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**APPROVAL
OF
PREVIOUS
MEETING
MINUTES**



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Date: January 13, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

1355 Peddlers Drive, Calvin, ON

Attendance: Mayor Gould, Councillors Latimer, Manson, Moreton and Grant (Teams); Staff: CAO Donna Maitland, Public Works Superintendent A Carr, Fire Chief J Whalley and Deputy Clerk T Araujo.

Regrets:

Guests:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution Number: 2026-01

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Latimer

Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this January 13th, Regular Meeting of Council be called to order @ 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gould who indicates that quorum has been achieved.

Result: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution Number: 2026-02

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Moreton

Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby approves the agenda as circulated with the removal of Item 6.1 Mandy McLean presentation to Council.

Result: Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Grant declared a conflict of interest with agenda item number 9.9, matter Year-Round Maintenance Request for Stewarts Road – Correspondence addressed to Mayor Gould from Kevin and Cindy Grant as the letter was authored by my parents.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2026-03

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of December 16, 2025 AND the Emergency Meeting of Council dated December 19, 2025, be approved as presented and circulated.

Result: Carried

5. DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL - NONE

6. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL-- REMOVED FROM AGENDA

6.1 Mandy McLean, Daki Menan Lands & Resources Corporation, Temagami

Resolution Number: 2026-

Moved By: Councillor

Seconded By: Councillor

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council received a presentation by Mandy McLean of Daki Menan Land and Resources Corporation, Temagami whereby she promoted an opportunity for Calvin landowners to partner with her organization to plant 2000 or more trees on their private property, at no cost.

Result:

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

7.1 CAO Report – Use of Corporate Resources Policy

By-Law Number: 2026-01

Resolution Number: 2026-04

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Grant

That Council receives and approves CAO report regarding the updated Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy as presented and

FURTHER THAT By-Law 2026-01 be enacted for adoption of the Use of Corporate Resources Policy and FURTHER THAT By-Law 2025-52 and any other by-law inconsistent with 2026-01 be repealed.

Result: Carried

7.2 Mayor's Report: Follow-Up re: East Nipissing Planning Board Correspondence – Brooker File 2025-11 and Bellaire File 2025-12-December 16, 2025 Meeting

Resolution Number: 2026-05

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Grant

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin by resolution number 2025-372 Council requested, for document management purposes that the East Planning Board submit a copy of the file, including responses received from various Ministries/Agencies consulted during the application review period, to the Municipality as one complete file at the end of the review process; AND WHEREAS the Mayor reports that the East Nipissing Planning Board is unwilling to comply with this request;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Board Members continue to advocate for a complete file solution and that at this point of time that we accept the decision of the Planning Board.

Results: Carried

8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

Resolution Number: 2026-06

Moved By: Councillor Grant

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

8.1 2025-12-09 - Town of Ingersoll - Conservation Authority Consolidation

8.2 Proposed Boundaries for Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities -Sudbury

8.3 Elect Respect – City of Peterborough

8.4 Inspector General of Policy Memorandum

8.5 Emergency Management Modernization Act – Memo to Heads of Council

8.6 Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – Smith Falls

8.7 AMO Policy Update- Submission on Proposed Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

8.8 New Year, New Rules: Navigating Ontario's Working For Workers Seven Act -CC Partners

8.9 Key Employee Rights in Ontario (2025-2026 Update) – Unified LLP

8.10 Blue Sky Net

8.11 DNSSAB Highlights-How to Access Cold Weather Programming in Nipissing District

8.12 Kawartha Conservation ERO 025-1257 Comments

8.13 TWP of Amaranth-Amalgamation of Conservation Authorities-Bill 68

8.14 Ministry of Natural Resources Bill 27-Approved Amendments

8.15 SDG Counties Resolution - Conservation Authorities

8.16 TWP Laurentian Hills Support of Calvin Res Fee Freeze

8.17 Oxford County Bill 68 and Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

8.18 Smith Falls-Urging Province to Re-instate the Eligibility for Curbside Blue Box Collection

- 8.19 Municipality of Magnetawan Site Readiness Funding Resolution 2025-333
- 8.20 Emergency Management Modernization Act – Memo to Heads of Council
- 8.21 CBO Building Report December 2025
- 8.22 Bonfield Library-2026 minutes January 5th, 2026 and Job Postings
- 8.23 Town of Machar-Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities - Res End
Conservation Authorities signed

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council member for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin acknowledge receiving and reviewing the Consent Agenda Items presented in this meeting's package and have identified and of those received and reviewed, move the following forward for discussion at the next meeting:

- 8.1 Town of Ingersoll - Conservation Authority Consolidation

Result: Carried

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

9.1 CAO Report 2026-01 Establishment of 2026 Travel and Meal Rates for Council and Staff

Resolution Number: 2026-07

Moved By: Councillor Latimer

Seconded By: Councillor Moreton

WHEREAS Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin received and discussed CAO Report 2026-01 Establishment of 2026 Travel and Meal Rates for Council and Staff Travel;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommended rates and provisions within the report as they are associated with reimbursement of expenses for travel and meals be in effect for the 2026 calendar year for both Council and staff members;
AND FURTHER THAT the 2026 rates replace any rates in any by-law or policy inconsistent with this approval.

Result: Carried

9.2 DNSSAB Notice of 2026 Budget Increase

Resolution Number: 2026-08

Moved by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Grant

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin receives notice from the District of Nipissing Social Services Board that the 2026 municipal levy will increase by 4% over the 2025 levy.

Result: Carried

9.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities – 2026 Conference Delegate Pass

Resolution Number: 2026-09

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin received the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' invitation to first-time elected members to enter a draw to receive a free Annual Conference delegate pass;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT no council members will enter the draw;
AND FURTHER THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin does not approve of setting funds aside in the 2026 budget for staff or Council members' to attend this conference.

Result: Carried

9.4 CAO Report 2026-02 Disaster Relief Funding Update

Resolution Number: 2026-10

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives CAO Report 2026-02, Disaster Relief Funding Update for information purposes.

Result: Carried

9.5 Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Council – 2025 Asset Management Plan

Resolution Number: 2026-11

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Latimer

WHEREAS the Committee of the Whole met on December 19th and received the 2025 Asset Management Plan and recommends to Council that it be adopted,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin adopts the 2025 Asset Management Plan as presented.

Result: Carried

9.6 A By-Law to Provide for Interim Tax Rates for the Year 2026

By-law Number: 2026-02

Resolution Number: 2026-12

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Latimer

WHEREAS Section 317(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that the Council of a local municipality may, before the adoption of the estimates for the year, pass a by-law levying amounts, as specified in the by-law, on the assessment of property in the local municipality rateable for local municipality purposes;

AND WHEREAS Section 317(3)(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that the amount to be levied under subsection (1) is restricted in that the amount levied on a property shall not exceed 50 percent of the total amount of taxes for municipal and school purposes levied on the property for the previous year;

AND WHEREAS Section 317(4)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that the amounts levied under Section 317(1) shall be levied on the assessment according to a preliminary assessment roll provided by the assessment corporation for that purpose;

AND WHEREAS Section 350(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that where taxes are owed in respect of any land occupied by a tenant, the Treasurer may give the tenant notice in writing requiring the tenant to pay the rent in respect of the land to the Treasurer as it becomes due up to the amount of the taxes due and unpaid plus costs, and the tenant shall comply with such notice;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Calvin deems it appropriate to provide such interim levy on the assessment of property in this municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin will approve By-Law 2026-02 By-Law being a By-Law to provide Interim Tax Rates for the Year 2026.

Result: Carried

9.7 A By-Law to Set Tax Ratios for the Municipality of Calvin for the Year 2026

By-law Number: 2026-03

Resolution Number: 2026-13

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin is required to establish tax ratios pursuant to Section 308 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended (herein referred to as the "Act");

AND WHEREAS the tax ratios set out below establish the relative amount of taxation to be borne by each property class;

AND WHEREAS the property classes have been prescribed by the Minister of Finance under the *Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. A.31, as amended and Regulations thereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin will approve By-Law 2026-03 being a By-Law to set Tax Ratios for the Municipality of Calvin for the Year 2026. To be read and passed in open council on this 13th day of January 2026.

Result: Carried

9.8 By-Law to Authorize Temporary Borrowing from Time to Time- Year 2026

By-Law 2026-04

Resolution Number: 2026-14

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, C25, Section 407 as amended from time to time, provides authority for a municipality to authorize the Treasurer to borrow from time to time, such sums as Council considers necessary to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, the current expenditures of the Municipality for the year;

AND WHEREAS the total amount which may be borrowed from all sources at any one time to meet the current expenditures of the Municipality, except with the approval of the Ontario Land Tribunal, is limited by Section 407 of the Municipal Act, 2001;

Should the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin deem it necessary to borrow funds to meet obligations, until the taxes are collected and other revenues are received,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby approve by-law 2026-04 by-law being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk Treasurer to borrow, sign and apply payments on behalf of the Municipality of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin from time to time by way as specifically indicated in the 2026 Temporary Borrowing By-Law.

Result: Carried

Councillor Grant turns off his camera at 6:47pm having declared a conflict with item 9.9

9.9 Year-Round Maintenance Request for Stewarts Road – Correspondence addressed to Mayor Gould from Kevin and Cindy Grant

Resolution Number: 2026-15

Moved By: Councillor Latimer

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

WHEREAS Mayor Gould brought forward a letter delivered to him on January 1, 2026 from Kevin and Cindy Grant requesting year-round maintenance for Stewarts Road retroactive to 2015 and;

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin received and discussed the correspondence and;

WHEREAS the Public Works Superintendent as requested prepared a summary of the status of Council resolutions with respect to Stewarts Road since 2024 and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council decline the request;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality move forward with the current direction of Council to complete a survey of the road and to decide on next steps once it has been presented to Council.

Result: Carried

Councillor Grant returned to the meeting by turning his camera back on at 7:19pm

9.10 Mayor's Report-Telecommunications Reliability, Broadband Infrastructure and Public Safety

Resolution Number: 2026-16

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

WHEREAS Council has received and considered the Mayor's Report on telecommunications reliability, broadband infrastructure, and public safety presented at this meeting;

AND WHEREAS reliable access to telecommunications services, including emergency services, is essential to the safety and wellbeing of residents of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin lacks cable service, DSL-capable infrastructure, reliable cellular coverage, and dependable fixed wireless broadband options;

AND WHEREAS Bell Canada has applied to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for deregulation of certain local landline telephone services;

AND WHEREAS Bell Canada has received provincial and federal public funding to deploy fibre-optic broadband infrastructure intended to serve The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin and neighbouring municipalities, with an announced completion deadline of December 31, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council authorizes the Mayor of The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin to act as Council's official representative in communicating and advocating with regulatory bodies, telecommunications service

providers, government agencies, and elected officials regarding telecommunications reliability and public safety;

THAT this authorization includes communication with, but is not limited to:

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC);

Federal and Provincial ministries and agencies;

Bell Canada and other telecommunications providers;

Blue Sky Networks of North Bay;

The Member of Parliament;

The Member of Provincial Parliament;

THAT the Mayor is authorized to advocate against the deregulation or withdrawal of local landline telephone services in The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin unless and until reliable, resilient, and demonstrably effective alternative communications services are available to residents;

THAT the Mayor is authorized to seek information, accountability, and clear timelines regarding publicly funded telecommunications infrastructure commitments affecting The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin;

THAT the Mayor is further authorized to request full disclosure regarding the scope, mapping, timelines, and current status of any publicly funded fibre-optic broadband projects affecting the Township, including explanations for the exclusion of any areas within The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin;

THAT Council formally expresses concern that publicly funded telecommunications infrastructure intended to serve The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin may not be meeting original commitments or timelines, and directs that these concerns be communicated to the appropriate regulators, ministries, and elected officials;

THAT Council shall be kept informed of material developments.

Result: Carried

9.11 CAO Report 2026-03: Councillor Expenses Claimed Fiscal Year 2025

Resolution Number: 2026-17

Moved by: Councillor Latimer

Seconded by: Councillor Moreton

1. It is noted that Mayor Gould abstained from voting on this matter.

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin received and considered Mayor Gould's expense claim for the fiscal year 2025,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve it as submitted, in the amount of \$2,146.40 thereby instructing the Treasurer to pay out the balance owing of \$1,794.80 (caused by previously paid amount of \$351.60).

Result: Carried

Resolution Number: 2026-18

Moved by: Councillor Manson

Seconded by: Councillor Latimer

2. It is noted that Deputy Mayor Moreton abstained from voting on this matter.

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin received and considered Deputy Mayor Moreton's expense claim for the fiscal year 2025,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin approve it for payment as submitted, in the amount of \$35.00

Result: Carried

Resolution Number: 2026-19

Moved by: Councillor Latimer

Seconded by: Councillor Moreton

3. It is noted that Councillor Grant abstained from voting on this matter.

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin received and considered Councillor Grant's expense claim for the fiscal year 2025,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin approve it for payment as submitted, in the amount of \$758.00

Result: Carried

Resolution Number: 2026-20

Moved by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Grant

4. That Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin acknowledges that Councillor Latimer and Councillor Manson have reported no expenses to claim for the fiscal year 2025.

Result: Carried

9.12 CAO report 2026-04 Council Approval of Additional Meetings for Mayor

Resolution Number: 2026-21

Moved by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Grant

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin received and discussed CAO report 2026-04;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin retroactive to Feb 05/2025 and, until further notice, Mayor Gould to attend the Cassellholme Member Municipalities' Mayors' meetings held for the purposes of discussing Castle Arms;
AND FURTHER THAT Council approves of Mayor Gould's participation in the Cassellholme meeting held on August 12, 2025 held to discuss Cassellholme Top Up Funding.

Result: Carried

9.13 CAO Report 2026-05 Year End 2025 Tax Arrears Summary

Resolution Number: 2026-22

Moved by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Manson

That Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin receives for information purposes the CAO report entitled CAO Report 2026-05 Year End 2025 Tax Arrears Summary for information purposes

Result: Carried

9.14 CAO Report to Council: CAO2026-06 - Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference 2026

Resolution Number: 2026-23

Moved by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Latimer

THAT Council receives for information purposes, CAO Report to Council: CAO2026-06 - Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference 2026 – Delegation Request to Minister of Red Tape Reduction Update.

Result: Carried

9.15 By-Law 2026-05 Entering into an agreement between Calvin and Knight Piesold

Resolution Number: 2026-24

Moved by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Latimer

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin deems it necessary to enter into an agreement for landfill, environmental monitoring and reporting,
AND WHEREAS Council has received Knight Piesold's contract for continued services for the years 2026 and 2027,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and CAO be authorized to enter into an Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin and the Knight Piesold Consulting for these purposes.

Result: Carried

9.16 2025/26 Fire Protection Grant for: CALVIN (2025-08-1-3283159020)

By-law Number: 2026-06

Resolution Number: 2026-25

Moved by: Councillor Manson

Seconded by: Councillor Moreton

WHEREAS The Corporation for the Municipality of Calvin's application to the Province for funds to purchase bunker gear and lithium battery fire blankets has been approved in the amount of \$19,626;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT resolved that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to execute the Ontario Fire Protection Grant Transfer Payment Agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Result: Carried

9.17 COA 2026-07 Insurance Renewal Options

Resolution Number: 2026-26

Moved by: Councillor Manson

Seconded by: Councillor Moreton

THAT Council approve the renewal of the Municipality's insurance coverage with MIS Municipal Insurance for a three-year term beginning February 2026.

Result: Carried

9.18 CAO 2026-08 Asbestos Management Program RFP results

Resolution Number: 2026-27

Moved by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Latimer

THAT Council award the Asbestos Assessment and Management Obligations project to Englobe at an estimated cost of \$11,800 plus applicable HST; and

THAT any additional investigations or costs arising from unforeseen environmental conditions be subject to prior authorization by municipal staff through the CCBF revenue stream.

Result: Carried

9.19 CAO 2026-09 Building Code Assessment RFP Results

Resolution Number: 2026-28

Moved by: Councillor Latimer

Seconded by: Councillor Manson

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality receives the CAO Report CAO 2026-09 Facility and Building Condition Assessment RFP results;

AND THAT Council award the Facility and Building Condition Assessment project to RJC Engineering at a cost of \$15,650 plus applicable HST.

Result: Carried

9.20 TWP of Hornepayne-Support for the Creation of a Small Northern New Residential Property Tax Class

Resolution Number: 2026-29

Moved by: Councillor Manson

Seconded by: Councillor Latimer

WHEREAS there is a visible disparity between the northern and southern population of Ontario; and

WHEREAS northern Ontario has an abundance of opportunity in the form of municipally serviced building lots for both Industry and population growth; and

WHEREAS high residential property taxes in northern Ontario discourage and prohibit the construction of new residential single family dwellings; and

WHEREAS the addition of a Small Northern New Residential property tax class and subclass would create an incentive for the building of new homes in small northern Ontario communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Calvin does hereby request that the Honorable Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Minister of Finance, amends the Assessment Act to include a Small Northern New Residential property tax class and subclass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario; Victor Fedili, MPP; the Honourable Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Minister George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth; the Honourable Minister Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; all northern Ontario Ministers; AMO; FONOM; NOMA; NEOMA; NESMG; and ROMA.

Result: Defeated

9.21 Invitation to the 2025 Northern Council Workshop- Virtual Learning Series

Resolution Number: 2026-30

Moved by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Latimer

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin received and member considered the Ministry of Municipal Affairs' invitation to the 2025 Northern Council Virtual Learning Workshop Series;

And WHEREAS, No Council members have expressed they will register and participate in the training;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, for Council remuneration by-law related purposes, that Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin decline their participation.

Result: Carried

10. AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

Resolution Number: 2026-31

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Latimer

- 10.1 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority – Councillor Moreton
- 10.2 East Nipissing Planning Board- Councillor Grant, Mayor Gould
- 10.3 Physician Recruitment -Mayor Gould
- 10.4 Mattawa Regional Police Services Board -Councillor Grant
(With Board related reports received by and through the Ontario Police Services Board provided by the CAO)
- 10.5 Canadian Ecology Centre - Mayor Gould
- 10.6 Cassellholme Exit Strategy- Mayor Gould

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin accepts the Agencies, Board, Committee Reports and/or Minutes provided by Council members at this meeting.

Result: Carried

11. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution Number: 2026-32

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Latimer

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin move into Closed Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss:

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (s.239(2)(f))

Result: Carried

12. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Resolution Number: 2026-33

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Latimer

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin move back into Open Session at 9:07 p.m. and report that it discussed:

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (s.239(2)(f)) and that the letter submitted by Mayor Gould in closed session be submitted to the Minister of Long-Term Care.

Result: Carried

13. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

By-Law # 2026-07

Resolution Number: 2026-34

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Latimer

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2026-07 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be approved.

Result: Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2026-35

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR JAN 27, 2025 BE CANCELLED;

AND FURTHER THAT HIRING OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTANT BE DELEGATED TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN AD-HOC HIRING COMMITTEE;

AND FURTHER THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin now be adjourned @9:08 p.m.

Result: Carried

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DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

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PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

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**BUSINESS
ARISING
FROM
PREVIOUS
COUNCIL
MEETINGS**

7.1

December 9, 2025

The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
CollegePark, 5th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Honourable Minister McCarthy,

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by the Council of the Town of Ingersoll at its meeting held on December 8, 2025:

Moved by Councillor Bowman
Seconded by Councillor Hutson

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll receives the correspondence from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority regarding Bill 68 as information;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ingersoll established the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority with other consenting municipalities within the watershed. (initially formed in 1947)

AND WHEREAS local municipalities currently provide approximately 35% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 2% (2026 budget);

AND WHEREAS municipalities have governed and invested local rate payer funds in their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of acres of land. Many of these properties were entrusted to the

UTRCA for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined;

AND WHEREAS the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Town of Ingersoll calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

AND FURTHER THAT while the Town of Ingersoll supports provincial goals towards consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization. It does not support it through imposing a new top-down agency structure creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Ingersoll supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province respect the roles that Municipalities and Conservation Authorities play in conservation and governance;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks;
- local MPPs;
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
- area Indigenous communities;
- all municipalities;

- Conservation Authorities; and
- Conservation Ontario.

Kind regards,



Julie Clayton, Deputy Clerk
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cc: Ernie Hardeman, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oxford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Area Indigenous Communities
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7.2.1

The Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta
Minister of Long-Term Care
Province of Ontario

January 14th, 2026

Dear Minister Kusendova-Bashta,

I am writing on behalf of Council for the Municipality of Calvin Township regarding Calvin's long-standing request to withdraw from participation in the Cassellholme Board of Management.

Calvin Township is a small Northern municipality with approximately 250 households and limited fiscal capacity. For several years, Council and residents have consistently expressed concern that continued participation in the Cassellholme governance structure is no longer reasonable, sustainable, or aligned with the needs of our community. This position is supported by several specific and verifiable factors.

First, Calvin Township is geographically isolated from Cassellholme. The facility is approximately 50 kilometres from Calvin's municipal office, and for some residents the distance exceeds 60 kilometres. Some of this travel is on gravel roads, and there is no public transportation available. For seniors and families, meaningful access to the facility is often impractical. As the Province continues to discourage driving by seniors over the age of 75, placement at Cassellholme can result in effective and permanent separation of elderly couples who have lived together for decades. Council believes that, where feasible, home care or more local options are more humane and consistent with community-based care principles.

Second, Calvin Council is acting under a clear and documented democratic mandate. In 2021–2022, a petition requesting that Calvin Township be removed from the Cassellholme Board of Management was signed by 284 of approximately 400 adult residents. The petition was delivered to Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli and read into the Legislative Assembly. Council's actions reflect the expressed will of a strong majority of our residents.

Third, Calvin's financial exposure has reached a level that has demonstrably harmed the Township's operational capacity. Calvin's share of the Cassellholme capital financing is approximately \$2.3 million, with operating levies over the 30-year amortization period expected to be of similar magnitude.

These obligations have already had real-world consequences.

On June 21, 2025, a major storm caused widespread damage throughout Calvin Township and

Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park. Calvin's Fire Department led rescue operations that resulted in the evacuation of approximately 300 to 400 campers, many of whom were injured or trapped. Roads and municipal infrastructure were severely damaged, with total costs estimated at approximately \$500,000.

Calvin did not have sufficient reserves to absorb these costs and sought to increase an existing line of credit from \$200,000 to \$500,000. The Bank of Nova Scotia declined the request and rescinded the existing credit after reviewing Calvin's financial statements, which now reflected an additional liability of over \$1 million associated with the Cassellholme capital loan. Despite meetings involving the Mayor, CAO, municipal affairs officials, the bank, and auditors, the credit was not restored. Although the Province expedited a Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance application, no funds have been received more than seven months later. If a similar event were to occur again, Calvin Township would face a severe financial crisis.

Council is deeply concerned that a provincially imposed governance structure has impaired the Township's ability to respond to emergencies and protect public safety.

Fourth, Calvin bears significant long-term financial risk without meaningful governance control. Council opposed the 2022 decision to rebuild Cassellholme on its existing site at a total cost of \$121 million, the 30-year amortization period, and the calculation of interest on the full project cost despite a substantial provincial contribution. These decisions proceeded over municipal objections, leaving Calvin responsible for outcomes it could not meaningfully influence.

Finally, Council wishes to address a broader legislative concern. Provincial legislation has consistently recognized that participation by small Northern municipalities in long-term care governance is discretionary and subject to special permission, reflecting the financial difficulty such participation creates. This principle appears in the Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act, the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007, and the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021. However, once a municipal Board of Management is established, there is no statutory mechanism for withdrawal, despite the fact that Boards have historically been altered or dissolved through regulatory action. This creates a structural inconsistency that leaves small Northern municipalities permanently bound to obligations the legislation itself was designed to limit.

Calvin Township has repeatedly sought meetings with successive Ministers to discuss these issues and was recently advised that a delegation request at the upcoming ROMA Conference could not be accommodated. In light of the prolonged absence of resolution, Council respectfully requests clarity.

Accordingly, Council requests either:

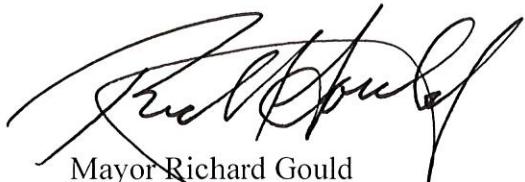
1. Ministerial approval for Calvin Township to withdraw from participation in the Cassellholme Board of Management; or

2. Written reasons explaining why such authority will not be exercised in Calvin's case.

Calvin Township seeks a reasoned decision after years of good-faith engagement. Council remains willing to participate in constructive discussions but requires certainty to plan responsibly for the safety and financial stability of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Richard Gould
On behalf of Council
The Municipality of Calvin Township

Deputy Clerk

From: Deputy Clerk
Sent: January 16, 2026 10:21 AM
To: 'natalia.kusendovaco@pc.ola.org'
Subject: Mayors letter to Minister Natalia Kusendova-Bashta
Attachments: Cassellholme.pdf

Good morning Minister Natalia Kusendova-Bashta,

Please see attached a letter from the Mayor of The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin regarding Cassellholme.

Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Trish Araujo
Deputy Clerk
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His Worship Richard Gould
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Dear Mayor Gould,

Thank you for your correspondence outlining the concerns raised by the Municipal Council for Calvin Township regarding its participation in the Nipissing East Board of Management, which supports Cassellholme long-term care home.

The Ministry of Long-Term Care is aware of the financial and governance concerns raised by Calvin Township in relation to its participation on the Board of Management, including financial obligations, as well as pressures associated with emergency response costs and damages resulting from a major storm in June 2025.

The ministry continues to evaluate options related to Boards of Management. Any potential change in municipal participation would only be considered where there is unanimous agreement among the Board of Management and member municipalities, in addition to a transition plan for the home's sustainability. This would include how remaining member municipalities would absorb any resulting apportionment impacts to support the ongoing operations of the long-term care home.

With respect to the financial pressures resulting from the 2025 storm, I would encourage you to continue working with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and have copied my colleague, the Honourable Rob Flack for his awareness.

I appreciate your continued partnership and advocacy on behalf of your community and residents. The ministry recognizes the important role municipalities such as Calvin Township play in supporting the delivery of safe, high quality, and resident-centred long-term care, particularly in small and northern communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalia Kusendova-Bashta".

Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta
Minister of Long-Term Care

c. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Mayor Gould's Response to the Minister Kusendova-Bashta

Dear Minister Kusendova-Bashta,

Thank you for your letter responding to Calvin Township's concerns regarding its participation in the Nipissing East Board of Management and the operation of Cassellholme.

Calvin Council has now considered your response at its recent meeting. Council appreciates the Ministry's acknowledgement of the financial, governance, and emergency-response pressures facing small northern municipalities and values the opportunity to continue this dialogue.

As part of its deliberations, Council passed a resolution directing staff to obtain independent legal advice to better understand the legislative framework governing municipal participation in Boards of Management, including the options available to municipalities where participation has become unsustainable. This review is intended to provide clarity and ensure that any further discussions with the Ministry and our municipal partners are informed, constructive, and grounded in a clear understanding of the applicable legislation.

Once this work is complete, Council would welcome the opportunity to follow up with the Ministry to discuss next steps.

Thank you again for your correspondence and for your continued attention to the concerns of northern municipalities.

Sincerely,
Richard Gould
Mayor, Township of Calvin

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**CONSENT
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PURPOSES**

From: Brooke Piercey <Brooke.Piercey@dnssab.ca>
Sent: January 13, 2026 10:07 AM
Subject: Cold Weather Relief and Supports in Nipissing District Flyer

Good morning,

Please find the attached flyer for your information.

Thank you.

Kind regards,



Brooke Piercey (bruk peer-see), BA (Hons), SSW, Cert. Strategic PR
Communications and Executive Coordinator | Communications et
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Cold Weather Relief and Supports

Daytime spaces, meals, outreach, and other supports are offered across the District of Nipissing this winter. Hours may change. Please confirm with each provider.

North Bay

AIDS Committee – Drop-In

Suite 102, 147 McIntyre Street West, North Bay
705-497-3560 | aidsnorthbay.ca
Monday-Friday 8:30am-12pm, 1pm-4pm
(Friday closes 3:30pm)
Supports: coffee, hot chocolate, snacks, client washroom

CMHA – Peer Connections

333 Fraser Street, North Bay
705-476-4088 | nbd.cmha.ca
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
Supports (for members only): safe daytime programming, warm indoor space and support

The Gathering Place – Meal Centre

1181 Cassells Street, North Bay
705-474-7687 | thegatheringplacenorthbay.ca
Monday-Friday 11:30am-1:30pm
Supports: freshly prepared meals

AIDS Committee – Lounge

Suite 102, 147 McIntyre Street West, North Bay
705-497-3560 | aidsnorthbay.ca
Monday-Friday 9am-11:30am, 1pm-3:30pm
(subject to staff availability)
Supports: warm resting space (capacity 6)

Crisis Centre – Northern Pines Shelter

590 Chippewa Street West, North Bay
Open 24/7 until April 30, 2026
705-316-1052 | crisiscentre-nb.on.ca
Supports: 24 beds, on-site supports

True Self – Clothing Drop-Ins

239 Main Street East (2nd floor), North Bay
Monday and Wednesday 1pm-4pm
705-474-4058 | nfn.ca/true-self
Supports: clothing, snacks, place to warm up

West Nipissing

No More Tears – The Hub

#2-189 Main Street, Sturgeon Falls
705-980-0420 | nomoretearswestnipissing.ca/the-hub
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-4pm
Wednesday 11am-4pm
Supports: warm meals, clothing and hygiene supplies, advocacy, system navigation, housing referrals, connection to services, access to licensed psychotherapist weekly, help with applications (e.g., Ontario Works), and more

No More Tears – Soup Kitchen

45 John Street, Sturgeon Falls (Our Lady of Sorrows Church)
nomoretearswestnipissing.ca/soup-kitchen
11:30am-2pm on: January 14, 28; February 11, 25; March 11, 25; April 8, 22
Dates are regularly updated on website
Supports: free meals, twice a month, no registration required

District-Wide

Crisis Centre – Extreme Cold Protocol

District-Wide
705-316-1052 | crisiscentre-nb.on.ca
Activated during extreme cold alerts
Supports: limited number of beds available for overflow at -15°C or when the wind chill falls to -20°C

True Self – Peer Outreach Support Team

District-Wide
705-498-9482 | nfn.ca/true-self
Monday-Friday 8am-8pm
Saturday and Sunday 9am-5pm
Supports: basic needs supplies, harm reduction, wellness checks, help connecting to shelter and services

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

Direct Contact Information

Office of the Medical Officer of Health	Ashley Lecappelain, Executive Assistant ashley.lecappelain@healthunit.ca 705-474-1400 ext. 5272
Community Emergency Management Liaison	Louise Gagné, Executive Director, Community Services emergency.management@healthunit.ca 705-474-1400 ext. 5296 After Hours: 705-474-1400 x0 (answering service relays message for on-call response)
Environmental Health	Environmental Health Intake 705-474-1400 ext. 5400 environmental.health@healthunit.ca After Hours: 705-474-1400 x0 (answering service relays message for on-call response)
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NORTHWATCH

Date: January 9, 2026

To: Municipalities of Northeastern Ontario

From: Brennain Lloyd, Northwatch

Re. **Transportation of High-Level Radioactive Waste on Our Highways**
Register Your Community's Concern by February 4th

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Brief background: on November 28th 2024, after a multi-year siting process, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) announced that it had selected the Revell site between Ignace and Dryden as their intended destination for all of Canada's high-level nuclear fuel waste, coming from nuclear power generating stations in southern Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

This may not seem like a pressing issue for municipalities in central and northeastern Ontario, but it is absolutely an issue on your doorstep: The NWMO estimates that transportation of the current waste inventory will require **2-3 trucks per day** for more than 50 years. Those trucks will be travelling through or near your community as they make the (on average) 1,700 km trip from the reactors in southern Ontario (Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations just east of Toronto the Bruce station in Kincardine in Bruce County) and the even longer distances from reactors in Quebec and New Brunswick.

There is substantial public concern with nuclear waste transportation because of the ongoing risk from the low levels of radiation that will be emitted from each shipment, and because of the risk of larger releases under accident conditions. The public rightfully expects this major component of the project to be thoroughly evaluated during the public assessment process.

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Brennan Lloyd
Northwatch

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From: Brooke Piercy <Brooke.Piercy@dnssab.ca>
Sent: January 8, 2026 3:40 PM
To: list
Subject: DNSSAB Highlights - December 2025

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

Hello,

In follow up to the December 4, 2025, email, please find the **DNSSAB's December Highlights** email here.

- **Budget:** The DNSSAB Board approved the 2026 budget at 4%: [CORP-2025-029 2026 DNSSAB Budget.](#)
- **DNSSAB Organizational Structure:** Attached is a memo that was issued to community partners, outlining an operational change coming to DNSSAB in early 2026. The Ontario Works and Housing Services team will become one department of Coordinated Services, consistent with the recommendations of DNSSAB's KPMG Organizational Review.
- **Paramedic Services:** Nipissing is well represented at the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs table. Nipissing's Paramedic Services Chief, Stephen Kirk, has been elected the zone director for the North-East: [Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs – Northern Zone Director.](#)
- **ROMA:** A summary of DNSSAB's delegation requests for ROMA can be found here: [2026 ROMA Conference Delegations.](#)
- **Social Media:** The important work of the DNSSAB's Finance team was highlighted on social media recently.



District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
December 5 at 12:03 PM

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

Best regards,
Melanie



Melanie Shaye, BA, CHRL (she/her, Mel-an-ee)
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MEMO

To: DNSSAB Community Partners
From: Melanie Shaye, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: December 12, 2025
Subject: Upcoming Organizational Change – Coordinated Services

Purpose

This memo provides information about an upcoming organizational change within the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) designed to improve service delivery for clients across the District.

Background

In June 2025, DNSSAB received recommendations from the [KPMG Organizational Review](#), which highlighted the need for stronger collaboration between Ontario Works (OW) and Housing Services.

Key data points highlighted in the review include:

- 82% of individuals in the 2024 Point-in-Time (PiT) count were on social assistance (OW or ODSP).
- 56% of clients receiving DNSSAB rent supplements are on social assistance.
- 54% of people on the social housing waitlist are on social assistance (16% OW; 42% ODSP).

The review also identified opportunities to:

- Formalize collaboration between homelessness programs and OW.
- Explore more client-centred service delivery approaches.
- Strengthen cross-program collaboration.

The decision to move forward with the recommendations of the review is also informed by [DNSSAB's Strategic Plan](#), ensuring alignment with long-standing organizational priorities.

What's Changing

With the upcoming retirement of Michelle Glabb, Director of Ontario Works, DNSSAB will merge Ontario Works and Housing Services into a new department called Coordinated Services.

This change will:

- Align with DNSSAB's strategic priorities.
- Improve collaboration and streamline services for clients.

Leadership Structure

- Director of Coordinated Services: Stacey Cyopeck
- Manager of Ontario Works: Aimie Caruso
- Manager of Housing Services: Tyler Venable
- Manager of Homelessness and Coordinated Services: A new position will be posted soon.

Timeline

Transition will begin in January 2026.

Acknowledgement

We recognize that change can be challenging. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to strengthen services for those most vulnerable in our communities.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please email Brooke Piercy, Communications and Executive Coordinator, at brooke.piercy@dnssab.ca.

We value your partnership and input during this transition.



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Town of Saugeen Shores
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January 14, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Re: Motion Regarding the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

At the January 5, 2026, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, the following motion was passed:

Resolution 010-2026

Moved by: Councillor D. Myette
Seconded by: Councillor R. Stack

Whereas the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority "The Authority" was established in 1950, 75 years ago by a group of municipalities, as a response to problems associated with flooding; and

Whereas the Town of Saugeen Shores is the single largest member by apportionment in this collection of 8 member municipalities, comprising of the main channel and mouth of the Saugeen River at Southampton. The Town of Saugeen Shores is the largest contributor of annual levies that cover the operation of the Authority; and

Whereas the member municipalities cover 44% of the operational costs of the SVCA, 7% coming from the Provincial funding and the remaining is generated through internally generated revenue and permitting fees; and

Whereas the fees charged by Conservation Authorities have been frozen for 3 years which has had the effect of shifting the financial burden onto levies and by extension the property tax payers; and

Whereas the Provincial Conservation Authorities Association (Conservation Ontario) has and continues to provide the respective Authorities with guidance, oversight, and consistency of regulation application; and

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Whereas the development of the "Agency" is proposed to be funded by municipalities and serves only to add another layer of Government bureaucracy, which by definition will serve only to increase financial burden on member Municipalities; and

Whereas one of the stated objectives of the "Agency" is development of a single digital permitting platform. This approach will serve to alienate a significant portion of our residents who do not have access to internet services, due to rural location or due to religious beliefs; and

Whereas the SVCA is located in a primarily rural geographic region, that due to the proposed consolidation of 7 Authorities will be seemingly overshadowed by much larger and more densely populated authorities with much larger urban components; and

Whereas the SVCA has worked hard to achieve a streamlined and efficient operation and service delivery model, due in large part to the direct oversight by a Board comprised of member municipalities appointed elected officials; and

Whereas the proposed consolidated Huron-Superior Authority would be comprised of up to 80 municipalities, 23,000 sq/km and by extension, a Board of Directors that would be so large as to be unmanageable, and would surely result in smaller rural municipalities losing direct control over the operation of the Authority; and

Whereas the inclusion of Lakehead Region CA in North West Ontario, could have detrimental repercussions arising from travel distance and geographic differences alone; and

Whereas the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority owns and manages thousands of acres of CA land, many of which are income generating, through user fees, land leases, managed forest harvest, and campground fees. The Amalgamation plan does not address how these assets, which by extension belong to member Municipalities, would be equitably divested. Many of these properties were granted to the Authority, specifically detailing the nature and terms of ownership which legally must be maintained going forward; and

Whereas Authorities across the province have liquid assets in the form of trusts, and reserves that belong to member municipalities which run the risk of being swallowed up by large Authorities with larger budgets and resources.

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Now Therefore, be it Resolved that the Town of Saugeen Shores requests that the Amalgamation into the "Huron Superior Regional Conservation Authority" as outlined in ERO 025-1257 be reconsidered. This in order to maintain the local oversight and protect against as yet unforeseen consequences which will serve to undermine the SVCA's ability to provide regional knowledge-based service delivery and management of properties under our stewardship and ownership; and

Further ensure that should the amalgamations go forward that consideration be given to grouping Rural Authorities with similar watershed characteristics together, while grouping more Urban Authorities together for similar reasons; and

Further ensure that any transitional costs are fully funded by the Province and not borne by member Municipalities, and that Municipalities are provided with clear funding models in 2026 so as to allow for sufficient planning data for the 2027 budgets; and

Further that Saugeen Shores Council urges the Province to engage with affected municipalities and First Nations communities in a meaningful way to collaboratively review the service delivery model and standardize only where necessary paying attention to the different needs of Rural and Urban Authorities. That the Province use this approach rather than develop another level of administration and the associated financial burden that would surely result; and

Finally that this resolution be included in the Municipalities ERO response and be forwarded to the:

- Premier of Ontario;
- Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks;
- Bruce County Council;
- All of Ontario's Municipalities;
- Huron Bruce MPP/ Minister of Rural Affairs;
- The board of Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
- AMO; and,
- Conservation Ontario.



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Sincerely,

Ashlynn Kennedy
Licensing and Records Clerk

cc: Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks;
Bruce County Council;
All Ontario Municipalities;
Huron Bruce MPP/ Minister of Rural Affairs;
The board of Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
AMO; and,
Conservation Ontario.

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December 3, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Peterborough Police Services Board Chair; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Subject: Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Moved by Councillor Crowley

Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and

Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and

Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to “ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area” and

Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuing the secure



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custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and

Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing; and

Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all matters originate within that municipality; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure, including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and

Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements — including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations — necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and

Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and

Whereas policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of the costs to implement provincial mandates;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services; and



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That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Peterborough Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,


John Kennedy
City Clerk



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair

Drew Merrett, Vice-Chair

Mayor Jeff Leal

Councillor Gary Baldwin

Steve Girardi

December 18, 2025

City of Peterborough (Sent via email)
500 George St. N.
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Attention: Members of Council

Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer

Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services

John Kennedy, Clerk

Members of Council, Mr. Raina, Mr. Freymond and Mr. Kennedy:

Re: Council Resolution – Stable Funding for Police Service Boards

The Peterborough Police Service Board unanimously passed the following motion at their Board meeting held on December 16, 2025:

Moved by Drew Merrett

Seconded by Jeff Leal

That the Board receive for consideration and endorsement the Peterborough City Council resolution made November 3, 2025 regarding stable funding for Police Service Boards.

Accordingly, the Board sends this letter in support of Council's call for the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities; the Board believes increased and sustainable funding support from the Province is necessary to ensure the Board can meet its legislated mandate of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

Mary ten Doeschate,
Chair

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December 18, 2025

Municipality of Calvin
1355 Peddlers Drive
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Atten: Trish Araujo, Deputy Clerk

Dear Ms. Araujo

At the December 11, 2025 regular session of Council, the following motion was duly moved and seconded:

RESOLUTION-2025-378

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the request from the Municipality of Calvin to support the Province of Ontario's call for strengthened homeowner self defence protections, including the adoption of clear and robust "castle law" type provisions to ensure that law abiding residents can protect themselves without fear of unjust prosecution. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion. Carried

If you require further information, please contact me directly by phone or email
jdenkers@brookealvinston.com.

Kind Regards,

Janet Denkers
Janet Denkers
Clerk-Administrator

MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 22-26Date: Jan 13, 2026Moved By: Ren GiardettiSeconded By: Don Smith

THAT Council hereby receives and supports the resolution from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville regarding Bill 9, Municipal Accountability Act, 2025;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay-Superior North, the Honourable Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities.

 Carried Defeated Amended Deferred

Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville



Resolution No. CC- 179 - 2025

Date: December 18, 2025

Moved by

Tony Deschamps

Seconded by

Nancy Peckford

WHEREAS on May 1, 2025, Bill 9, Municipal Accountability Act, 2025, re-introduced legislation originally proposed under Bill 241; and

WHEREAS Bill 9, if passed, would enable the creation of a new, standardized municipal code of conduct, an integrity commissioner inquiry process that would be consistent throughout the province and mandatory code of conduct training for members of council and certain local boards; and

WHEREAS Bill 9, Municipal Accountability Act, 2025, was ordered for a third reading on October 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville deems it advisable for Bill 9 to be passed promptly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville calls for Bill 9 to proceed to its third reading forthwith; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Steve Clark, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried ✓ Defeated _____ Deferred _____


Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden

THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH
COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Council - Updated



Agenda Number: 7.

Resolution Number 03.01.26

Date: January 12, 2026

Moved By Lee Anne Andriessen

Seconded By Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports item 7.22 Township of Perry Resolution re: Removal of HST and GST From New Homes; and

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth's supporting resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Perth-Wellington MP, Perth-Wellington MPP, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.

ACTION ON MOTION:

John

MAYOR OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL



*The Corporation of the
Township of Perry*

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: December 17, 2025

Resolution No.: 2025- 448

Moved By: Joe Lumley

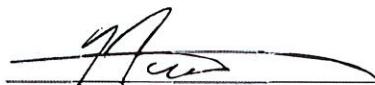
Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby support the October 21, 2025 resolution of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the removal of the HST/GST from new homes purchased as primary residences to support housing affordability;

And that Council endorse the related November 3, 2025 supporting resolution of the Municipality of South Huron;

And that Council's supporting resolution be circulated to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Municipality of South Huron, the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Scott Aitchison and MPP Graydon Smith, AMO, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried: ✓ **Defeated:** _____


Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE

Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		



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January 15, 2026

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution - Support the City of Peterborough – Elect Respect Pledge

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution #8, January 13, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

Carried

Support the City of Peterborough – Elect Respect Pledge

WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and call on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called *Elect Respect* to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan “Parliamentary Civility Pledge” to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Township of Larder Lake Council supports the *Elect Respect* pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

AND THAT the Township of Larder Lake Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the *Elect Respect* campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario’s Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Office of the Mayor of Burlington, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The originating correspondence is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,



Crystal Labbe

CAO/ Clerk Treasurer



City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

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January 15, 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 68, Plan to Protect Ontario Act, and ERO Posting 025-1257

At the January 12, 2026, Regular meeting, Stratford City Council considered resolutions from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and the Long Point Region Conservation Authority regarding Bill 68 and ERO Posting 025-1257 relating to the proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities.

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

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THAT CA-2026-007, being resolutions regarding Bill 68: Plan to Protect Ontario Act, be endorsed.

A copy of the endorsed resolution has been provided below:

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses;

AND WHEREAS the City of Stratford established the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (initially formed in 1947);

AND WHEREAS local municipalities currently provide approximately 35% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 2% (2026 budget);

AND WHEREAS municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of acres of land. Many of these properties were entrusted to the UTRCA for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined;

AND WHEREAS the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

AND FURTHER THAT while the City of Stratford supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down agency structure without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Stratford supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities to determine the most effective level of strategic consolidation to achieve both provincial and local objectives;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks,
- local MPPs,
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association,
- area Indigenous communities,
- all municipalities,
- Conservation Authorities, and
- Conservation Ontario.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

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

Cc: The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks,
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament for Perth – Wellington,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario municipalities,
The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority,
Long Point Region Conservation Authority, and
Conservation Ontario.



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January 26, 2026

Re: Resolution # 2025 - Call on Province of Ontario to Establish an Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP)

On January 12, 2026, Council of the Town of Fort Frances passed the following into resolution:

Whereas the Fort Frances Municipal Airport serves the Town of Fort Frances, the District of Rainy River, and the First Nation communities of the Southern Treaty #3 region; and

Whereas the Fort Frances Municipal Airport plays a vital role in supporting medevac flights, wildfire response operations, business travel, tourism, and the movement of essential goods for the entire region; and

Whereas the termination of scheduled passenger air service in May, 2024 resulted in the loss of eligibility to funding through the federal Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP); and

Whereas other provinces, including British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, have recognized the importance of regional airports by establishing dedicated provincial funding programs, and Ontario currently does not; and

Whereas maintaining aging airport infrastructure has become increasingly difficult without predictable provincial support; and

Whereas regional airports serve broader provincial and regional interests, and municipalities cannot shoulder the financial burden alone.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Fort Frances hereby calls upon the Province of Ontario to:

- 1. Establish an Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP) to provide dedicated annual funding for small and regional airports; and*
- 2. Ensure eligibility for a broad range of capital projects, including safety upgrades,*

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equipment replacement, and runway maintenance; and

3. Engage municipalities in program design, ensuring local needs and realities are reflected in funding criteria; and

4. Recognize the essential role of airports in medevac and emergency services, especially in remote and northern communities.

Moved by Michael Behan, Seconded by Steven Maki, Carried.

For more information about this resolution, please contact the Office of the Clerk

Chelsea Greig, Municipal Clerk | cgreig@fortfrances.ca

Ally Lewis, Communications Coordinator & Deputy Clerk | alewis@fortfrances.ca



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REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Elliott

Resolution # **013-01-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Bowerman

THAT the Township supports all efforts to retain Lifelabs locations in northern Ontario;

AND THAT we ask FONOM and NOMA to lobby for this position on our behalf.

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TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Hooper

Resolution # **008-01-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Bowerman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we add our support to the Elbows Up Climate Action request from Canadian local governments to the leaders of all federal political parties.

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Deputy Clerk

Subject:
Attachments:

FW: FONOM Letter to the Prime Minister: Highways 11 & 17
FONOM, A Nation-Building Opportunity for Highways 11 & 17; and a Clear Federal Signal (1).pdf

From: FONOM Office
Sent: January 28, 2026 12:36 PM
Subject: FONOM Letter to the Prime Minister: Highways 11 & 17

Dear FONOM Members,

On January 27, 2026, FONOM sent the attached letter to the Prime Minister of Canada regarding the urgent need to modernize Highways 11 and 17; the northern Trans-Canada corridors that are critical to public safety, economic development, and national supply chains.

The letter follows FONOM's recent meetings in Ottawa and reflects the consistent concerns raised by Northern municipalities: unacceptable safety risks, repeated highway closures, and the growing importance of these corridors to trade, critical minerals development, forestry, agriculture, and national resilience.

In our correspondence, FONOM urges the federal government to make a clear, public commitment to partner with Ontario at a 50-per-cent funding level once the Province formally advances this project. We believe that clarity is essential to closing the current trust gap and moving this long-standing priority from discussion to action.

This advocacy is rooted in the principle of equal treatment for Northern Ontario within the national highway system, which is vital to communities, industry, and Canada as a whole.

We are sharing the letter with you for your awareness and continued support as FONOM works collaboratively with municipal partners, the Province of Ontario, and the federal government to advance this critical nation-building project.

As always, thank you for your engagement and for the work you do every day on behalf of Northern communities.

Sincerely,

Dave Plourde

FONOM President

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
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2026 FONOM Conference

Hosted by the **City of Timmins**

May 11, 12, and 13, 2026, at the

McIntyre Community Centre

85 McIntyre Road, Timmins, Ontario

Helen Keller once said, *“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”*.

January 27, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney

Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

SENT BY EMAIL: pm@pm.gc.ca

Subject: A Nation-Building Opportunity for Highways 11 & 17; and a Clear Federal Signal

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), I am writing to follow up on our delegation meetings in Ottawa earlier this winter, where representatives from Northern Ontario municipalities met with members of your team, including Zachary Nixon, to discuss the growing challenges facing our 110 member municipalities.

Chief among those challenges is the urgent need to modernize Highways 11 and 17, Ontario's northern Trans-Canada corridors, through a combination of four-laning and the proven 2+1 highway model.

During our Ottawa meetings, we heard a consistent and encouraging message: **if the Province of Ontario were to formally advance this project as a priority, the Government of Canada would be prepared to participate at a 50-per-cent funding level.** That clarity matters deeply to Northern communities.

At present, however, a trust gap remains. The Province has indicated hesitation to proceed without a clear, public federal commitment. In short, Ontario needs to hear plainly and publicly that Ottawa is ready to be an equal partner.

We are therefore respectfully urging you to make that commitment explicit.

This is not an abstract policy discussion. People are dying on these highways. Families, truck drivers, and first responders face unacceptable risk every day on corridors that carry **more than \$200 million in goods daily**, serve as the primary access route to the Ring of Fire, and are critical infrastructure for national defence, emergency response, and continental supply chains.

Highway 11, in particular, is increasingly indispensable: a more reliable east-west trade corridor, less vulnerable to weather disruptions, and central to Canada's critical minerals, forestry, agriculture, and energy future. It is also essential to Canada's internal resilience at a time when secure domestic trade routes matter more than ever.

Your government's Building Canada Act and nation-building criteria speak directly to this moment.