

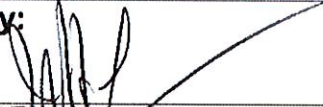
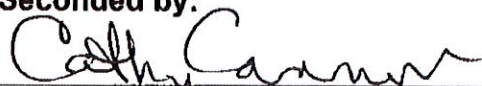


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Resolution # RC26077	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—including roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality, and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities; and

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; and

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; and

WHEREAS fixed funding levels, amid rising labour, material, 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; and

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; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa 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 Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa 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.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- 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, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics, and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to five percent (5%) 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.

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the April 15, 2026 resolution of the Township of Shuniah regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Table with 4 columns: Resolution Result, Recorded Vote, Yes, No. Rows include CARRIED, DEFEATED, TABLED, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and WITHDRAWN.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

Table with 2 columns: Mayor (Melanie Pilon) and Clerk (Maury O'Neill). Contains handwritten signatures.

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City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

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May 11, 2026

Sent by email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

Legislative Building, Queen's Park

Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

At the April 27, 2026, Regular meeting, Stratford City Council heard a presentation by Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner regarding Bill 21, Protect Our Food, 2025.

At the meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution in support:

R2026-176

THAT the Council of the City of Stratford 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, Perth Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution supported by Stratford City Council.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk
tdafoe@stratford.ca
519-271-0250 extension 5329

Cc: The Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness;
The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation, and
Parks;
Mike Shreiner, Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph;
Bobbi Ann Brady, Member of Provincial Parliament for Haldimand-Norfolk;
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament for Perth – Wellington;
The Ontario Federation of Agriculture;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
All Ontario municipalities.

WHEREAS Private Member's Bill 21 has been introduced into the legislature, a bill to protect Ontario's future food sovereignty; and

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 Ontario currently 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; and

WHEREAS Perth County holds some of the best farmland in Ontario and is facing pressures to increase sprawl into important agricultural lands. While we need housing, sacrificing our food security can cause issues for our local economies and communities and undermine our ability to provide food for our local communities.

WHEREAS the Bill is supported by the Ontario Farmland Trust, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Christian Farmers and the National Farmers Union, reflecting broad support within the farming community on an exploratory basis; and

WHEREAS the Bill will encourage farmers to create succession plans and to reinvest in their farms;

WHEREAS a significant portion of Ontario's food supply comes from the US, where current protectionism practices are creating ambiguity and uncertainty in the food supply chain;

AND WHEREAS the City of Stratford encourages the Province to continue to use all available tools and supports, including incentives, grants, infrastructure investment, and innovation programs to promote and expand local food production, enhance on-farm viability, and strengthen Ontario's food security;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Stratford 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

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From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 1:28:13 PM

Subject: NOMA and FONOM Welcome Auditor General Report as Opportunity to Strengthen Northern Highway Safety

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a joint media release from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) responding to the Ontario Auditor General's 2026 report on Large Commercial Truck Driver Licensing.

The report's findings reinforce many of the concerns Northern municipalities have consistently raised regarding highway safety, commercial vehicle enforcement, driver training standards, and the growing pressures on Ontario's transportation network.

As associations representing municipalities across Northern Ontario, NOMA and FONOM continue to advocate for practical improvements that support safer, more reliable transportation corridors, including enhanced enforcement capacity, improved oversight of driver training, additional passing lanes and 2+1 sections, and the continued modernization of Highways 11 and 17.

We appreciate the ongoing support and engagement of our member municipalities as we continue working collaboratively with provincial and federal partners on these important issues.

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
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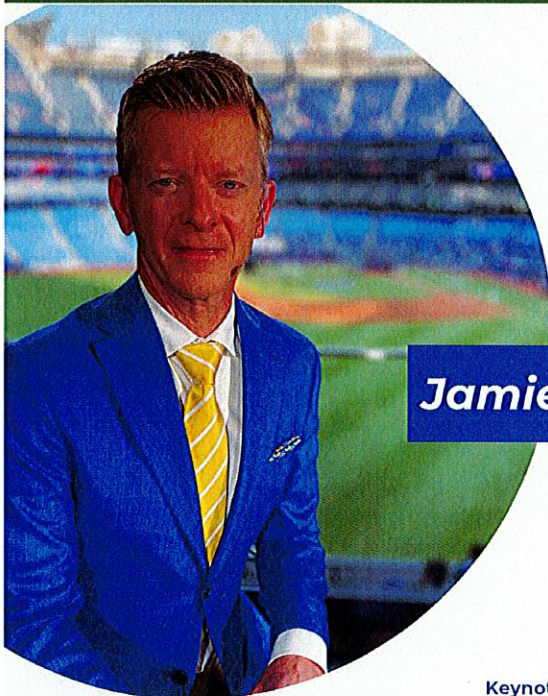
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOMA and FONOM Welcome Auditor General Report as Opportunity to Strengthen Northern Highway Safety

MAY 12, 2026 - TIMMINS, ON – The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) say the findings contained in the Ontario Auditor General’s 2026 report on Large Commercial Truck Driver Licensing reinforce many of the concerns municipalities across Northern Ontario have continued to raise regarding highway safety, commercial vehicle enforcement, and the growing pressures facing Ontario’s transportation network.

The report identified gaps in commercial driver training oversight, inconsistent testing standards, and opportunities to strengthen inspection and enforcement systems across the province. NOMA and FONOM say the report provides an important opportunity for continued collaboration between municipalities and the Province of Ontario to strengthen road safety and modernize transportation systems.

Together, the organizations are encouraging continued action and partnership in areas including enhanced commercial vehicle enforcement and inspection capacity, improved oversight and auditing of truck driver training schools, increased staffing and operating hours at weigh scales and inspection stations, strengthened driver training and licensing standards, expanded passing lanes and 2+1 highway infrastructure, and the continued twinning and modernization of Highways 11 and 17.

NOMA and FONOM noted that Northern Ontario highways play a critical role in supporting economic activity, resource development, goods movement, tourism, and access to essential services across the province and country. Both organizations reaffirmed their commitment to continuing collaborative advocacy with municipal, provincial, and federal partners to improve transportation safety, reliability, and infrastructure across Northern Ontario.



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Quotes:

“The Auditor General’s report highlights many of the realities municipalities in Northwestern Ontario experience every day. As organizations representing Northern Ontario municipalities, NOMA and FONOM have been actively working with all levels of government to advance solutions that improve highway safety, strengthen enforcement, and modernize our transportation infrastructure. We appreciate the ongoing dialogue with the Province and believe this report can help continue that important work,” says Rick Dumas, President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA).

“The safety and reliability of Northern Ontario’s highways are essential to our communities, economy, and supply chains. This report provides valuable recommendations that can support ongoing efforts to improve commercial driver training, enhance enforcement, and ensure our highway network continues to meet the needs of residents, businesses, and industry across the North,” says Dave Plourde, President, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

About NOMA

The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) represents 37 municipalities across Northwestern Ontario, advocating on issues that support strong, resilient, and sustainable northern communities.

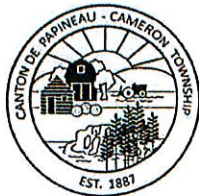
About FONOM

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) advocates on behalf of Northern Ontario municipalities and works collaboratively with all levels of government to advance the interests of northern communities and strengthen the region’s economy and infrastructure.

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May 13, 2026

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RE: Storm Damage & Wildfire Risk Observations

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that the Township of Papineau-Cameron, during its Regular Council Meeting on May 12, 2026 adopted the attached resolution 2026-132 to support the Municipality of Calvin's resolution 2026-143 dated April 15, 2026 regarding Storm Damage & Wildfire Risk Observations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Venessa Wilson
Community Emergency Management Coordinator

Enclosures: Resolution 2026-132, Township of Papineau-Cameron
Resolution 2026-143, Municipality of Calvin together with Field Report

CC: The Office of the Fire Marshal of Ontario
The Honorable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
The Honorable Victor Fedeli, MPP
The Township of Bonfield
The Municipality of Calvin
The Municipality of Mattawan
The Municipality of East-Ferris
The Town of Mattawa



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DATE: **May 12, 2026**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **2026- 132**

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger*

SECONDED BY: *[Signature]*

WHEREAS on June 21, 2025, a severe storm event caused significant forest damage within the Township of Papineau-Cameron;

AND WHEREAS field observations conducted in early 2026 have identified areas of concentrated windthrow damage particularly along the Highway 17 corridor by boundary road, and extending southward through private and crown land for about two kilometers towards Sturgeon Lake Road;

AND WHEREAS in the most affected areas, a substantial portion of the forest cover has been lost or significantly damaged, with many remaining trees broken, or structurally compromised;

AND WHEREAS this damage exists on both public lands, including Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park, and adjacent private lands and crown lands;

AND WHEREAS additional forest stress and mortality related to spruce budworm is present within the same area;

AND WHEREAS the combination of downed timber, damaged standing trees, and pre-existing deadwood may result in elevated fuel loading in certain locations;

AND WHEREAS some of the most affected areas may present challenges for ground access due to the density and arrangement of fallen trees;

AND WHEREAS wildfire risk, if present, would not be confined by property boundaries, could spread quickly to adjacent areas and may have implications for adjacent public lands, critical infrastructure, and overall community safety;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Papineau-Cameron relies on a volunteer fire department and has limited capacity to respond to large-scale wildland fire event;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council respectfully requests that the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, review the storm-affected areas within and surrounding the Township of Papineau-Cameron and consider conducting a wildfire risk assessment, including how current conditions may influence fire behavior and suppression challenges across the region;
2. Council further requests that the Office of the Fire Marshal of Ontario review the situation from a public safety and community risk perspective, and provide any available guidance to the Township of Papineau-Cameron and the Papineau-Cameron Volunteer Fire Chief;
3. THAT this request is not limited to any single property type, but is intended to better understand area-wide conditions and potential cross-boundary risk affecting public lands, private lands, crown lands and nearby infrastructure;
4. THAT Council requests any available recommendations, guidance, or identification of next steps that may assist the Township in preparedness planning;

THAT this resolution be circulated to The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (regional office), The Office of the Fire Marshal of Ontario; The Hon. Jill Dunlop of Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, MPP The Hon. Victor Fedeli, and the Townships of Bonfield, Calvin, Mattawan, East Ferris, and the Town of Mattawa.

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			



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Council Resolution

Date: April 15, 2026

Storm Damage & Wildfire Risk Observations Township of Calvin

Resolution Number: 2026-143

Moved By: Mayor Gould

Seconded By: Councillor Grant

WHEREAS the Mayor submitted a report dated April 02, 2026 entitled Field Report – Storm Damage & Wildfire Risk Observations Township of Calvin with the following resolution,

AND WHEREAS On June 21, 2025, a severe storm event caused significant forest damage within the Township of Calvin in the MNR Eco District 5E5;

AND WHEREAS field observations conducted in early 2026 have identified areas of concentrated windthrow damage particularly along the Highway 17 corridor, and extending southward through crown land and private lands for about two kilometers and centering around Boundary Road as far as Peddlers Drive and northward through the Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park;

AND WHEREAS in the most affected areas, a substantial portion of the forest cover has been lost or significantly damaged, with many remaining trees broken, leaning, or structurally compromised;

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AND WHEREAS the Township of Calvin relies on a volunteer fire department and has limited capacity to respond to large-scale wildland fire events;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council respectfully requests that the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, review the storm-affected areas within and surrounding the Township of Calvin and consider conducting a **wildfire risk assessment**, including how current conditions may influence fire behaviour and suppression challenges across the region;
2. Council further requests that the Office of the Fire Marshal of Ontario review the situation from a **public safety and community risk perspective**, and provide any available guidance to the Municipality of Calvin and the Calvin Fire Chief;
3. THAT this request is not limited to any single property type, but is intended to better understand **area-wide conditions and potential cross-boundary risk** affecting public lands, private lands, crown lands and nearby infrastructure;
4. THAT Council requests any available recommendations, guidance, or identification of next steps that may assist the Municipality in preparedness planning;

THAT this resolution be circulated to: The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (regional office), The Office of the Fire Marshal of Ontario; Warren Verina, Park Superintendent; The Hon. Jill Dunlop of Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response.; Bill Steer, The Canadian Ecology Centre; MPP

The Hon. Victor Fedeli, and the townships of Bonfield, Papineau Cameron, Mattawan, East Ferris, and the town of Mattawa.

Result: Passed

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2026-143 passed by the Council of
The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin
on the 14th day of April, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trish Araujo', with a circular flourish at the end.

Trish Araujo
Deputy Clerk

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Mayor's Report: Field Report – Storm Damage & Wildfire Risk Observations Township of Calvin

Date: April 2, 2026

Prepared by: Mayor Gould

Introduction:

“The township of Calvin has been traversed by repeated and severe fires - so well have the flames done their work that with exception of an insignificant portion, scarcely a vestige of the original timber remains. In its place has sprung up a dense second growth of birch, poplar, cherry, etc.” — Lawrence Tallan, field notes, December 10, 1881.

This historical record demonstrates that Calvin has a long history of landscape-scale fire. Those 19th-century fires were likely driven by extensive logging practices — felled trees and leftover tops, branches, and debris (slash) provided continuous, highly flammable fuel beds that allowed fires to spread rapidly across the township.

Today we face a comparable, modern-day hazard: vast areas of wind-downed trees from the June 21, 2025 storm combined with extensive standing dead spruce from insect mortality have created a continuous, abnormal fuel load across many private properties and crown land parcels south of Highway 17. Left untreated, these fuels significantly elevate the probability, intensity, and rapid spread of wildfire in the coming fire seasons, placing life, homes, infrastructure, and adjacent public lands — including Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park — at grave risk. I therefore recommend Council adopt the attached motion respectfully requesting the MNRF and the Fire Marshall to conduct a wildfire-risk assessment, and to notify The Municipality of Calvin, The Ministry of Emergency Preparedness, and our MPP, of any important findings.

Field report:

The severe storm of June of last year caused incredible forest damage within the Township of Calvin and surrounding areas. Papineau Cameron was also heavily damaged in its the north west corner.

I have conducted a basic field review in late March and early April 2026 to better understand the current extent and condition of storm damage, particularly in areas accessible from municipal roads.

The general area of impact extends:

- Along both sides of Highway 17 through the northern end of the Township
- Southward from Highway 17 approximately 2km to Peddlers Drive
- Northward from Highway 17 (Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park) right to the Mattawa River
- With the most concentrated damage observed west of Boundary Road (township boundary).

Highway 17 Corridor

- Damage begins approximately **1 km east of the Calvin / Papineau-Cameron boundary**
- There is about 400 acres of crown land in this section.
- Becomes progressively more severe moving east toward Boundary Road
- Severe damage observed on **both sides of Highway 17**, including:
 - North side within Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park
 - South side on private lands and an additional 400 – 600 acres of crown land
- From Boundary Road west along Highway 17:
 - **3 km of severe damage**
 - Followed by an additional **2 km of moderate to severe damage**

Boundary Road Area

From Highway 17 south along Boundary Road:

- **1 km of very severe damage**
- Followed by an additional **1 km of continued but reduced damage**
- Damage tapers off near **Peddlers Drive**
- In the most affected sections:
 - Estimated **60% of trees downed**
 - Remaining trees often **broken or structurally compromised**

Peddlers Drive Area

- Travelling west from Boundary Road:
 - Approximately **0.5 km of severe visible damage** on the north side of the road
 - Beyond this point, land transitions toward more open or agricultural areas
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Forest Condition

- Downed trees are generally **aligned in a consistent direction (southward)**, reflecting storm wind direction
- Many trees appear to be:
 - Leaning or suspended on neighbouring trees
 - Many are partially de-rooted
 - Not fully compacted to the ground
- In addition to storm damage:
 - There is visible **standing dead timber consistent with prior spruce budworm damage**
 - Some remaining standing trees are **broken, splintered, or partially failed**
- Snow cover at the time of observation limited visibility of ground-level fine fuels

Access Considerations

- While some areas immediately adjacent to Highway 17 appear partially cleared by some residents, there is still a great deal of windfall and piled wood

- Interior areas, particularly south of the highway:
 - Appear **difficult to access due to density of downed timber**
 - Likely present challenges for ground-based fire response
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Infrastructure Context

- Highway 17:
 - Two-lane highway with passing lanes and wide shoulders
 - May act as a **partial firebreak**, but also represents a potential ignition corridor
- Ottawa Valley Railway:
 - Active line (limited daily use) located approximately 1 km to ¼ km south of Highway 17
- Natural gas pipeline:
 - Located approximately 0.5 km south of Highway 17
 - Appears to be maintained and cleared at its centre

General Observations

- The storm damage is **not uniform**, but includes **clearly defined areas of severe impact**
- The most significant concentration of damage is:
 - On both sides of Boundary Road (Papineau Cameron and Calvin Townships)
 - Extending for many kilometers westerly with huge areas along Highway 17 on both north into parkland and south onto private land
- There is a **combination of downed timber, damaged standing trees, and pre-existing deadwood**, particularly from trees damaged by spruce budworm
- In some sections, every tree is partially down, in other it is around 50% windfall
- The total area, including around half of the park, is about 25 square kilometers (just over 6,000 acres)

Conclusion

Based on these observations:

- There are localized areas where:
 - Fuel loading appears extremely elevated
 - Access may be very limited
- These conditions may:
 - Affect fire behaviour
 - Present challenges for suppression if a wildfire were to occur

The purpose of this report is to document observable conditions following the June 21, 2025 storm event.

Given the scale and nature of the damage in certain areas, it would be reasonable to respectfully request that the situation be **reviewed by appropriate provincial authorities** to better understand any potential wildfire risk.

Mayor's Proposal – Request for Wildfire Risk Assessment

Corporation of the Township of Calvin
Council Resolution No. [XXXX-2026]
Date: April 14, 2026

WHEREAS:

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BUILDING REPORT

MONTH: April, 2026

1. NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED	0
2. TOTAL MONTHLY VALUE	\$20,000
3. TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$0
4. TOTAL BUILDING VALUE TO DATE	\$28,000
5. TOTAL FEES COLLECTED TO DATE	\$310

COMMENTS:

There was no applications for building permits in April.

SHANE CONRAD
CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Report

April 2026

- April 01: - Submitted March building report to MPAC, CMHC, and StatsCan.
- Emails and phone calls.
- Submitted March building report to council.
- Looked at purposed severance at Con 7 Pt. Lot 20
- Travelled to 246 Adams Rd for an inspection.

April 08: - Emails and phone calls.

- Travelled to 246 Adams Rd. for an inspection.
- Met with property owner and went over requirements for a second dwelling.
- Attended Strategic Plan meeting with staff.

April 13: - Call from property owner asking about their permit.

April 15: - Emails and phone calls.

- Zoning/planning research.
- Travelled to 246 Adams Rd. for an inspection.
- Met with property owner and answered questions about septic.

April 17: - Replied to text message from property owner.

April 18: - Replied to text message from property owner.

April 20: - Replied to text messages from two property owners.

- Call from law firm asking about a property in Calvin

April 22: - Emails & phone calls.

- Drafted a compliance letter for law firm about 618 Hwy 630

April 24: - Call from the municipality about zoning amendment application.

April 27: - Call from law firm asking for clarification on a compliance letter.

April 29: - Emails and phone calls.

- Chapters meeting in East Ferris.



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May 14, 2026

Sent Via Email Only

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

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

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

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

Resolution 30-706-2026

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

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

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

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

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

Moved By Councillor Woodcock
Seconded By Councillor Milligan
Carried

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

Sincerely,

Brandi Teeple
Township Clerk
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cc. All Ontario Municipalities
All MPP's

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From: CAO
Sent: May 19, 2026 8:24 AM
To: Current Council <currentcouncil@calvintownship.ca>
Subject: FW: National Public Works Week Webinar Links
Importance: High

Hello

See below...in case you might want to participate in any of these webinars. Friday's is about the new road standards that we will all be subjected to in 2027.

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From: Kelly Elliott <kellyelliott@aors.on.ca>
Sent: May 19, 2026 6:05 AM
To: Kelly Elliott <kellyelliott@aors.on.ca>
Cc: AORS <admin@aors.on.ca>
Subject: National Public Works Week Webinar Links
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Good morning!

Thank you for signing up to celebrate National Public Works Week with AORS through one, or more, of the webinars we are hosting this week.

You can join any of these webinars by clicking on the links below. Please feel free to forward this email to any colleagues that you believe may be interested in joining as well.

[Tuesday May 19th at 1:00pm – “Building Better Communities: Municipal Partnerships Driving Freshwater Conservation” – Hosted by Watersheds Canada](#)

[Wednesday May 19th at 1:00pm – “Ontario One Call 101: Roadway to Compliance” – Hosted by Ontario One Call](#)

[Thursday May 21st at 11:00am – Low Volume Roads: “Managing Loads and Improving Safety” – Hosted by Good Roads](#)

[Thursday May 21st at 1:00pm – “Beyond ‘Part of the Job’: Building A Reporting Culture To Protect Municipal Public Works Staff” – Hosted by Lowe Strategy Consulting](#)

[Friday May 22nd at 1:00pm – “Harmonizing Municipal Road Construction Standards” – Hosted by the Municipal Standards Harmonization Office at the Ontario Ministry of Transportation](#)

Thank you for everything you do to keep your community safe and moving!

Have a great day!

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Job Posting

Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA)

[Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency | ontario.ca](https://ontario.ca)

Project Executive – Regional Conservation Authority

Job Type: Fixed-Term Contract (until February 2029) for 8 positions

Reports To: Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency

Location: Regional Conservation Authority Locations TBC

Salary Range: \$185,000 to \$285,000

Posting Date: May 15, 2026

Closing Date: May 25, 2026

The Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) is a newly established, provincial agency, overseen by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. By providing centralized leadership, tools and resources, OPCA will ensure a smooth and organized regional consolidation of conservation authorities to establish nine Regional Conservation Authorities (RCAs).

OPCA will also provide enhanced digital and technical resources and centralized services to strengthen front-line programs and realize more predictable services, including permitting, supporting housing, infrastructure, economic growth and watershed management.

These actions will strengthen the role conservation authorities already play in managing watersheds and protecting communities, while also streamlining processes to support economic growth and development projects.

Position Summary

The Project Executive (PE) will serve as the key change champion and senior transition leader responsible for overseeing and serving as Chair of a Transition Committee for a group of consolidated Conservation Authorities (CAs) that will collectively form a new Regional Conservation Authority (RCA). Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of OPCA, the PE will lead the design, coordination, and execution of transition strategies that will inform the operations and organizational structure of the newly established RCA and will transition to the inaugural Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

The role requires a seasoned executive capable of navigating complex, multi-stakeholder environments, leading large-scale transformation, and applying sound judgment in high impact decisions. The PE will be a strategic, diplomatic, visionary leader with operational discipline, political acuity, and the ability to unify multiple groups under a shared purpose. This will require exceptional business acumen with experience leading large multi-disciplinary teams.

Key Responsibilities

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- Implement project governance frameworks, risk management strategies, and performance measurement tools
- Build and maintain collaborative relationships within a multi-stakeholder governance model including Board members, provincial ministries (MECP, MNR), Indigenous communities, and community organizations
- Lead, mentor, and develop multidisciplinary teams
- Foster a culture of accountability, collaboration, innovation, and continuous improvement
- Oversee leadership, talent management, performance management, and professional development
- Develop and manage large-scale budgets within a multi-funding model, grant applications, and capital expenditure plans
- Monitor financial performance enterprise-wide
- Ensure compliance with the Conservation Authorities Act, and other relevant legislation
- Oversee the structured wind-down of predecessor Conservation Authority operations, including asset transfers, staff transitions, and liability resolution
- Navigate complex labour relations matters arising from consolidation, including collective agreement harmonization and workforce transition planning

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in administration, commerce, science, related field or equivalent; Master's degree preferred
- Minimum of 15 years of progressive senior leadership experience, preferably within the Conservation Authority, municipal, or broader Ontario public sector, including a minimum of 5 years in a Chief Executive, Chief Administrative Officer, or equivalent senior executive role
- Strong knowledge of Ontario's conservation authority framework with insight and experience in geographical complexities, deep local and/or neighbouring watershed knowledge, watershed management, and relevant legislation
- Demonstrated experience leading complex, multi-stakeholder transformation, restructuring or integration initiatives
- Experience leading organizational change management in the context of mergers, amalgamations, consolidations, or large-scale restructuring – including the transition of predecessor entities into successor organizations is an asset
- Proven ability to lead and develop high-performing teams in a technical or conservation context
- Change champion with the ability to apply long-term vision and balance pragmatic operational execution
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including public speaking and stakeholder engagement
- Strong analytical and decision-making skills with the ability to evaluate multiple scenarios and select optimal paths forward
- Demonstrated experience managing complex, multi-source budgets of \$20M–\$200M, including provincial transfers, municipal levies, and grant funding
- Leadership competencies including integrity, inclusive leadership, self-discipline, communication, emotional intelligence, adaptability, decision-making, relationship building and strategic thinking.

Regional Conservation Authorities:

Central Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority

Eastern Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority

Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority

Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority

Northeastern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority

St. Lawrence River Regional Conservation Authority

Western Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority

Western Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority

How to Apply

Please email your application to: CCEQ@ontario.ca by **May 25, 2026**

Your application should include:

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- Your preferred RCA referenced in your cover letter

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and the Ontario Human Rights Code, OPCA will provide accommodations throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities.

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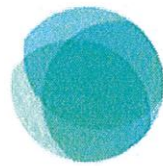
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From: Ontario Long Term Care Association <do-not-reply@oltca.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 1:37:12 PM
To: CAO <CAO@calvintownship.ca>
Subject: Long-term care is part of your housing plan. Budget 2026 makes that clear

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May 19, 2026



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May 2026

Long-Term Care Insights

A newsletter for municipal leaders

In This Issue:

- LTC Community Engagement Day 2026
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- Practical actions councils can take now
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- On the ground: OLTCA in Port Colborne
- Latest Coming of Age podcast with the Minister of Long-Term Care

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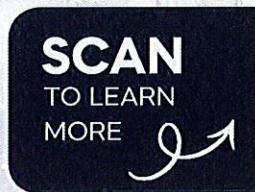
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LTC Community Engagement Day 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September 18, 2026



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LTC Community Engagement Day — Friday, September 18, 2026

Three years ago, the Ontario Long Term Care Association launched LTC Community Engagement Day to shine a light on the staff and residents at the heart of long-term care in Ontario.

It has grown into a meaningful tradition across the province. This year, the day coincides with Resident Council Week.

We encourage you to visit a home on September 18 and take a moment to recognize the residents who call it home and the staff who show up for them every day.

Check out this highlight reel from 2025!

We would be happy to connect you to a LTC home near you!

Budget 2026: Progress continues —
but funding gaps remain

Ontario's Budget 2026 reinforces its commitment to long-term care, with continued focus on maintaining four hours of care and advancing **165 projects that are open, underway or approved.**

Long-term care plays a broader role across the system. It supports hospital capacity, helps manage costs, and enables people to access care closer to home.

The province has confirmed targeted investments for 2026–27, including:

- 2% increase in level-of-care funding (day-to-day care)
- 2% increase in direct hours of care
- Continued PSW wage enhancements and workforce supports

Municipal homes will see increased flexibility, as funding for additional staffing hours has been rolled into base funding envelopes, allowing for more responsive allocation based on resident needs.

What was allocated

- ~2% funding increase

What's needed

- 5.6% to maintain current care and operations

The gap is being driven by rising wages, inflation and supply costs.

- Minor capital funding (building repairs and upgrades) remains a key pressure point
- Rising gas prices are expected to increase costs for supplies, particularly petroleum-based products
- OLTCA is working with purchasing groups to assess the impact

Why this matters locally

Without funding that reflects real costs, there is increased risk to:

- maintaining care levels
 - keeping older homes open during redevelopment
 - protecting local access to care, jobs and economic stability
 - increasing pressure on hospitals and family caregivers
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Redevelopment: Progress underway, however...

The province continues to move LTC homes toward redevelopment, including work to reaffirm projects and keep them on track. Long-term care redevelopment is not just about buildings. It is part of how communities plan housing, infrastructure and services for an ageing population.

A recent ministry memo also confirmed that funding for ward beds/unoccupied third and above spaces in ward rooms will remain at 2025-26 levels for 2026-27.

At the same time, the memo makes clear that future funding will depend on redevelopment progress and ministry milestones. Even homes on track with redevelopment will see a progressive winddown of funding by 2030-31. These changes in funding may impact the ability of some homes to redevelop.

Why this matters locally

- Stable in-year funding can help protect local access to care while redevelopment moves forward.
- Delays or funding uncertainty can put added pressure on municipalities, hospitals, families and local care capacity.
- Redevelopment timelines are closely tied to local approvals, infrastructure readiness and community growth planning.

OLTCA will advocate for in-year funding stability so that homes can stay on the path to redevelopment. This remains a key area of advocacy for OLTCA.



By the Numbers



Long-term care is both healthcare and a major economic driver in communities across Ontario.

LTC Sector Snapshot

\$12.4

Billion contribution to Ontario's GDP

166,000

Direct, indirect and induced jobs created by LTC

24,400+

Additional nurses and PSWs needed by 2029

25,800+

New and redeveloped spaces underway

58,000

Total new and upgraded spaces planned



Did You Know

OLTCA's new polling reveals that healthcare concerns are rising across Ontario, second only to the cost of living.

- Most Ontarians do not believe there is enough long-term care capacity
- Staffing shortages and access to beds are top concerns
- Nearly 1 in 5 Ontarians provides unpaid care

Access to long-term care directly affects workforce participation, as families step in when care is not available.

PUBLIC OPINION POLLING

Cost of living remains the primary concern for Ontarians, though healthcare has seen a jump in this tracking survey (+4 points).

#1
Cost of living **95%**

#2
Healthcare **93%**

#3
The economy **93%**

#4
Housing **88%**

Source: Ontario tracking survey, 2026 · n=2,000 · Top 2 box (very + somewhat concerned)

What Municipalities Can Do

Municipal decisions directly affect how quickly long-term care spaces are built and how well communities can support an ageing population.

Long-term care is part of the housing continuum and a key piece of local infrastructure planning.

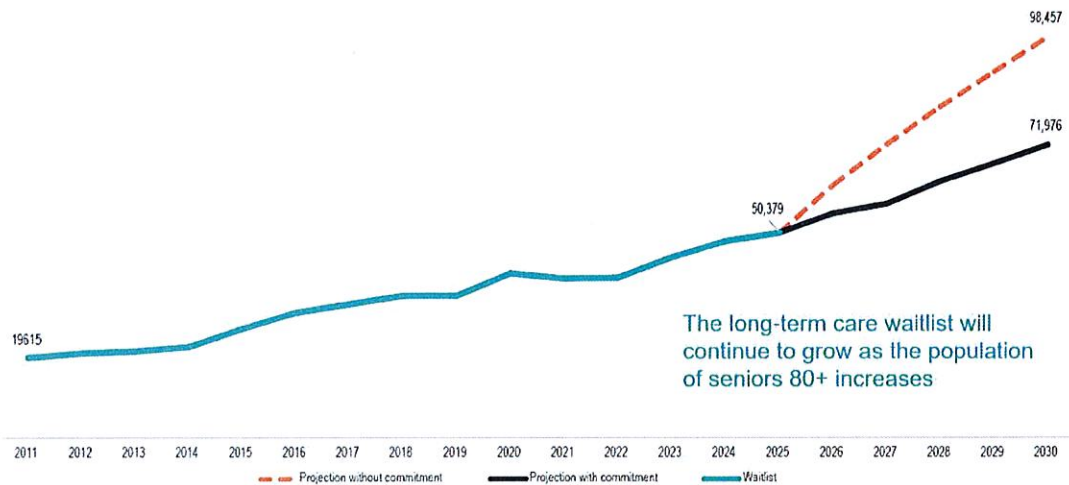
Demand is rising faster than supply:

- Waitlist exceeded 50,000 in 2025
- Could reach 72,000 by 2030, even if all planned spaces are built
- If projects fall behind, it could exceed 98,000 within four years

Without local capacity, more people remain in the hospital or at home without adequate support, placing a significant burden on family caregivers. This creates

added pressure on municipal services, including emergency response, housing and community supports.

Ontario's Projected Waitlist and LTC Demand



Actions you can take:

- **Get to know your LTC homes** and understand their redevelopment plans, pressures and timelines.
 - **Advocate** to the province to maintain capacity in your communities by supporting the redevelopment of all homes that want to proceed.
 - **Prioritize** long-term care in housing and growth planning
 - **Support** projects through timely approvals and infrastructure readiness
 - **Request** local data to support planning decisions
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Jobs, Families and Care Closer to Home: The Case of Rural Long-Term Care



In case you missed it: ROMA 2026

A full room and strong engagement at OLTCA's ROMA breakfast session highlighted the growing interest from municipal leaders in long-term care planning.

The discussion focused on how long-term care supports housing, workforce participation and healthcare system performance — and why it matters for local decision-making.

[Watch the session here](#)



Highlights and Headlines

Recent developments shaping long-term care across Ontario:

- [Ontario breaks ground on Carveth Care Centre in Gananoque](#)
- [Ontario Celebrates Opening of Broadview Nursing Home in Smiths Falls](#)

- **Ontario building two new long-term care homes in Ottawa**
- **Ontario is boosting dementia care in long-term care homes**
- **Welland hospital closing its long-term care home**
- **Ontario investing over \$21 Million to Train Staff in Long-Term Care**
- **Newmarket long-term care home receives \$3.2 million from province to hire more staff**

These updates reflect broader system trends — growing demand, workforce investment, and ongoing pressure on capacity — all of which affect local planning and access to care.



On the ground

OLTCA recently met with the **Town of Port Colborne's Health Advisory Committee** and staff to share local data on long-term care demand, workforce needs, and economic impact.

"OLTCA's presentation was extremely helpful and very pertinent to the work we are currently undertaking. It gave our committee valuable insight and strengthened our confidence as we begin exploring potential long-term care opportunities in Port Colborne. We look forward to staying in touch as we continue to develop our Health and Wellness Strategy."

- Sydney McDowell. Chair, Healthcare Advisory Committee. City of Port Colborne

Let's work together.

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
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 Subscribe today to the Ontario Long Term Care Association's award-winning podcast on seniors' care.

 **Coming of Age**

Hosted by Donna Duncan, CEO of the Ontario Long Term Care Association



 Hear how Ontario communities are aligning housing, workforce, and care in OLTCA's Coming of Age Podcast, hosted by CEO Donna Duncan.

Featured episode: Care Runs Through Everything: A Personal Conversation with the **Honourable Minister of Long Term Care, Natalia Kusendova-Bashta.**

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If your municipality is exploring seniors' housing, land partnerships, or workforce initiatives, OLTCA can connect you with the right sector partners to move ideas forward.



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May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding improved accessibility to home insurance for owners of properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-209
DATE: **May 12, 2026**
MOVED BY: **Councillor Pennell**
SECONDED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

WHEREAS the historic built and cultural heritage of Prince Edward County is recognized as a fundamental part of its community character and identity, and is a driver of the local tourism economy;

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act encourages municipalities in Ontario to designate and protect properties that meet provincial criteria related to design, historical and contextual value;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated, and continues to encourage owners of heritage properties to protect those attributes which exemplify design, historical, and contextual value and interest by consenting to designation of those properties as being of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated properties of heritage value and interest in the Picton Heritage Conservation District and Wellington Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS homeowners require insurance to protect their homes, which is often their most significant investment, and can be required to maintain a mortgage; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has stated that a heritage designation does not place additional requirements on insurers and that insurance premiums should not go up because of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS some owners of designated properties have reported that their premiums have gone up as a result of a heritage designation or they have been denied an insurance policy as a result of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS as a result of insurance concerns, some homeowners have objected to proposed heritage designation on their property; and

WHEREAS this directly threatens the unique and irreplaceable heritage character of Prince Edward County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward calls on the Provincial Government to:

1. Investigate why some insurers are raising premiums on heritage designated properties or are denying insurance policies as a result of a heritage designation in contravention of provincial guidance;
2. Bring insurance regulators, insurance industry representatives and heritage professionals together to find solutions that enable the continued protection of heritage properties without unwarranted financial burden on homeowners;
3. Regulate the impact of heritage designation on insurance premiums through enforcement, education and new solutions; and

THAT the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee be directed to continue exploring ways to educate homeowners regarding insurance for heritage designated properties; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Bay of Quinte M.P.P. Tyler Allsopp; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Financial Services Regulatory Authority; the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators, and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Pennell, Councillor Hirsch

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**ADMINISTRATIVE
MATTERS**

Imagine a couple in Calvin. They've lived together for forty years. One of them falls ill. They can no longer stay at home. One partner goes to a North Bay Long Term Care facility where they are separated from their spouse. There are no buses, trains or any public transportation and the province is trying to get seniors off the road with new licence restrictions for anyone over the age of seventy. And, to make matters worse, cell phone service is spotty and land-lines are vanishing – rare visits and poor-quality calls. Even though a couple has lived together for many decades, when one partner is now 50 km's away, they are isolated. Alone.

Cassellholme is a facility that Calvin taxpayers are required to support financially, but it is 40 to 60 kilometers away. There is no public transport to get there and winter travel for a senior is difficult, if not impossible. And, since it is expensive for the government to provide care to a remote region, residents can only get limited home-care in Calvin.

This isn't just unfair. It is unjust. It is inhumane.

The council of the municipality of Calvin has been concerned about the costs for the operation and the rebuild of the Cassellholme facility for many years. After countless discussions, meetings, and debates, I believe it is important that these concerns be stated publicly and clearly.

The media has mistakenly given the impression that Calvin is against Cassellholme – that we do not value the work done by them and the Ministry of Long-Term Care. This is far from the truth. Cassellholme is a fine organization providing a valuable service to people in need. What I wish to make clear is that our disagreement is not with the level of care provided in North Bay, it is with the way the costs and services are divided between rural and urban municipalities. And this concern applies to social services, policing, conservation and many other costs.

Even though we are getting some much-appreciated assistance from the Ministry of Long-Term Care, if we do exit, we will still be paying a portion of the 121-million-dollar reconstruction plus interest. What is unfair is the way these costs, in relation to the services, are divided among the nine municipalities. And Cassellholme is just an example.

I believe there are serious structural problems in how rural municipalities are represented, funded, and serviced within Ontario. And the people who should take note of this are those who live in the rural areas. Not just the taxpayer who is now separated from their spouse and who pays a price that is higher than a taxpayer in North Bay, but all the rural residents.

It is not just the elderly who do not get equal service, it is the person who is stuck on a dark gravel road and cannot call for help because there is no cell phone service. It is the couple who have called for police assistance. It is the person who needs social assistance, but because their car is broken, they have to hitchhike to the city to talk to someone. The services are not there, but the households pay for them at the same rate as the cities.

The unfair division of costs happens because of something called a weighted assessment or Current Value Assessment, (CVA). In 1998, the province created a system that failed to account

for geographic realities. The formula, which is based primarily on assessed property values and tax rates, does not take into consideration the actual availability of, or quality of, services.

As an example, if you look at the current cost of rebuilding Cassellholme and you divide this by the total number of households (using the census of 2021) each household in North Bay will pay just over \$200 annually and the households in the town of Mattawa will each pay \$94. But, the households in Calvin will each pay an incredible \$393 annually.

In North Bay, there is public transit and many medical facilities can be reached on foot. There is easy access. There are doctors, pharmacies, home care facilities, government services, public sector assistance. In Mattawa, there is a local nursing home and a hospital which are both easily accessible. But in Calvin there is no public transport, no services, no facilities. The residents of North Bay and Mattawa pay and receive services in their area, the tax payers in Calvin pay substantially more for the privilege of being ignored.

Every service that is downloaded by the province to the municipality of Calvin is subject to some form of CVA. The residents of Calvin pay the same proportional amount even though they, in many cases, receive a level of service that is less than our neighbours. Later this evening, I will be presenting a report and formal resolution requesting a provincial review of the Current Value Assessment system and in the report, you can see that other municipalities in our area also pay more than they should.

And this inequity of taxation for services also occurs at a provincial level – not only in Nipissing, but across the province. This has become so normalized that most of us don't even see it. What happens in Calvin in relation to Mattawa and North Bay, is similar to what happens in North Bay and Mattawa in relation to southern Ontario.

In Ontario, 83% of the people live in cities. That means 83% of the political pressure, the media attention, and the voting power is concentrated in a few urban centers. The remaining 17% of us—spread across thousands of square kilometers—are fighting for a slice of the pie that is calculated by a formula that assumes we are all living in Toronto.

If 83% of the population is in the south, the infrastructure, the hospitals, cell phone service, broadband and the transit systems are built for them. When we in the north or the deep rural areas pay similar taxes, we aren't getting the same service; we are subsidizing urban areas while receiving substandard services ourselves."

With such a small percentage of the population spread across the land, it is easy for politicians to ignore us. We are the statistical outlier. Some would say that the rural residents should be reasonable. It costs a million dollars to put up a cell phone tower, so the lightly populated areas should not expect good coverage because it is too expensive. Some might agree that this is reasonable. But, it is unreasonable that the tax burden should be the same, where services are lacking.

Fairness must include geography.

There is a provincial move to develop the Ring of Fire in Ontario. This is a remote area in the north rich in resources. We are a province of abundance. Our province's future is the clean water and natural resources all located in the north; and, if we want to develop this part of the province, we cannot do it by providing substandard services and extracting high taxes from the people who are willing to live in these remote areas. Systems designed around population density inevitably disadvantage sparsely populated regions.

Can municipalities advocate for themselves? As mentioned, the province downloads costs to the Municipalities and administrative boards are created. The municipalities have the ability to appoint someone to sit on these boards and to be a representative for the municipality. We often hear about these boards which include, DNSSAB, NBMCA, School Boards and Cassellholme among others.

In theory these board members advocate for the municipalities and in turn the taxpayers, but in reality, this rarely happens. Most appointees have no specific expertise and are asked to make decisions that are out of their field of experience. Often a member is told that they must consider the well-being of the organization over the well-being of the municipality – and the taxpayer.

. Too often, the expertise required does not match the responsibility assigned. When governance structures are weak, processes that should be transparent and accountable become difficult for the public to understand or trust. Some meetings are held in “closed session” and discussions cannot be revealed to the municipality, so the municipality has little knowledge of the proceedings. Board decision-making is increasingly distant, procedural, and insulated. And there is a biased view that the larger urban municipalities carry more weight and therefore should have more influence.

Recently, I publicly criticized one of these boards for a lack of transparency and information sharing. It was reported that one of the members of this board wondered out loud, “who does he think he is, the mayor of Toronto?” This displays just how normalized this type of thinking is. Rural equals small, which equals unimportant. I can assure you the five-hundred people in Calvin matter just as much as any five-hundred people in any urban area.

Over the years I have served on numerous boards and committees — including physician recruitment, planning, ecology and regional governance bodies. What I have learned is that many of the problems we face are not caused by bad intentions. They are caused by governance structures that place complex responsibilities into the hands of people who are often given little training, little support, and little understanding of the financial and legal consequences of the decisions they are expected to make.

This is not a criticism of individuals. In many cases, I include myself in that observation. It is a criticism of a system that assumes goodwill alone is enough to manage increasingly complicated institutions. And it is unrealistic to expect overwhelmed volunteer board members, operating within complicated systems, to always be able to fully advocate for the municipal taxpayer and ensure equitable treatment.

So we have costs that are unjustly divided and we have local governance and oversight that is faulty and ineffective. This is something that needs to be addressed.

As stated, we are a province of abundance, but sadly, we are miring ourselves in ineffective and burdensome regulations. We want to grow, but we only focus on our urban areas. We believe we can't afford to offer services to small rural areas, but in truth we can't afford not to. And where remoteness becomes a legitimate barrier, then taxation has to be adjusted to compensate.

We all know the expression; nothing is certain except death and taxes. While this may be true, I believe that inequitable taxes are not, and should not be a certainty. It is time for the rural residents of this province and this country to stand up for themselves, and in doing so, promote a stronger country for us all.

You may be wondering why I am telling you this. It is because the first step to correcting a problem is recognizing that one exists. Why would a government provide services to a remote area, which has a very small pool of voters, when they can provide the same service to an urban area with a large pool of voters? It has become so normalized that rural residents should be happy with fewer services, because it is too expensive to provide them, that no-one questions this. Why is it difficult to get professionals and immigrants to move north? Because they know the services are lacking.

If we want people to continue living in rural Ontario, raising families there, stewarding the land, and supporting the resource economy of this province, then fairness cannot only exist where population density is highest.

Rural residents are not asking for special treatment, they are asking for recognition that the people who live in small rural communities contribute enormously to this province and deserve equitable treatment in return. They are asking for fairness.

Fairness must include geography.

And I believe that if rural communities continue speaking clearly and persistently, we can build systems that are fairer, stronger, and better — not only for rural Ontario, but for the entire province.

Because a stronger rural Ontario ultimately means a stronger Ontario for all of us.

Report to Council by: Mayor Richard Gould Date: May 26, 2026

Subject: Request for Provincial Review of, and Change to CVA-Based Apportionment

The purpose of this report is to provide background information and supporting rationale for the attached resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario review the use of Current Value Assessment (CVA) and weighted assessment formulas as the basis for apportioning costs for provincially-mandated services, regional boards, and shared municipal services.

The report focuses on the growing financial impacts that CVA-based apportionment can have on small and rural municipalities, particularly where assessment values do not accurately reflect resident income levels, service access, or local municipal capacity.

Many shared municipal services and provincially-mandated boards in Ontario allocate costs among participating municipalities using Current Value Assessment (CVA) or weighted assessment formulas.

Examples include: Long-Term Care facilities; District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB); policing costs; conservation authorities; health and social service boards; and School boards and other regional service arrangements.

Under these formulas, municipalities with higher assessment values contribute a larger percentage of overall costs.

The intent of the current CVA-based apportionment is only a reflection of the municipalities "ability to pay." However, in many rural municipalities, assessment values do not accurately represent:

- or the actual level of services available within the municipality
- resident income levels;
- local economic strength;
- access to services;
- population density;
- transportation challenges.

As a result, some rural municipalities experience disproportionately high levy impacts on a per-household or per-resident basis.

Rural and Northern Municipal Realities

Small rural municipalities often differ significantly from urban centres in both geography and service availability.

In many cases:

- residents must travel substantial distances to access healthcare and government services;
- municipalities may lack public transit;
- municipalities may not have local hospitals, long-term care homes, or other major services;
- populations may be older and more geographically dispersed;
- infrastructure costs may be high due to large geographic areas and low population density.

At the same time, rural municipalities may contain:

- pipelines;
- hydro corridors;
- industrial infrastructure;

- protected lands;
- provincial parks;
- seasonal properties;
- or large acreages.

These features can substantially increase municipal assessment values while providing little indication of the financial capacity of local residents. This creates a disconnect between the assessed property value; and actual household ability to absorb increasing levy costs.

The Municipality of Calvin is a small rural municipality with approximately 230 households.

A significant portion of municipal assessment is influenced by industrial infrastructure, including a major pipeline corridor. The municipality also contains multiple provincial parks and large acreages, much of which limits future residential or commercial development opportunities.

Many residents live on inherited rural properties and have fixed or modest incomes. While assessment values may appear significant on paper, they do not necessarily reflect disposable household income or enhanced municipal service levels.

The Township has no hospital, no long-term care facility, no public transit, and limited local health and social service infrastructure.

Despite these limitations, the Township contributes toward many regional services through CVA-based apportionment formulas.

Cassellholme Capital Cost Example

The attached Appendix "A" illustrates the distribution of Cassellholme redevelopment capital costs among participating municipalities using:

- the current CVA formula;
- a household-based formula; and
- a hybrid formula combining CVA and household count.

The analysis demonstrates substantial differences in per-household impacts between municipalities.

Under the current CVA model:

- Calvin households contribute approximately \$393.89 per household;
- South Algonquin contributes approximately \$377.48 per household;
- Mattawan contributes approximately \$283.74 per household.

By comparison:

- Mattawa contributes approximately \$94.50 per household;
- Chisholm contributes approximately \$193.18 per household;
- North Bay contributes approximately \$203.56 per household.

Under a purely household-based model, the contribution would be approximately \$209.09 per household across all municipalities.

The analysis suggests that CVA-based formulas can create substantial disparities in per-household costs between municipalities, particularly in smaller rural communities where industrial or resource-based assessment inflates municipal valuation figures.

Hybrid and Alternative Models

The report recommends that the province review whether the current reliance on CVA alone remains the most equitable method of apportionment in all circumstances.

Alternative approaches could include:

- hybrid formulas combining CVA and household count;
- formulas incorporating permanent population;
- service availability considerations;
- rurality and geographic isolation factors;
- ability-to-pay considerations;
- or mechanisms to limit disproportionate impacts on smaller municipalities.

The attached example demonstrates that even a partial hybrid approach can reduce extreme disparities while still recognizing assessment capacity.

Broader Provincial Relevance

This issue extends beyond the Municipality of Calvin.

Many rural Ontario municipalities face similar circumstances where; industrial assessment; utility corridors, hydro infrastructure, pipelines, resource lands, or protected lands, increase municipal assessment values without proportionally increasing local service access or household financial capacity.

As provincial and regional levy pressures continue to rise, concerns regarding the fairness and sustainability of existing apportionment models are likely to become increasingly significant for rural municipalities across Ontario.

Conclusion

The current use of CVA and weighted assessment formulas was developed to reflect municipal assessment capacity. However, the growing divergence between assessment values and the realities facing many rural municipalities suggests that a provincial review is warranted.

The Municipality of Calvin is requesting that the Province of Ontario review the use of CVA-based apportionment for provincially-mandated and shared municipal services and consider more balanced approaches that better reflect:

- household impacts;
- rural realities;
- service access;
- and municipal capacity.
- The attached resolution seeks to initiate that broader provincial discussion.
- Recommendation:

That Council adopt the attached resolution requesting a provincial review of Current Value Assessment (CVA)-based apportionment formulas for shared municipal and provincially-mandated services.

Appendix A:

Distribution of Capital cost for Cassellholme construction:

This chart shows the distribution of costs based on current CVA, Per Household, and a Hybrid of 75% per household and 25% CVA.

Municipality	Households	Current CVA			Per Household			Hybrid 75/25		
		Current CVA Pct	Current CVA Annual	Per household	Household based PCT	Household Based Annual	by household only	Hybrid PCT	Hybrid Annual	hybrid by household
North Bay	23470	79.187%	\$4,777,615.40	\$203.56	81.34%	4,907,375.69	209.09	80.8000%	4,874,935.62	207.71
East Ferris	1890	7.742%	\$467,100.64	\$247.14	6.55%	395,182.79	209.09	6.8480%	413,162.25	218.60
South Algonquin	530	3.316%	\$200,065.32	\$377.48	1.84%	110,818.45	209.09	2.2066%	133,130.17	251.19
Bonfield	890	3.237%	\$195,298.99	\$219.44	3.08%	186,091.37	209.09	3.1225%	188,393.27	211.68
Papineau-Cameron	405	1.726%	\$104,135.33	\$257.12	1.40%	84,682.03	209.09	1.4842%	89,545.35	221.10
Chisholm	510	1.633%	\$98,524.33	\$193.18	1.77%	106,636.63	209.09	1.7338%	104,608.55	205.11
Calvin	227	1.482%	\$89,414.00	\$393.89	0.79%	47,463.75	209.09	0.9605%	57,951.31	255.29
Mattawa	860	1.347%	\$81,269.00	\$94.50	2.98%	179,818.62	209.09	2.5721%	155,181.22	180.44
Mattawan	70	0.329%	\$19,861.73	\$283.74	0.24%	\$14,636.40	209.09	0.2642%	15,942.73	227.75
TOTAL	28852		\$6,033,284.73		99.99%	\$6,032,705.73	209.09	1.00	6,032,850.48	
Totals	65693		\$6,033,284			\$6,033,333			\$6,033,333	

Total Capital rebuild cost is and estimate of \$121,000,000 plus \$110,000,000 interest, minus the \$50,000,000 arranged by the province to be divided in each of the first years of the loan. This is a Total of \$181,000,000. Divided over the next 30 years this equals \$6,033,333 per year.

Resolution: Request for Provincial Review of CVA-Based Apportionment for Shared Municipal and Provincially-Mandated Services

Moved by: Mayor Gould

Seconded by: _____

Background: See attached report from the mayor.

Whereas:

Many provincially-mandated services, shared municipal services, and board-imposed levies are apportioned among municipalities using Current Value Assessment (CVA) or weighted assessment formulas; and

Whereas CVA-based apportionment formulas are intended to reflect municipal assessment capacity, but often do not adequately account for population, service access, geographic isolation, infrastructure constraints, or the differing realities of small and rural municipalities; and

Whereas municipalities with significant industrial assessment, utility corridors, resource infrastructure, protected lands, seasonal properties, or large geographic areas may experience disproportionately high per-resident levy impacts despite limited local services and lower resident incomes; and

Whereas some municipalities contribute substantially toward regional services such as long-term care, policing, conservation authorities, social services, and other provincially-mandated boards and agencies, while residents may have limited local access to those services due to geography, travel distance, or service availability; and

Whereas increasing levy pressures are creating significant financial strain for small and rural municipalities and their residents;

Now therefore be it Resolved That:

The Council of the Municipality of Calvin requests that the Province of Ontario, including the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Finance, undertake a review of policies, legislation, and regulations governing the use of Current Value Assessment (CVA) and weighted assessment as the basis for apportioning provincially-mandated levies and shared municipal service costs; and

That the Province consider developing fairer and more balanced apportionment models which may include:

- hybrid formulas incorporating both CVA and population;
- consideration of service access and service availability;
- household count or permanent population metrics;

- ability-to-pay considerations for small and rural municipalities;
 - rurality and geographic isolation factors; and
 - measures to limit disproportionate per-resident levy impacts on smaller municipalities;
- and

That the Province work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), rural municipalities, municipal service boards, and regional service providers to develop best practices and model apportionment frameworks for shared municipal services and provincially-mandated boards; and

That this resolution with the mayor's report attached, be circulated to:

- the Premier of Ontario;
- the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- the Minister of Finance;
- The Minister of Rural Affairs
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- the Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- local Member of Provincial Parliament;
- all Ontario municipalities;
- and relevant municipal service boards and associations for consideration and support.