emails & phone calls

- Travelled to 509 Boundary Rd. for Q & A with property owners.
- Meet with property owner to go over their plans for a porch.
- Drafted letter to property owner on Talon Lake.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Conrad', followed by a large, stylized initial 'C'.

Shane Conrad CBO