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## Deputy Clerk

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**From:** Deputy Clerk  
**Sent:** March 10, 2026 1:07 PM  
**To:** Deputy Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: Regional Council Decision - Circular Materials Ontario

**From:** Regional.Clerk <[regional.clerk@york.ca](mailto:regional.clerk@york.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 6, 2026 8:13 AM  
**Subject:** Regional Council Decision - Circular Materials Ontario

On February 26, 2026 Regional Council passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** the Province of Ontario has implemented the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, transferring responsibility for municipal recycling to producer responsibility organizations and their contractors, including Circular Materials Ontario;

**And Whereas** Circular Materials Ontario has engaged multiple private collection contractors to deliver recycling services to municipalities across Ontario, including those within the Regional Municipality of York;

**And Whereas** municipalities throughout Ontario are experiencing inconsistent recycling collection service levels under the new EPR model, including differences in collection frequency, missed collections, accepted materials, cart provision, contamination management, customer service response times, and contractor accountability;

**And Whereas** residents in some municipalities are receiving reduced or inferior recycling collection services compared to others, despite participating in the same provincial Blue Box program;

**And Whereas** these service level inequities have resulted in increased resident complaints, confusion, reduced participation in recycling programs, and declining public confidence in Ontario's recycling system;

**And Whereas** upper- and lower-tier municipalities, including York Region, no longer have direct operational control over Blue Box recycling collection, yet continue to experience the impacts of service disruptions and resident dissatisfaction;

**And Whereas** the intent of Extended Producer Responsibility was to improve environmental outcomes, efficiency, and accountability, not to create unequal treatment of Ontario residents based on municipal boundaries;

**And Whereas** access to reliable and effective recycling collection is an essential public service and should be fair, consistent, and equitable for all residents of Ontario, regardless of where they live;

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Council of The Regional Municipality of York calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario and its contractors provide fair, consistent, and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario;

**And That** the Province be requested to establish, enforce, and publicly report on consistent province-wide service standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed-collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times, and contractor performance;

**And That** the Province require Circular Materials Ontario to promptly address collection service level inequities and performance gaps between municipalities, including those impacting York Region;

**And That** this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario.

Regards,

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

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March 8, 2026

**For Immediate Release**

## **FONOM Calls for Urgent Action Following Another Fatal Collision on Northern Highway**

**March 2026 – Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario**

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is expressing deep concern and growing frustration following another fatal collision on Northern Ontario’s highway system.

On March 7, a serious collision near **Smooth Rock Falls** involving four tractor-trailers and a passenger vehicle claimed the life of a **Kapuskasing resident**, marking the **tenth highway fatality this winter on Northern highways**. FONOM extends its sincere condolences to the family, friends, and community affected by this tragic loss.

“These tragedies are becoming far too common on Northern Ontario highways,” said **FONOM President Dave Plourde**.

“Northern Ontario families should not have to live with the constant fear that a routine trip on the highway could end in tragedy. When we see collision after collision and closure after closure, it becomes painfully clear that the current situation is unacceptable. Northern Ontarians deserve the same level of highway safety that people in southern Ontario expect every day.”

FONOM notes that in **April 2023**, the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force**, co-chaired by former FONOM President **Danny Whalen** and **Wendy Landry**, delivered a comprehensive report to the Province of Ontario outlining recommendations to improve transportation safety, reliability, and economic connectivity across Northern Ontario.

While FONOM appreciates that some improvements have been made, many of the recommendations—particularly those related to highway safety, passing opportunities, rest areas, and improved road design—have yet to be fully implemented.

“Northern leaders have already done the work. The Transportation Task Force delivered clear recommendations to improve safety on Highways 11 and 17, yet too few of those recommendations have been implemented,” Plourde said. “Every serious collision is another reminder that improving this corridor is not just a transportation issue—it is a matter of public safety for the people who live, work, and travel in Northern Ontario.”

FONOM continues to advocate for meaningful improvements to **Highways 11 and 17**, including expanding passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and using **the 2+1 highway model** in appropriate sections.

“These highways are part of the Trans-Canada system and carry billions of dollars in goods every year,” Plourde added. “They connect our communities, support our resource economy, and move essential supplies

## **FONOM Resolution**

### **Urgent Action on Highway Safety – Highways 11 and 17**

**WHEREAS** Highways 11 and 17 form the backbone of the Trans-Canada Highway through Northern Ontario and are essential corridors for the movement of people, goods, and emergency services across Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** these highways support Northern Ontario's resource economy, connect communities to health care and services, and carry significant national supply chains;

**AND WHEREAS** Northern Ontario continues to experience a troubling number of serious collisions and highway closures each year;

**AND WHEREAS** the tragic fatal collision near Smooth Rock Falls on March 7, 2026 involving four tractor-trailers and a passenger vehicle, resulted in the death of a Kapuskasing resident and marked the **tenth highway fatality in Northern Ontario so far in 2026**;

**AND WHEREAS** in April 2023, the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force**, co-chaired by representatives of FONOM and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), delivered a comprehensive set of recommendations to the Province of Ontario aimed at improving safety, reliability, and economic connectivity across Northern Ontario's transportation network;

**AND WHEREAS** Northern leaders, Indigenous partners, and transportation experts invested significant time and effort developing practical and achievable recommendations, many of which have yet to be fully implemented;

**AND WHEREAS** Northern Ontario residents should not have to accept a higher level of risk simply because they live, work, or travel in the North, and every preventable highway fatality underscores the urgent need for action;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) call upon the Province of Ontario to urgently accelerate the implementation of the recommendations contained within the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force Final Report**;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province of Ontario prioritize meaningful safety improvements along **Highways 11 and 17**, including increased passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and expanded implementation of the **2+1 highway model** in appropriate sections;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, Indigenous communities, and the Government of Canada to modernize this critical national transportation corridor;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province provide an update to Northern municipalities on the status of the Task Force recommendations and the timeline for their implementation;

**AND FURTHER THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, Northern Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, Northern Members of the Canadian Parliament, and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

across the country. Improving safety on these corridors is not just a Northern issue—it is a national one.”

FONOM is calling on the Province of Ontario to accelerate the implementation of the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force recommendations** and to work collaboratively with Northern municipalities and the federal government to modernize this critical corridor.

Despite frequent collisions and heavy truck traffic, much of Highway 11 and 17 is a two-lane, undivided roadway with no alternative route. FONOM continues to advocate for meaningful improvements to **Highways 11 and 17**, including expanding passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and using **the 2+1 highway model** in appropriate sections.

“Northern Ontarians should not have to accept a higher level of risk simply because of where we live,” Plourde said. “Our communities deserve the same commitment to safe and reliable transportation infrastructure as any other part of the province.”

FONOM will continue to work with municipal partners, Indigenous leaders, and governments at all levels to advance solutions that improve safety and reliability on Northern Ontario’s highways.

## **Media Availability**

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March 4, 2026

**RE: OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68**

Dear Honourable Rob Flack and Honourable Peter Bethenfalvy,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

**Resolution No: 2026-03-04-04**  
**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 Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution regarding OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68, as attached.**

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Minister of Finance, EOWC MPPs, and AMO."**

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

**Tammy Thompson**  
**Deputy Clerk**  
**Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan**

**Resolution: OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68**

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**Moved by: Warden Jennifer Murphy, Renfrew County**

**Seconded by: Warden Mario Zanth, United Counties of Prescott and Russell**

**"WHEREAS** the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

**WHEREAS** the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

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**WHEREAS** these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model,

with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to:

- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs;
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
- EOWC regional MPPs: Billy Denault, Dave Smith, David Piccini, John Jordan, Laurie Scott Nolan Quinn, Ric Bresee, Steve Clark, Stephane Sarrazin, Ted Hsu, Tyler Allsopp; and
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)."

**CARRIED**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Signed by: **Bonnie Clark, EOWC Chair**  
Warden of Peterborough County

[Info@eowc.org](mailto:Info@eowc.org)

January 8, 2026

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This email is sent on behalf of Melanie Shaye, DNSSAB CAO.

Hello,

In follow up to the February 12 email, please find the **DNSSAB's February Highlights** email here.

### **Children's Services**

**Data:** Children's Services open data portal provides breakdowns of neighbourhoods and children waiting for care on the DNSSAB website: [DNSSAB | Children Services Open Data](#).

### **Coordinated Services**

**Cartier Street, North Bay Housing Expansion:** An update on this project can be found here: [Cartier Street, North Bay Housing Expansion Update](#).

- **Food Insecurity:** A summary of the Food Banks Canada *HungerCount 2025* is here, in a February Board report: [Hunger Count 2025 Summary](#).
- **Homelessness Advocacy:** Your municipality has been contacted regarding this report, in hopes of securing resolutions to support advocacy as it relates to funding for homelessness services: [Homelessness Advocacy Motion](#).

### **Nipissing District Housing Corporation**

- **Board Chair:** Chris Mayne, North Bay City Councillor and Ethel LaValley, South Algonquin Mayor, have been acclaimed as Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the NDHC Board.

### **Paramedic Services**

- **Paramedic Services Breakfast Event:** MPP Fedeli's Pancakes and Paramedics event is happening Saturday, March 7, from 9:00-11:00am at the Devedi Club in

North Bay. All are welcome.



**The Davedi Club**

February 7 at 8:54 AM · 📍

Get a **FREE** wellness check and pancake breakfast!  
9-11a.m. Saturday, March 7th, 2026  
The Davedi Club, 313 Airport Rd. North Bay

# Paramedics & Pancakes



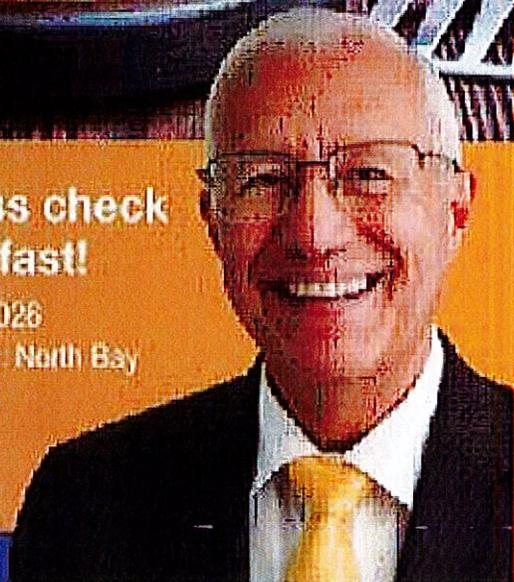
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**Vic Fedeli**

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Nipissing

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- **Paramedic Services Off-Road Response:** The vehicle is close to being ready, with staff training underway.



Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Thank you.

Melanie Shaye, BA, CHRL (she/her, Mel-an-ee)  
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) | Directrice générale  
District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) |  
Conseil d'administration des services sociaux du district de Nipissing (CASSDN)

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March 4, 2026

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

**RE: Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management In Ontario**

Dear: Honourable Doug Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from Tay Valley Township.

**Resolution No: 2026-03-04-05**  
**Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Banks**

**"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Tay Valley Township's resolution regarding Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario, as attached.**

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Party and all municipalities in Ontario."**

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



# Tay Valley Township

October 24, 2025

The Honorable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

**RE: Municipality of Tweed – Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario.**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2025-10-22**

**MOVED BY:** Fred Dobbie  
**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

**“WHEREAS**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township Support the Municipality of Tweed's resolution regarding waste Incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

**AND WHEREAS**, It is Incumbent upon the members of council, MPP's and MPs to make the decisions that will result in the most positive outcomes for now and future generations;

**AND WHEREAS**, with large urban centres now looking in rural areas of our province and entire country for lands to bury their garbage waste;

**AND WHEREAS**, a large landfill site owned by a large urban centre which receives 50% of their garbage at the present time is expected to be full by 2029 creating more environmental impacts;

**AND WHEREAS**, continuing to bury garbage in the ground will result in our future generations having lost potable groundwater as a result of garbage leachate rendering it unusable;

**AND WHEREAS**, burying garbage, particularly organic waste in landfills, leads to the production of methane a greenhouse gas, which escapes into the atmosphere and contributes to climate change causing more environmental destruction;

**AND WHEREAS**, we continue to destroy our environment jeopardizing our future generations;

**AND WHEREAS**, we have worldwide technology that will allow us the use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy;

**AND WHEREAS**, the incineration of household and other municipal waste has a long tradition in Germany, which currently has 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of around 25 million tons;

**AND WHEREAS**, with a strong focus on community involvement, innovative infrastructure, and sustainable practices, Germany has set a high bar for municipal recycling programs that the rest of the world can learn from and emulate;

**AND WHEREAS**, at the present time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its garbage waste at a municipal level. This places the country as the most effective and prominent country when it comes to recycling in the entire world. This highlights the citizen's strength and motivation to deal with environmental issues on a daily basis;

**AND WHEREAS**, German schools often integrate recycling education into their curriculum. This early exposure to the importance of recycling instills a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, creating a culture of sustainability that transcends generations;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Council of Tay Valley Township support the Municipality of Tweed in investigating the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments and manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices, so that future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement;

**AND THAT**, this support be sent to Premier Ford, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party, and all Ontario Municipalities."

**ADOPTED**



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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party,  
All Municipalities in Ontario

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# Inspection

## Inspection of 2026 – 2027 Annual Work Schedule for Algonquin Park Forest

The **April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027** Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Algonquin Park Forest** is available for public viewing by contacting the **Algonquin Forestry Authority**, during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at [ontario.ca/ForestPlans](http://ontario.ca/ForestPlans) beginning **March 15, 2026** and for the one-year duration of the AWS.

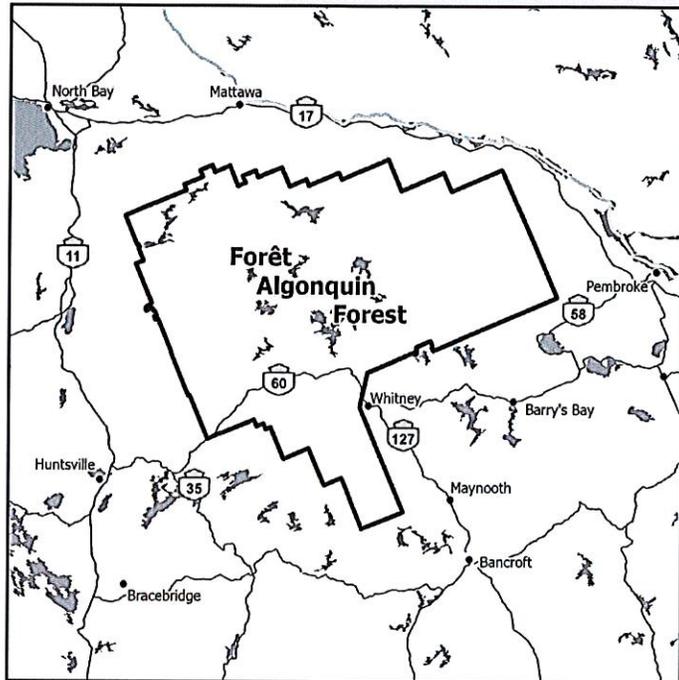
### Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

### More Information

To learn more about the AWS, you can arrange a virtual or in-person meeting, or request AWS summary information by contacting the MNR staff listed below:

For information on the rules for obtaining wood for personal use, please visit: [ontario.ca/CrownLandWood](http://ontario.ca/CrownLandWood). For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the Forest Company listed below.



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### Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit:

[ontario.ca/ForestManagement](http://ontario.ca/ForestManagement)

Renseignements en français : Normand Genier, 613 219-7508, [normand.genier@ontario.ca](mailto:normand.genier@ontario.ca).

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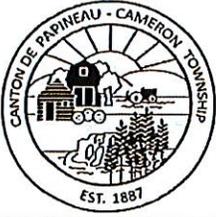
**SUBJECT:** Pembroke District, Algonquin Park Forest MNRF Digital Mail List

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is transitioning to digital distribution of District mail-outs for all Forest Management Planning (FMP) notifications (e.g. Annual Work Schedule notifications) as per provincial direction outlined in the Forest Management Planning Manual (FMPM) 2020.

To receive future Pembroke District FMP notifications regarding the Algonquin Park Forest (like the one on the opposite page) via email, please send an email request to [Kaitlyn.Koopman@ontario.ca](mailto:Kaitlyn.Koopman@ontario.ca) using the subject line OVF Mail List. All future notifications will be sent to you digitally at the e-mail address provided. We strongly encourage switching to email notices for efficiency and cost savings. Paper mailings may discontinue in the future. However, if you do not have email you can disregard this notice and continue receiving hard-copy mailings through Canada Post.

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding the transition to digital notifications, please contact Kaitlyn Koopman, Resources Clerk, via e-mail at [Kaitlyn.Koopman@ontario.ca](mailto:Kaitlyn.Koopman@ontario.ca).

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DATE: **March 10, 2026** RESOLUTION NUMBER: **2026-66**

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger* SECONDED BY: *M. Chenier*

**WHEREAS** on January 14, 2025 Council for the Township of Papineau-Cameron passed

resolution 2025-15 to obtain legal services from Hammond LLP and cost share with the

Town of Mattawa, the Municipality of Calvin, and the Municipality of Mattawan;

**AND WHEREAS** Hammond LLP Have completed the requested services and are no longer required;

**THAT** Council for the Township of Papineau-Cameron is in agreement to obtain the services

provided by CG Group and cost share with between The Township of Papineau-Cameron,

The Town of Mattawa, The Municipality of Calvin, and The Municipality of Mattawan up to a

maximum of \$5,000 each.

CARRIED: *Robert Corriveau*  
(Mayor)

NOT CARRIED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mayor) **COPY**

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			



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March 10, 2026

Dear Senator,

Re: Rideau Lakes Concerns re Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget)

We in Rideau Lakes Township are writing this letter because of major concerns about the Alto High Speed Rail Project (HSR), as well as a request to fully evaluate our concerns of Bill C-15 in relation to Alto HSR and expropriation of land.

The Alto HSR is lacking full and meaningful consultation of critical information for the early design and development phase. We recognize that having this information is important to the engineers in determining routes that minimize disruptions to the communities, residents, businesses, farmland, waterways, environment, and ecosystems that they pass through. What we have experienced is less than adequate information upon which to base our ability to conduct impact assessments involving our rural communities, agriculture, businesses, and countless heritage buildings and monuments. Alto's recently proposed Southern Ontario route included a 10 km wide corridor, and they provided high-level maps which are not useful in determining the impacts which more detailed route maps would give us and that are vital to our informed feedback. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our more local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

HSR will divide communities. There will be a major impact on our roadways for school buses, public transportation and emergency vehicles given the many closed roadways when fences are erected along the HSR route. This will increase mortality and morbidity as it will take longer to receive timely care. Farther to travel will also increase emissions and costs for plowing and road maintenance. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

The Southern route would traverse the UNESCO recognized Frontenac Arch Biosphere Region, the ancestral lands of the Haudenosaunee (Kanien'kehá:ka) and Anishinaabeg (Algonquin); where a land bridge of the Canadian Shield connects the Algonquin and Laurentian Highlands to the Adirondack Mountains in the USA. Many animals use this migration route in both directions every year, and unless wildlife corridors are included in the ALTO plans, this would cut off their migration.

This does not begin to speak to the negative impact on tourism which is estimated in the order of \$30 million for the UNESCO Rideau Canal system from Ottawa to Kingston.

Another major concern is that the government proposes to grant Alto, as a Crown Corporation, the right to 3 methods of property expropriation! Until now the government itself held the right to a single method of property expropriation. This causes our residents varying degrees of stress ranging to mental anguish if their properties are affected and they will not get full current market value if they decided to sell. Under the new proposed legislation, they would be forced to sell to the Corporation! This is of particular concern to many potentially affected property owners who are in the business of farming and feeding our population.

Cost analysis to build the railway in the northern and southern routes has not been done. We have also been told that a route parallel to the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario is not viable. We do not have enough information to understand why this option is not viable.

Rideau Lakes Township is asking you, and your Senate colleagues, to undertake your considered review of our concerns that are being sent to you for First Reading. We hope that you will see that this portion of Bill-C15 (HSR and expropriation) is premature, given that there are many unanswered questions and important issues have not been adequately addressed in the information provided. There has been inadequate public consultation to move to the development stage of this generationally important Canadian transportation project affecting so many lives along whatever corridor may eventually be approved. Should the Senate determine that a delegation to a Senate committee be appropriate with a view to consolidating recommendations for changes that would go back to the House of Commons, we would be available to participate, of course upon invitation.

Thank you for your attention in this very important matter affecting all of us here and across Ontario! It would be very much appreciated if I could receive a response in order to brief my Council.

Yours respectfully,



Arie Hoogenboom  
Mayor, Rideau Lakes Township  
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613-323-0901

Cc: Prime Minister of Canada  
All Members of Parliament  
All Provincial Cabinet Ministers  
MPP Steve Clark  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities

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**Township of Southgate  
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February 20, 2026

**Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025**

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073

**Moved By** Councillor Shipston  
**Seconded By** Councillor Ferguson

**WHEREAS** arable land is a critical finite resource; and  
**WHEREAS** Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and  
**WHEREAS** Ontario’s farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Southgate support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

**That** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

*Lindsey Green*

Lindsey Green, Clerk  
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness  
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs  
Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and  
Trade  
MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound  
Senator Rob Black  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Municipalities in Ontario



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

**Topic:** Township of Southgate Resolution  
**Date:** Monday, March 9, 2026  
**Time:** 3:40 PM

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**Moved by:** Councillor Ardiel  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Maxwell

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and supports the February 20, 2026, Resolution from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025;

AND THAT Council directs staff to provide a copy of the resolution to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Saunderson, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario

**YES: 6**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

**The motion is Carried**

**YES: 6**

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

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

Mayor Matrosovs



From the Office of the Clerk  
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February 6, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 29, 2026 the following resolution regarding support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO.** 2026-32

**DATE:** January 29, 2026

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Prinzen

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor MacNaughton

**WHEREAS** arable land is a critical finite resource; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario has lost 2.8 million acres of farmland in the last three decades; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the County of Prince Edward support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

**THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner, Haldimand-Norfolk MPP Bobbi Ann Brady, Bay of Quinte MPP Tyler Allsopp, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Prinzen, Councillor Branderhorst

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# TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

Resolution Number 2025- 253

September 29, 2025

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario's rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities' ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data,

# TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

September 29, 2025

Resolution Number: 2025- 353

demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.

5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.
6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
  - o The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
  - o The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
  - o The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - o The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
  - o Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
  - o Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
  - o Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
  - o The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
  - o All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

Carried    Defeated    Unanimous

Mayor: 

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		



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

Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Resolution

**Date:** Monday, March 9, 2026  
**Time:** 3:47 PM

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**Moved by:** Councillor Ardiel  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and supports the September 29, 2025 Resolution from the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal regarding Support Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund;

AND THAT Council direct staff to circulate the attached resolution of support to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Francois-Phillippe Champagne, Minister of Finance, MPP Paul Vickers, MPP Brian Saunderson, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Small Urban Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario Municipalities

**YES: 6**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

**The motion is Carried**

**YES: 6**

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

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

Mayor Matrosovs

**TOWNSHIP OF JOLY**

P.O. Box 519 , Sundridge , Ontario , P0A 1Z0  
Tel: 705-384-5428

February 10, 2026

**RESOLUTION****Resolution # 2026-062****Agenda Item # 5.3 Support Opposition to consolidation of Conservation Authorities****Moved By :** Tom Bryson**Seconded By :** Chris Nicholson

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby support the Town of Kingsville Resolution number 195-11172025.

**Whereas** the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the "Act"), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

**And whereas** there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

**And whereas** on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government's intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

NOW Therefore Be It Resolved Council for the Corporation of The Township of Joly:

- Wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities; and,
- Directs the Municipal Administrator to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**

**Original copy Signed**  
**Mayor**  
**Township of Joly**

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**The Corporation of the  
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 078

Moved By: Joe Lumley Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

**Whereas** public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

**And whereas** interlibrary loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

**And whereas** reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

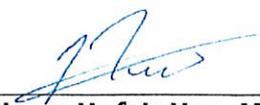
**And whereas** recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

**And that** Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;

**And that** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried:  Defeated:

  
Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
<b>Councillors</b> Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
<b>Mayor</b> Norm Hofstetter		

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March 13, 2026

Hon. David Piccini  
 Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Ave  
 Toronto ON M7A 1T7

**Re: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns**

Dear Minister Piccini,

At its meeting of Council on March 11, 2026, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte received correspondence from Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the above-mentioned request for support.

The Township of Oro-Medonte fully supports AORS in their request, as our staff have, on numerous occasions, been subjected to abusive and aggressive behaviour from members of the public. We respectfully request your support in advancing measures that will strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors. With provincial partnership, municipalities can better safeguard the individuals who work tirelessly to maintain critical services and keep our communities functioning safely.

Sincerely,

Mayor Randy Greenlaw

Cc: Premier Doug Ford  
 Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario  
 Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response  
 Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation  
Hon. Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure  
Doug Downey, MPP Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)  
Ontario Municipalities  
Members of Oro-Medonte Council



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Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Avenue  
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

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,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I  
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors  
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott  
Interim Executive Director  
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)  
Premier Doug Ford  
Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack  
Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria  
Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy  
Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director  
Walid Abou-Hamde, Ontario Road Builders' Association Chief Executive Officer



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Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner  
George Drew Building, 25 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise serious concerns regarding the safety of municipal workers and subcontractors who are increasingly facing harassment, threats, and dangerous interference from members of the public while delivering essential municipal services - particularly during winter maintenance and emergency operations.

Across Ontario, municipal public works teams are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure that residents depend on every day, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, and drainage systems. During significant weather events, these workers are frontline responders, ensuring emergency vehicles can travel safely and that communities remain connected and accessible. However, the behaviour directed at them has escalated well beyond routine complaints and has become a direct threat to both worker safety and public safety.

Through consultations with AORS members province-wide, we continue to receive troubling reports that illustrate the seriousness of this issue. These 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 snowplow and refusing to get off until the driver agreed to plow his road next.
- Two staff members confronted and aggressively accosted in public - one at a gas station and another while simply waiting in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions and a mailbox strike that were not even related to that municipality.
- A voicemail threatening to shoot a plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident jumping in front of an active plow during a major snow event and refusing to move, delaying operations for over an hour and jeopardizing service levels and overall emergency response.

These examples represent only a small sample of the experiences municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are facing across the province. What was once occasional frustration has escalated into intimidation, threats of violence, and direct interference with equipment and operations.

Equally concerning is that municipalities do not always receive consistent enforcement support when these incidents occur. We have heard directly from members who contacted the Ontario Provincial Police for assistance and were advised that, unless a physical assault had already taken place, the situation was "not a police matter." Waiting until a worker has been physically harmed before intervention is neither preventative nor acceptable.

This gap leaves municipalities and workers vulnerable and sends an unintended message that threatening or obstructive behaviour toward municipal staff carries little consequence. It also places supervisors and by-law officers in situations that may exceed their authority or capacity to manage safely.

We believe a proactive and coordinated response is needed. Municipal workers and their subcontractors should not have to choose between their personal safety and providing critical services during storms and emergencies.

We respectfully ask that the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police take a clear and strong stance that interference, threats, and harassment directed at municipal public works staff will not be tolerated. Specifically, we would welcome:

- Clear direction and guidance to police services, including the OPP, that threats, intimidation, and obstruction of municipal workers performing essential duties warrant timely enforcement and support.
- Recognition that interference with winter maintenance and emergency public works operations presents a broader public safety risk, not merely a municipal operational issue.
- Enhanced coordination between municipalities and local police services during significant weather events and emergency responses to ensure worker safety and continuity of service.
- Consideration of legislative or policy tools that provide stronger deterrence and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal staff and contractors.

Municipal public works professionals are essential workers. They keep roads open for ambulances, fire trucks, school buses, and the travelling public. Their safety should be treated with the same seriousness as that of other frontline responders.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns and explore practical steps to ensure consistent enforcement support and stronger protections for municipal workers across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued leadership in public safety.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I  
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors  
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott  
Interim Executive Director  
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)  
Premier Doug Ford



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

March 19, 2026

All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Town of Cobourg 'Elbows Up for Climate Action'**

At a meeting held on March 18, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved the following Resolution # 2026-03-18-212 adopting the below recommendation from the March 2, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting

**Moved by** Councillor Mandy Martin

**Seconded by** Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Town of Cobourg regarding 'Elbows Up for Climate Action', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2026-03-18-212

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [bennett@northumberland.ca](mailto:bennett@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tonia Bennett".

Tonia Bennett  
Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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City of Brantford  
58 Dalhousie St.,  
Brantford, Ontario N3T 2J2

Town of Cobourg  
55 King Street West,  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 2M2  
[clerk@cobourg.ca](mailto:clerk@cobourg.ca)

**Sent via email**  
[clerks@brantford.ca](mailto:clerks@brantford.ca)

December 24, 2025

RE: Correspondence from David Miller regarding Elbows Up for Climate Action Letter

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on November 26, 2025, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council support the correspondence from C40 Centre for City Climate Policy and Economy regarding Elbows Up for Climate Action; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to send a copy of this resolution to all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services



# Council Resolution

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Moved By M. Martin

Agenda  
Item 10

Resolution Number  
2026-03-18-212

Seconded By J. Logel

Council Date: March 18, 2026

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 2, 3 and 4, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Public Works Committee, Item 7.a, Correspondence, Brenda Quin 'Proposed Charge for all Yard Waste Delivered to Transfer Stations' – **Held by Deputy Warden Martin**
- Public Works Committee, Item 8.c, Report 2026-036 'RFQ 25-40 Demolition of 9 Second St., 109 Saskatoon Ave. and 120 Grand Rd. Campbellford Contract Award' – **Held for Administrative Reasons**
- Public Works Committee, Item 8.e, Engineering Department Quarter 4, 2025 Update – **Held by Deputy Warden Martin**
- Economic Development, Tourism, and Land Use Planning Committee, Item 7.c Correspondence, Alto 'Alto Corridor Map and Virtual Engagement'- **Held by Councillor Logel**
- Corporate Support Committee, Item 8.a, Corporate Services Report 2026-042, '2025 Council Remuneration Review- **Update- Held by Councillor Hankivsky**

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Carried   
Warden's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature



## Public Works Committee Resolution

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**Committee Meeting Date:** March 2, 2026

**Agenda Item:** 7.c

**Resolution Number:** 2026-03-02- 164

**Moved by:** B Crate

**Seconded by:** J Logel

**Council Meeting Date:** March 18, 2026

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"That the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Town of Cobourg regarding 'Elbows Up for Climate Action', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to all Ontario Municipalities."

**Carried**   
Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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