

Township of Carling



COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE Regular Meeting of Council October 14, 2025

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MISCELLANEOUS

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August 13, 2025

The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Northern Development
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Subject: NORDS Pilot Program

Dear Honourable Greg Rickford,

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #25-20-23 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, August 13th, 2025, as follows:

"WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the Municipality of Huron Shores, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities are also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency

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of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support."

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,



Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk
NR/KN

Cc: Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities.



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.9.
Resolution Number 25-152
Title: Parry Sound Mega School
Date: Friday, September 19, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Lundy
Seconded by: Councillor Frost

WHEREAS the residents of The Township of The Archipelago contribute more per household in education levies than any other municipality in the Districts of Parry District and North Bay, and

WHEREAS residents of The Archipelago expect consultation and collaboration from the Near North District School Board in serving its residents and those of all Parry Sound District communities, and

WHEREAS a new secondary school facility was initially proposed and supported by West Parry Sound, the plans changed to build a Mega School, and

WHEREAS this new build meant the closing of two schools in McDougall Township and housing Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 with a Day Care, and

WHEREAS there were numerous concerns raised by the community in having all grades under one roof and that the proposed school was physically undersized relative to existing student numbers, forecasted community growth, and a reduction of curriculum offerings, and

WHEREAS concerns have surfaced regarding accountability and transparency in all aspects of this project which is impacting students, their families, teachers, and the community at large and

WHEREAS it seems clear that the current structure of the Near North District School Board is not serving the West Parry Sound community who is its largest levy source per household, and with respect to the Province's urgent policy to build more homes in Ontario and

WHEREAS the municipalities in the Township of The Archipelago have been encouraging housing

development; and

WHEREAS more homes mean more children, which means more classroom space.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of The Archipelago support the following:

1. That a responsible school board Administration be developed that is accountable to the parents, teachers, students, and Parry Sound District communities;
2. That all areas under its jurisdiction receive decisions made through support of the local communities' needs, in total transparency and accountability, and through consultation and collaboration;
3. That an existing public school be developed in McDougall Township to ease the pressure on the new Mega School, maintain full curriculum and services, and eliminate the need for portables at the Mega School;
4. The full curriculum, and the high level of facility access from the previous three school system, be reinstated for students of the West Parry Sound community including special education, trades, and other programs. and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Education Paul Calandra, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, the Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Parry Sound Muskoka Graydon Smith, Chief Adam Pawis of Shawanaga First Nation, Chief Shane Tabobondung of Wasauksing First Nation, Mayors and Reeve of Parry Sound District, FONOM, AMO, OSUM and the Community Schools Alliance.

Carried



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September 17, 2025

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

Premier's Office
Room 281
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Closure of Before and After School Programs

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their September 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

357-2025

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Ted Oke

That South Huron Council supports the Municipality of Bluewater's September 2, 2025 Resolution regarding closure of before and afterschool programs; and

That South Huron Council voices similar concerns regarding schools within its boundaries; and

That a copy of this supporting resolution and originating documents be circulated to the Premier, Minister of Education, MPP Thompson and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
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Encl.

cc: Minister of Education, Hon. Paul Calandra, paul.calandra@pc.ola.org;
MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; and all Ontario
Municipalities.



September 4, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
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minister.edu@ontario.ca

RE: Closure of Before and After School Programs

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution at their September 2, 2025 regular meeting:

MOVED: Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Whetstone

WHEREAS on August 19, 2025, London Bridge Child Care Services Inc. advised that they will be closing all London Bridge Huron County Before and After School Programs, which affects Bluewater Coast Elementary School, Exeter Elementary School, and Precious Blood Catholic School; and

WHEREAS London Bridge Child Care Services Inc. cites ongoing staffing shortages in Huron County and across the province as the reason for this closure; and

WHEREAS the closure of the London Bridge Before and After School Programs, along with the Preschool Program at Bluewater Coast Elementary School, are creating a significant and immediate challenge for families with young children; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater recognizes the importance of before and after school programs which provide a trusted, safe, and consistent environment for children outside of regular school hours – support that many working parents and guardians rely on to balance their jobs and family responsibilities; and

WHEREAS the Avon Maitland District School Board and the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board do not operate licensed childcare programs, but partner with childcare providers to make use of school spaces where possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater urges the Province of Ontario to immediately implement other service delivery models that are being successfully modeled elsewhere in the province to address the Early Childhood Educator shortage.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, and all Ontario Municipalities. **CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

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

Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Proposed Amendments to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their September 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

343-2025
Moved By: Ted Oke
Seconded by: Marissa Vaughan

That South Huron Council supports the BRA September 2, 2025 correspondence regarding proposed amendments to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act; and

That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Thompson, AMO, BRA and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
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Encl.

cc: Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Hon. Todd McCarthy, todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org; MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; Bluewater Recycling Association, michelle@bra.org; and all Ontario Municipalities.

September 2, 2025



Dear Local Member of Provincial Parliament

Subject: Feedback on Proposed Amendments to the Resource Recovery & Circular Economy Act

On behalf of the Bluewater Recycling Association and our member municipalities, I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the *Resource Recovery & Circular Economy Act* (RRCEA), particularly regarding maintaining collection services for small businesses and other non-eligible sources.

We recognize that with these proposed amendments, the government is seeking to address the cost pressures producers have raised, as well as some concerns small businesses have expressed towards the continuation of recycling services. While we appreciate these efforts, we feel the current proposal does not fully reflect the realities faced by municipalities, service providers, and the small businesses and residents who rely on these programs.

Our mission remains to deliver cost-effective and sustainable waste management solutions that support the public good. We remain committed to helping build a competitive, efficient, and innovative recycling system that benefits all Ontarians. To that end, we respectfully urge the government to consider the following points:

Maintaining Service for Small Businesses and Community Facilities

We strongly believe it is essential to maintain collection for small businesses and community facilities to ensure continuity of service without undue cost increases. There must be a balance between fair market procurement practices and minimizing disruption for service contracts already in place. The grandfathering of existing services—particularly in rural areas—should be considered.

Municipalities like ours have already expanded recycling service beyond traditional “main street” business areas. Excluding these customers now risks fragmenting the system, creating confusion, increasing municipal costs, and potentially sending more recyclable material to landfill. We recommend that all currently serviced, non-eligible properties remain in the system until an integrated alternative is available.

Specific Concerns with the Current Circular Material Proposal

In addition to the general issues above, I want to share candid feedback on several aspects of the draft proposal provided by Circular Materials:

- **2% ICI Limit:** The proposed cap of 2% ICI stops per route does not align with what we see in practice. Most municipalities currently serve between 3–8% ICI stops. A 2% cap appears arbitrary and would cut out the majority of existing stops. This restriction risks destabilizing service in many communities.
- **Downtown Core Apartments:** Clarification is needed on how recycling will be managed for apartments located above commercial units. Today, these residents often share a front-end bin with the business below. Under the new rules, co-collection requires a 95-gallon cart, which presents challenges:
 - These bins are located on commercial property, and if businesses are excluded, they may request removal.

- Apartments generally cannot use wheelie bins due to lack of storage and lack of space for placement on collection day.
This gap in the proposal will leave many downtown residents without a viable recycling option.
- **Quantity of Material:** Restricting ICI generators to a single 95-gallon cart is too limiting, particularly given the expanded Blue Box program starting in 2026. At a minimum, increasing the limit to two carts would provide small businesses with a reasonable solution to manage their recyclables.

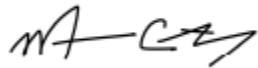
Closing Comments

While we recognize and value the work that has gone into these proposals, the framework as presented feels incomplete and impractical in several respects. The issues raised by municipalities and service providers during consultations highlight the need for a more balanced approach—one that safeguards service for small businesses, community facilities, and rural Ontarians, while ensuring the long-term success of Ontario's EPR system.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss these issues and to work together on solutions that meet the needs of both producers and communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued support of the waste diversion and recycling goals that benefit all Ontarians.

Sincerely,



Michelle Courtney
President & CEO
Bluewater Recycling Association



September 9, 2025

Town of Parry Sound
52 Seguin St
Parry Sound, ON P2A 1B4

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Re: Support for 4-laning of Highway 69/400 from Parry Sound to Sudbury

Dear Mayor Jamie McGarvey:

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of French River at its Regular Council Meeting held on September 3, 2025 passed the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Town of Parry Sound's Resolution 2025-099 dated August 12, 2025 requesting the Province to complete the 4-laning of the remaining 68 kms of highway between Parry Sound and Sudbury as soon as possible.

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Town of Parry Sound, Municipalities of McDougall, Whitestone, Killarney, the Townships of The Archipelago, Carling, McKellar and Seguin, the City of Greater Sudbury and the First Nation communities of Shawanaga, Henvey Inlet and Magnetawan, to indicate French River's support.

We are pleased to lend our support and endorsement in this matter.

Yours truly,

Mélanie Bouffard
Clerk

cc: Town of Parry Sound
Municipality of McDougall
Municipality of Whitestone
Municipality of Killarney
Township of The Archipelago
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Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
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SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@stcatharines.ca

RE: Endorsement of City of St. Catharines' Motion – Elect Respect Pledge

Dear V. Steele,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, September 8, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councilor Petrie
Seconded By: Councilor Thompson
That Goderich Town Council hereby supports the request from Victoria Steele, Town Clerk, Town of Grimsby, to endorse the City of St. Catharines' Motion regarding the Elect Respect Pledge.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (resolutions@amo.on.ca)
Ontario's Big City Mayors (info@obcm.ca)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (info@fcm.ca)
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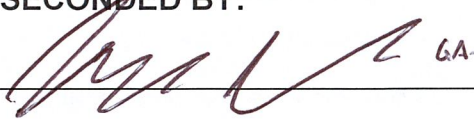


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Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 110

DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: September 2, 2025
Councillor G. ASHFORD	_____	_____	MOVED BY: 
Councillor J. BELESKEY	_____	_____	
Councillor P. BORNEMAN	_____	_____	SECONDED BY:  GA
Councillor B. KEITH	_____	_____	
Councillor D. McCANN	_____	_____	
Councillor C. McDONALD	_____	_____	
Mayor J. McGARVEY	_____	_____	
CARRIED: ☒ DEFEATED: ☐ Postponed to: _____			

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has recommended updates to municipal Codes of Conduct to include provisions for workplace safety, anti-harassment, and escalating enforcement mechanisms;

AND WHEREAS these recommendations include:

Including workplace safety, harassment, and anti-discrimination policies in municipal Codes of Conduct;

Establishing a system of flexible administrative monetary penalties that reflect local economic conditions;

Providing standardized and enhanced training for municipal Integrity Commissioners to ensure consistency of decisions across Ontario;

Enabling municipalities, through a recommendation from an Integrity Commissioner, to apply to a judge for the removal of a sitting member in cases of serious misconduct such as harassment or assault;

Prohibiting any removed member from running for office during the remainder of the term in which they were removed and the subsequent term;

AND WHEREAS Bill 9, Municipal Accountability and Integrity Act, 2024, has been introduced, building upon the recommendations of AMO and improving upon previous legislation, including:

The establishment of a Provincial Integrity Commissioner Board, removing the

1. Council Supermajority Vote for Removal:

- AMO believes a two-thirds majority vote is a more proportionate and appropriate threshold for removing a council member for misconduct, compared to the current requirement of a unanimous vote.

Progressive Discipline Options:

- AMO is recommending that the legislation include a range of disciplinary options, not just removal from office.
- This could include options like censure, barring a member from attending meetings, barring them from committees, or barring them from being a committee chair or vice-chair.
- They believe this would allow for a more nuanced approach to addressing misconduct, providing options that are more appropriate for different situations.
- Inclusion of anti-discrimination, anti-violence, and harassment policies;
- A trauma-informed approach;
- Protections for individuals who come forward with complaints;
- A statutory duty to report misconduct;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound Council:

1. Supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation that strengthens municipal Codes of Conduct and ensures compliance with them, in consultation with Ontario's municipalities;
2. Endorses the recommendations outlined by AMO, including improvements to enforcement, training, and protections for both municipal staff and the public;
3. Supports the passage of Bill 9, Municipal Accountability and Integrity Act, 2024, as a critical step toward strengthening integrity and accountability in municipal government; Directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Robin Jones, President of AMO;
4. Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, MPP Graydon Smith (Parry Sound–Muskoka); MP Scott Aitchison (Parry Sound–Muskoka); All municipalities within the District of Parry Sound.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 117

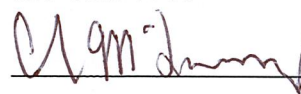
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YES NO

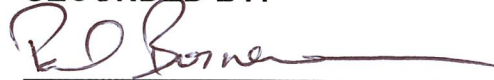
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Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
Councillor **B. KEITH**
Councillor **D. McCANN**
Councillor **C. McDONALD**
Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

MOVED BY:



SECONDED BY:



CARRIED: ☒ DEFEATED: ☐ Postponed to: _____

Whereas it is incumbent upon the members of council, MPPs and MPs to make decisions that will result in the most positive outcomes for current and future generations

And Whereas large urban centres look to rural areas for lands to bury their garbage

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

And Whereas continuing to bury garbage in the ground will result in future generations having lost potable groundwater as a result of garbage leachate rendering it unusable.

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

And Whereas we have worldwide technology that will allow us the use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy

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

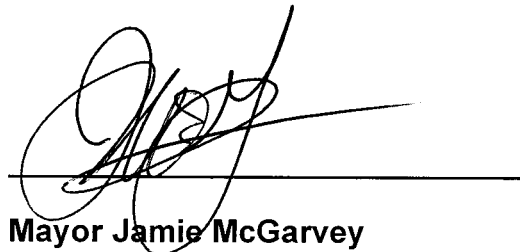
And Whereas with a strong focus on community involvement, innovative infrastructure, and sustainable practices, Germany has set a high bar for municipal recycling programs that the rest of the world can learn from and emulate.

And Whereas at the present time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its garbage waste at a municipal level placing it as the most effective and prominent country when it comes to recycling in the entire world, highlighting the citizen's strength and motivation to deal with environmental issues on a daily basis.

And Whereas German schools often integrate recycling education into their curriculum and by this early exposure, instills a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, creating a culture of sustainability that transcends generations.

Now Therefore be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound supports the Resolution passed by the Municipality of Tweed, and directs staff to investigate the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as our manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that our waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices so that our future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement and to request support from these organizations; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Ford, Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith, opposition party leaders, District of Parry Sound municipalities, and the Municipality of Tweed.



Handwritten signature of Mayor Jamie McGarvey, consisting of stylized initials and a surname, written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey



September 4, 2025

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The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
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RE: Closure of Before and After School Programs

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution at their September 2, 2025 regular meeting:

MOVED: Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Whetstone

WHEREAS on August 19, 2025, London Bridge Child Care Services Inc. advised that they will be closing all London Bridge Huron County Before and After School Programs, which affects Bluewater Coast Elementary School, Exeter Elementary School, and Precious Blood Catholic School; and

WHEREAS London Bridge Child Care Services Inc. cites ongoing staffing shortages in Huron County and across the province as the reason for this closure; and

WHEREAS the closure of the London Bridge Before and After School Programs, along with the Preschool Program at Bluewater Coast Elementary School, are creating a significant and immediate challenge for families with young children; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater recognizes the importance of before and after school programs which provide a trusted, safe, and consistent environment for children outside of regular school hours – support that many working parents and guardians rely on to balance their jobs and family responsibilities; and

WHEREAS the Avon Maitland District School Board and the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board do not operate licensed childcare programs, but partner with childcare providers to make use of school spaces where possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater urges the Province of Ontario to immediately implement other service delivery models that are being successfully modeled elsewhere in the province to address the Early Childhood Educator shortage.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, and all Ontario Municipalities. **CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander", with a large, stylized initial "A".

Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



Municipality of Killarney

September 16, 2025

Premier Doug Ford

Email Only: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Requesting Support regarding 4-laning of Highway 69/400
from Parry Sound to Sudbury**

Attached is Resolution #25-311, passed by the Council of the Municipality of Killarney at its Regular Meeting held September 10, 2025.

The Municipality of Killarney fully supports the resolution of the Township of The Archipelago, which in turn endorses the Town of Parry Sound's Resolution No. 2025-099, requesting that the Province expedite completion of the remaining 68 kilometres of four-laning on Highway 69 between Parry Sound and Sudbury.

Completion of this section is critical to improving transportation safety. The existing two-lane stretch poses significant hazards and is considered extremely treacherous and life-threatening for all who travel it.

We respectfully request your support in prioritizing this vital infrastructure project and look forward to your favourable response.

Sincerely,

THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY

Michael Reider,
Mayor.

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*cc: Minister of Transportation
Township of Archipelago
Town of Parry Sound
Municipality of McDougall
Municipality of Whitestone
Municipality of French River
Township of McKellar
Township of Carling
Township of Seguin
City of Greater Sudbury
Shawanaga First Nation
Henvey Inlet First Nation
Magnetawan First Nation
Local MPPs*

Word: Letters-4-laning Hwy 69-16-09-2025



*The Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney
32 Commissioner Street
Killarney, Ontario
P0M 2A0*

MOVED BY: Robert Campbell

SECONDED BY: Dave Froats

RESOLUTION NO. 25-311

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Killarney supports Resolution No. 25-133 passed by the Township of The Archipelago on August 15, 2025, which endorses the Town of Parry Sound's Resolution No. 2025-099 dated August 12, 2025, requesting that the Province expedite the completion of the remaining 68 kilometres of four-laning on Highway 69 between Parry Sound and Sudbury;

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all parties listed in the resolution passed by the Township of Archipelago and the Town of Parry Sound.

Resolution Result		Recorded Vote	
		Council Members	YES NO
☒ CARRIED		Mary Bradbury	
☐ DEFEATED		Robert Campbell	
☐ TABLED		Dave Froats	
☐ RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)		Nikola Grubic	
☐ PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED		Michael Reider	
☐ WITHDRAWN		Peggy Roque	

I, Candy Beauvais, Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of Killarney do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Resolution #25-311 passed in a Regular Council Meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Killarney on the 10th day of September 2025.


Candy K. Beauvais
Clerk-Treasurer



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 099

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: August 12, 2025

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

MOVED BY:

[Signature]

SECONDED BY:

[Signature]

CARRIED: ☒ DEFEATED: ☐ Postponed to: _____

Whereas the 4-laning of Highway 400 from Parry Sound to Sudbury has been planned for several years;

Whereas the original completion date was 2017;

Whereas 68 kms of highway between the Town of Parry Sound to Sudbury remains to be 4-laned;

Whereas the 2-lane portion of the highway represents a serious safety concern;

Whereas highway 400 is an important economic corridor to Northern Ontario and Western Canada;

Whereas on September 6, 2022 Town Council supported MPP Jamie West's call on the province to expedite the completion of the four-laning of Hwy 400 between Sudbury & Parry Sound;

Whereas the 4-laning has not been completed;

Now therefore be it Resolved:

That the province be requested to complete the 4-laning of the remaining 68 kms of highway between Parry Sound and Sudbury as soon as possible;

That the Municipalities of McDougall, Whitestone, Killarney, French River, the Townships of The Archipelago, Carling, McKellar and Seguin, the City of Greater Sudbury and the First Nation communities of Shawanaga, Henvey Inlet and Magnetawan be asked to indicate their support of this Resolution by October 2, 2025;

That following October 2, 2025, staff request a meeting with the Minister of Transportation to present the Resolutions and discuss the completion of the project; and
That this Resolution be circulated to the municipalities and First Nation communities identified above and copied to MPP Graydon Smith. *AND Approved For*



Mayor Jamie McGarvey



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.8.
Resolution Number 25-133
Title: Request for Support. Four-Laning of Highway from Parry Sound to Sudbury
Date: Friday, August 15, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Sheard
Seconded by: Councillor Emery

WHEREAS the four-laning of Highway 69 is critical to improving transportation safety, efficiency, and economic development in our region; and

WHEREAS the construction process has the potential to impact traffic flow, local businesses, and community accessibility; and

WHEREAS municipalities along Highway 69 require timely information on construction schedules to allow for the implementation of measures that will help maintain the economic and social viability of their communities; and

WHEREAS the Township of The Archipelago is proactively completing our socio-economic review of the sustainability of our settlement area, Pointe au Baril, and the impact of going to a secondary road of Highway 69.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of The Archipelago supports the Town of Parry Sound's resolution dated August 12, 2025, requesting that the Province complete the 4-laning of the remaining 68 kms of highway between Parry Sound and Sudbury as soon as possible; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Municipalities of Parry Sound, McDougall, Whitestone, Killarney, French River, Carling, McKellar and Seguin, the City of Greater Sudbury and the First Nation communities of Shawanaga, Henvey Inlet and Magnetawan.

September 24, 2025

To: The Right Honourable Mark Carney

Subject: Urgent Appeal Regarding Canada Post Labour Dispute and Impact on Municipal Communications

Dear Mr. Carney

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Bonfield, I am writing to express our concern regarding the ongoing labour dispute between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), which remains unresolved despite months of negotiations.

As you are aware, CUPW has suspended the delivery of flyers nationwide in an effort to encourage Canada Post to return to the bargaining table. While we respect the rights of workers to collectively bargain, this suspension has had a significant impact on businesses, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments, limiting our ability to communicate essential information to our residents.

The Township of Bonfield, like many rural municipalities, has limited internet connectivity and relies heavily on Canada Post for the distribution of newsletters and other important communications. The interruption in mail services directly affects our capacity to keep residents informed on municipal matters, emergency notifications, and other critical community information.

Therefore, be advised that the Council of the Township of Bonfield:

1. Urges the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table; and
2. Calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, including municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information.

A copy of this resolution has been sent to the Nipissing–Timiskaming MP, Pauline Rochefort, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, Canada Post, the CUPW President, FONOM, and AMO.

Small Community. Big Heart



We respectfully request your attention to this matter to help facilitate a timely resolution, ensuring that municipalities like Bonfield can continue to effectively communicate with their residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Andrée Gagné".

Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Bonfield



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

September 23rd, 2025

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the labour dispute between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) remains unresolved despite months of negotiations; AND WHEREAS CUPW has suspended the delivery of flyers nationwide in an effort to bring Canada Post back to the bargaining table; AND WHEREAS this suspension significantly impacts businesses, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments, limiting their ability to communicate essential information; AND WHEREAS many rural municipalities, including the Township of Bonfield, have limited internet connectivity and rely heavily on Canada Post for the distribution of newsletters and other important communications to residents; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Bonfield:

1. Urges the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table; and
2. Calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, which includes municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Nipissing Timiskaming MP, Pauline Rochefort, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, Canada Post, CUPW President, FONOM, and AMO.

Carried

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark

Jason Corbett

Steve Featherstone

Dan MacInnis

Narry Paquette

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No.5 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of September 23rd, 2025, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

September 30, 2025

CL 14-2025, September 25, 2025

DISTRIBUTION LIST

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Motion Respecting State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2025, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Niagara Region issued three separate declarations of emergency in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction on February 23, 2023, recognizing that the scope and scale of the crisis surpasses the Region's capacity to respond effectively; and

WHEREAS following the submission of the three declarations of emergency, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) has engaged with the Region's Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC); and

WHEREAS these issues have continued to intensify and add further strain to the social support system in Niagara over the past two years; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are continuing to experience similar challenges; and

WHEREAS a coordinated, province-wide approach and associated funding support is required to address the growing emergency of mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction, the scale of which falls well beyond the scope of what a municipality can address.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Region **ADVOCATES** that the Province support a coordinated approach between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address ongoing challenges related to mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction;
2. That Niagara Region **FORMALLY ADVOCATES** for Provincial funding to address identified gaps in programs and services contributing to the state of emergency including affordable housing, supportive housing, addictions treatment, and mental health supports for vulnerable populations; and

3. That this motion **BE SENT** to the Provincial and Federal Governments, FCM, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2025-109

Distribution List

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Prime Minister of Canada
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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October 3, 2025

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Subject: Elect Respect

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on September 29, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, democracy is strengthened when all individuals can participate fully, safely, and without discrimination, contributing to the well-being of their communities;

And Whereas, democratic discourse and respectful debate are under pressure across all levels of government, including municipal councils in Ontario;

And Whereas, elected officials are increasingly facing harassment, threats, intimidation, and unsafe work environments, which undermine personal safety, deter civic participation, and erode public confidence in democratic institutions;

And Whereas, social media platforms, while enabling legitimate discourse, have also amplified abusive, discriminatory, or threatening behaviour, disproportionately affecting women, racialized persons, Indigenous peoples, LGBTQ+ persons, and persons with disabilities, discouraging many from seeking or remaining in public office;

And Whereas, freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy and must be safeguarded, even as we combat unlawful harassment, violence, and hate;

And Whereas, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified troubling trends in declining voter turnout and a reduction in candidate participation at the municipal level;

And Whereas, grassroots and national initiatives such as Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.) campaign and the Parliamentary Civility Pledge led by the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians, demonstrate a growing commitment to fostering respectful, safe, and inclusive environments in political life;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation for the City of Pickering:

1. Supports the principles of the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:
 - Treat all persons with dignity and respect in public, private, and online spaces;
 - Reject and call out harassment, threats, unlawful discrimination, and personal abuse;
 - Focus public debate on policies and ideas, rather than personal attacks or identity-based commentary;
 - Build a culture of safety and inclusion, ensuring that individuals of all genders, identities, backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities feel empowered to run for and serve in public office;
 - Call on relevant authorities to investigate and respond to threats or harassment directed at elected officials, in accordance with applicable laws;
 - Model accountability and integrity by holding ourselves and one another to clear, transparent, and legally grounded standards of conduct;
 - Defend freedom of expression while actively opposing abuse and intimidation in all forms;
2. Encourages elected officials, political organizations, municipalities, and members of the public to sign and support the Elect Respect pledge by visiting: electrespect.ca; and,
3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs), Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), all municipalities in Ontario, Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.), and Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Copy: Ontario's Big City Mayors
 Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs)
 Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS)
 Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)
 Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
 All Municipalities in Ontario
 Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.)
 Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians

 Chief Administrative Officer



AMANDA FUSCO

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SENT VIA EMAIL

September 26, 2025

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on August 25, 2025, passed the following resolution regarding postage:

"WHEREAS Postage costs have seen significant increases, including 25% in 2025 alone;

WHEREAS paper billing has a further environmental cost in both materials (trees) and transportation;

WHEREAS paper billing is increasingly being displaced by environmentally friendly and cost-efficient e-billing;

WHEREAS the Municipal Act indicates the right to a paper bill, and cost-recovery fees for paper billing for tax, and utility bills are unclear;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council request the Province of Ontario to amend the Municipal Act to permit municipalities the ability to grandfather-out paper billing as the default option, and to permit municipalities to establish fees for paper billing for new accounts that opt for this method of delivery;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, all other municipalities within Ontario for their consideration and possible endorsement."

Yours truly,



A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener
Ontario Municipalities

September 25, 2025

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Delivered by email
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**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 23, 2025
Member Motion 8.9.1 - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Elect Respect Campaign Support**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 23, 2025, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas a healthy democracy thrives when all individuals can participate safely, equitably, and meaningfully in public life; and

Whereas Aurora, like many municipalities across Ontario, is witnessing an erosion of civil discourse and growing hostility in the political arena, both in person and online; and

Whereas elected officials at all levels, particularly women and those from equity-deserving communities, are experiencing increased threats, harassment, and toxic engagement that deter civic participation; and

Whereas social media platforms, while powerful tools for engagement, have contributed to a climate of disrespect and polarization that discourages individuals from seeking or maintaining public office; and

Whereas inclusive and respectful governance results in better decision-making and stronger representation, especially when voices of diverse genders, identities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities are present at municipal council tables; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), through its Healthy Democracy Project, has identified troubling trends of voter apathy and a declining interest in running for municipal office; and

Whereas in 2024, a group of female elected officials from Halton formed H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives), launching the Elect Respect campaign to advocate for respectful political engagement and safe, inclusive workplaces; and

Whereas on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a national Parliamentary Civility Pledge, inspired by the work of H.E.R., to promote respectful conduct among elected officials;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora Council endorses the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

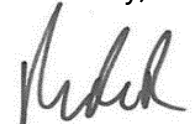
- **Treating all individuals with respect in every setting; public, private, and digital;**
- **Speaking out against harassment, intimidation, and personal attacks;**
- **Keeping debate focused on ideas and public policy, not individuals;**
- **Fostering an environment where people of all backgrounds feel safe and supported in seeking and holding public office;**
- **Urging relevant authorities to ensure the safety and protection of elected officials facing threats or abuse;**
- **Demonstrating leadership through integrity, accountability, and mutual respect among colleagues and constituents; and**

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora encourages other municipalities, elected officials, organizations, and residents to support the Elect Respect initiative and sign the pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), York Region, York Regional Police, and all Ontario municipalities.

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Sandra Cobena, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Costas Menegakis, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
The Regional Municipality of York
York Regional Police
All Ontario Municipalities



8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 9, 2025

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 23, 2025, and the Audit Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 2025 (Item 9), be received and the recommendations carried by the Committees approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.2.2, 8.5.2, and 8.7.1, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Absent (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 0)

8.9 Member Motions

8.9.1 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Elect Respect Campaign Support

Whereas a healthy democracy thrives when all individuals can participate safely, equitably, and meaningfully in public life; and

Whereas Aurora, like many municipalities across Ontario, is witnessing an erosion of civil discourse and growing hostility in the political arena, both in person and online; and

Whereas elected officials at all levels, particularly women and those from equity-deserving communities, are experiencing increased threats, harassment, and toxic engagement that deter civic participation; and

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Whereas inclusive and respectful governance results in better decision-making and stronger representation, especially when

voices of diverse genders, identities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities are present at municipal council tables; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), through its Healthy Democracy Project, has identified troubling trends of voter apathy and a declining interest in running for municipal office; and

Whereas in 2024, a group of female elected officials from Halton formed H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives), launching the Elect Respect campaign to advocate for respectful political engagement and safe, inclusive workplaces; and

Whereas on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a national Parliamentary Civility Pledge, inspired by the work of H.E.R., to promote respectful conduct among elected officials;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora Council endorses the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:
 - Treating all individuals with respect in every setting; public, private, and digital;
 - Speaking out against harassment, intimidation, and personal attacks;
 - Keeping debate focused on ideas and public policy, not individuals;
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 - Urging relevant authorities to ensure the safety and protection of elected officials facing threats or abuse;
 - Demonstrating leadership through integrity, accountability, and mutual respect among colleagues and constituents; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora encourages other municipalities, elected officials, organizations, and residents to support the Elect Respect initiative and sign the pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),

local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), York Region, York Regional Police, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried



Date: September 15, 2025

Resolution No. COU-2025-30

Moved By: Councillor Wheeldon

Seconded By: Councillor Rowley

Whereas Canadian governments at all levels are structured by and derive their legitimacy from democratic principles, practices, and norms;

And Whereas many countries around the world are experiencing increased political polarization and hostility, shifts toward authoritarianism, and the undermining of democratic norms;

And Whereas incivility and hostility increasingly define the political sphere in Canada at every level of government, but particularly in systems with political parties;

And Whereas this hostile political climate drives lower democratic participation, including low voter turnout and fewer and less diverse political candidates, resulting in a lopsided and unhealthy democracy;

And Whereas poor political health undermines the ability of democratic institutions to exercise effective leadership and overcome the unprecedented challenges of the 21st century;

And Whereas elections are one of the most central and participatory parts of Canadian democratic systems;

And Whereas numerous studies, including those by Parliamentary committees, have identified our First Past the Post electoral system as driving increasing polarization and declines in voter participation, and have recommended some form of proportional representation;

And Whereas electoral reform enjoys broad public support, with a majority of polling respondents who identify with every major party supporting change in the way that they vote;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Municipality of Brighton call upon the provincial and federal governments to enact electoral reform, adopting proportional systems in which every vote counts and polarization is diminished, in order to safeguard and empower Canadian democracy;

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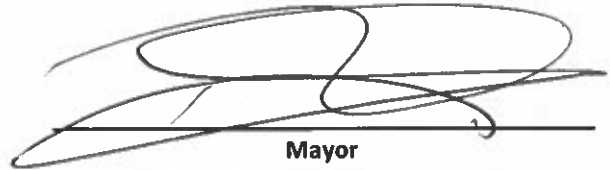
And Be It Further Resolved that this motion be circulated to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

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OR Defeated

☐


Mayor

Recorded Vote		For Clerks Use Only			
Recorded vote called by: _____					
	For	Against	Abstain	Absent	COI
Mayor Brian Ostrander					
Deputy Mayor Ron Anderson					
Councillor Anne Butwell					
Councillor Hannah MacAusland					
Councillor Emily Rowley					
Councillor Jeff Wheeldon					
Councillor Bobbi Wright					
Total					
Carried ☐ Defeated ☐					Clerk's Initials

11.1.

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



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 4.3.
Resolution Number 2025-223
Title: Resolutions of Support for Correspondence
Date: September 17, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 2025-279 passed on August 12, 2025 by the City of North Bay and supports Resolution #173-08-2025 passed on August 19, 2025 by the Municipality of Assiginack, regarding making the NORDS Pilot Program permanent;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Northern Development; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness; the Minister of Infrastructure; the Minister of Natural Resources; our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



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August 13, 2025

Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Northern Development
Suite 400
160 Bloor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2E6

Dear Hon. Greg Rickford:

This is Resolution No. 2025-279 which was passed by Council at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-279:

"Whereas the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

And Whereas the program has been well received and has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically accumulate multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

And Whereas the City of North Bay recognizes the importance of modern, safe, and efficient infrastructure to support economic growth and industrial competitiveness;

AND WHEREAS the Seymour Street Widening project from Station Road to Wallace Road, including a signalized intersection, is a critical continuation of the intersection improvement at Hwy 11/17 and Seymour Street, directly supporting a high-value industrial zone;

And Whereas this arterial corridor enables key sectors such as mining, forestry, construction, and manufacturing to receive and ship goods efficiently, impacting markets provincially and beyond;

And Whereas the updated total Seymour Street Widening project budget of approx. \$11 million includes contributions from multiple funding programs such as NORDS (\$2 million) and OCIF (\$4,259,448).

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay formally supports the principle of stacking (accumulating) funding from multiple grant and infrastructure programs to advance strategic capital works, such as the Seymour Street Widening project, and requests continued flexibility from higher levels of government to enable effective financial planning and timely delivery of large-scale municipal infrastructure initiatives;

And Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Development, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, Nipissing MPP Victor Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support."

Yours truly,



Veronique Hie
Deputy City Clerk

VH/ck

cc: Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Natural Resources
Nipissing MPP, Victor Fedeli
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Northern Ontario Municipalities



The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Northern Development
Suite 400
160 Bloor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2E6

Re: NORDS Pilot Program

Dear Honourable Greg Rickford,

At its regular meeting held on August 19, 2025, the Council of the Township of Assiginack passed the following resolution expressing support for making the NORDS pilot program permanent:

Resolution #173-08-2025 – R. Maguire – J. Bowerman
WHEREAS the City of North Bay has circulated their letter to the Province requesting the NORDS pilot program to become a permanent funding opportunity for Northern municipalities and to expand the criteria to include agricultural equipment impact on roads;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Assiginack Council agrees and provides their support of this request.
Carried.

The NORDS program provides essential support for maintaining and improving infrastructure that is critical to Northern municipalities. Making this program permanent and expanding its criteria would ensure that rural and agricultural communities can manage the increasing strain on local roads caused by agricultural and heavy equipment.

We respectfully urge the Province to consider making the NORDS program a permanent funding initiative and thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Stasia Carr
Clerk
Township of Assiginack



THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF COBALT

September 17, 2025

The Honourable Greg Rickford
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Re: NORDS Pilot Program

Dear Honourable Greg Rickford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on September 16, 2025, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-147

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur
SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the program has been well received and has allowed municipalities, such as the Town of Cobalt, to strategically accumulate multi-year allocations in order to support larger-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Cobalt recognizes the importance of modern, safe, and efficient infrastructure to support economic growth and industrial competitiveness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding the program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobalt formally supports the principle of stacking (accumulating) funding from multiple grant and infrastructure programs to advance strategic capital works, and requests continued flexibility from higher levels of government to enable effective financial planning and timely delivery of large-scale municipal infrastructure initiatives;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Development, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, Temiskaming MPP John Vanthof, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario (FONOM), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,



Steven Dalley
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer
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cc: Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Natural Resources
MPP-John Vanthof
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:

☐ Louanne Caza
☐ Elaine Fic
☒ Annie Keft
☐ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

☐ Louanne Caza
☒ Elaine Fic
☐ Annie Keft
☐ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 267/2025

DATE : September 9, 2025

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resources sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities is also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McGarry strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agriculture equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.

Recorded vote requested by _____

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

I declare this motion

☒ Carried
☐ Lost / Defeated
☐ Deferred to: _____ (enter date) Because:
☐ Referred to: _____ (enter body) Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:

J. Caza

**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*

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



Committee of the Whole

Agenda Number: 3.2.3.
Resolution Number 2025-214
Title: Report to Council - Natural Gas Expansion - Project Cancellation
Date: September 3, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles benefited from the Natural Gas Expansion Program Phase 2 expansion funding announced on June 9, 2021;

AND WHEREAS on August 13, 2025, the Municipality of St.-Charles was notified that the expansion project was cancelled due to mounting costs associated with inflation and difficult terrain;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario is on the cusp of substantial growth largely related to accessing critical minerals that will drive expansion in the mining sector;

AND WHEREAS with this economic expansion comes the need to support growth in traditional sectors such as farming, healthcare, forestry, and education;

AND WHEREAS employment growth will create increased demand for new housing developments to ensure that workers have a place to live, work, and play, all of which are closely tied to accessing natural gas as an affordable energy source and essential infrastructure for future residential, commercial, and industrial development;

AND WHEREAS current energy challenges force developers to explore alternatives such as oil and propane, which, while serving as temporary solutions, come with high costs and raise environmental concerns;

AND WHEREAS there is an urgent need for investment in sustainable energy solutions that are affordable, reliable, and environmentally responsible to support both current and future development;

AND WHEREAS natural gas is recognized as a clean, economical, and domestically sourced energy option that will lower energy costs for residents, farms, and businesses, while also enhancing opportunities for northern communities to grow by attracting new housing developments and commercial investment;

AND WHEREAS natural gas serves as a critical transition fuel that reduces reliance on higher-emission sources such as oil and propane, while enabling time and capacity for future investments in renewable and low-carbon energy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles respectfully requests the Government of Ontario to support and approve the expansion of natural gas infrastructure to rural municipalities such as St.-Charles by undertaking a review of the Ontario Energy Board's Profitability Index model to incorporate a Northern Cost Adjustment that fairly accounts for the higher costs of construction in Northern Ontario caused by terrain challenges such as bedrock and wetlands, as well as the realities of distance, climate, and lower population density, to ensure that rural and northern communities are not disadvantaged in accessing natural gas infrastructure;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of St.-Charles requests the Province to embed northern natural gas expansion as a priority in Ontario's Integrated Energy Plan and regional economic growth strategies;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to FONOM, ROMA, AMO and all northern municipalities to build collective support for equitable natural gas expansion in Northern Ontario.

CARRIED


MAYOR

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has imposed "Strong Mayor Powers" on municipalities without broad consultation or consent; and

WHEREAS over 100 municipalities have passed resolutions opposing these powers and requested their removal, some as early as 2023; and

WHEREAS strong mayor powers concentrate authority in one office, undermining democratic governance, council collaboration, and transparency; and

WHEREAS municipalities are most effective through shared leadership and local decision-making;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Fort Frances opposes the imposition of strong mayor powers and requests immediate removal from the list of designated municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
- Paula Banks



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Date: September 9, 2025

Motion # 266

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), transitioned the cost of the Blue Box Programs to a full producer responsibility (100% cost recovery) model, under Ontario Regulation 391/21 (Blue Box Regulation), made pursuant to the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*;

AND WHEREAS under the new framework, producers are individually and collectively responsible for operating and fully funding Blue Box collection systems, effective July 1, 2023, with municipal transition dates phased in through to 2026;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are no longer required to operate Blue Box collection systems after their designated transition date, resulting in the potential for stranded municipal assets, such as materials recovery facilities, vehicles, bins, depots, and other capital investments, which may not be compensated under the new regulatory framework;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour has historically, on behalf of the shared service partners, invested in waste diversion programs and infrastructure to meet provincial mandates and local service expectations;

AND WHEREAS the successful transition to the producer responsibility model requires clarity on asset management, fair compensation for stranded assets, and ongoing communication between municipalities, producers, and the Province to ensure a seamless transition for residents;

AND WHEREAS municipalities continue to have an interest in ensuring that Blue Box programs remain accessible, efficient, and effective for residents throughout and after the transition period;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour and its shared service partners have formally declined the extension to contract made by Circular Materials through the Change Notice dated June 27, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour hereby:

1. **Requests** that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs), work collaboratively with municipalities to address the financial and operational risks of stranded assets;
2. **Advocates** for transparent processes, fair compensation, and timely communication to protect municipal investments and ensure service continuity for residents; and
3. **Directs** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Chief Executive Officer of Circular Materials, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and support, *and forward to Parry Sound District meeting*

Moved by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
Brandt, Jerry ☐
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy ☒
Ward, Rod ☐
Whitwell, Wendy ☐

Seconded by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
Brandt, Jerry ☒
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy ☐
Ward, Rod ☐
Whitwell, Wendy ☐

Carried / Defeated 

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded vote requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod
Brandt, Jerry
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy
Ward, Rod
Whitwell, Wendy

For	Opposed
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Resolution # 2025- 95

Date: September 17, 2025

Moved by: *K. DeLaney*

Seconded by: *B. Carleton*

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities are also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.

Councillor	For	Against
Bolesworth, Laurie	☒	☐
* Lane, Dan	☒	☐
Veley, Phil	☒	☐
Peckover, Karen	☒	☐
Carleton, Betty	☒	☐
Carried	☒	☐
Defeated	☐	☐

[Signature]

Mayor

Wendy Belanger

Clerk



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September 4, 2025

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Education
5th Floor, 438 University Ave
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2A5

Via Email: minister.edu@ontario.ca

Re: Resolution of McKellar Council – Urgent Concerns Regarding NNDSB Governance and JK-12 School Delay

At its regular meeting held on September 2, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adopted the following resolution.

Resolution No. 25-380

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

WHEREAS the delayed opening of the JK-12 'Superschool' in Parry Sound at the start of the 2025 school year has raised serious concerns regarding governance, transparency, and communication; and

WHEREAS the Near North District School Board (NNDSB) Trustees have requested that the Minister of Education immediately investigate the governance and administrative practices of the NNDSB; and

WHEREAS Council has received the deputation from Amy Black and Shane Reynolds from 'Parents for Parry Sound';

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby support the NNDSB Trustees' resolution calling for Ministry intervention and investigation; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality send a letter to the Minister of Education urging urgent action, citing the local impacts of failed governance, lack of communication, and breakdown of contingency planning; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality advocate for transparency, accountability, and public communication from both the NNDSB and the Ministry; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality participate in any meetings, calls, or consultations with the Ministry, NNDSB, and affected municipalities to ensure local concerns are represented.

Carried

The Township requests to be kept informed on this matter. Kindly direct all correspondence to the undersigned. We thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter and look forward to your response.

Regards,

Karlee Britton, Dip. M.A.
Clerk/Administrator
clerk@mckellar.ca
(705) 389-2842 x4

cc:

Premier, Doug Ford
Parry Sound-Muskoka MP, Scott Aitchison
Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith
Town of Parry Sound
Township of the Archipelago
Township of Seguin
Municipality of McDougall
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Municipality of Whitestone
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September 10, 2025

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution #18, September 9, 2025 - Resolution Requesting a Moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Timiskaming Forest

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by: Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

CARRIED

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, plans to begin aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides starting on or before August 10th, 2025, in the Timiskaming Forest; and

WHEREAS the Timiskaming Forest covers a significant portion of the Municipality of Larder Lake, and this activity may impact residents and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS new scientific evidence published since Health Canada's last assessment of glyphosate in 2017 has linked glyphosate-based end-use products to cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases, reproductive toxicity, and ecosystem harm; and

WHEREAS the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method; and

WHEREAS many residents have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Larder Lake formally requests that the Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Timiskaming Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updated risk assessments are completed and reviewed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to:

The Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

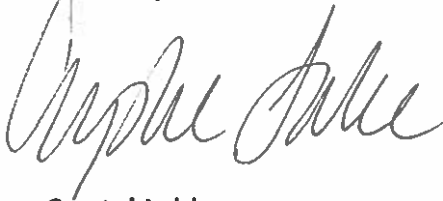
MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane

AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities)

All municipalities within Northeastern Ontario

Sincerely,

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Crystal Labbe

CAO/ Clerk Treasurer



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September 10, 2025

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal
Ministry of the Solicitor General
25 Morton Shulman Avenue
Toronto, ON M3M 0B1

Subject: Request for Extension of Certification Deadlines under Ontario Regulation 343/22

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg,

On behalf of The Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake we are writing to express our support for the firefighter certification requirements outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22. We recognize the importance of standardized training and certification in enhancing firefighter safety, service quality, and public confidence across the province.

When firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, many rural municipalities voiced concern, noting that they do not offer the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province graciously responded by introducing legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is greatly appreciated and reflects a thoughtful understanding of the diverse realities across Ontario.

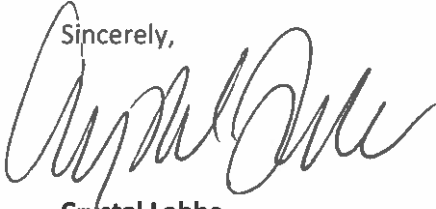
However, despite this accommodation, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available or are only in "pilot" while there remains a large demand for these programs. The Province cannot reasonably expect volunteer firefighters—many of whom work full-time jobs—to independently develop training programs that meet the standards required to pass certification exams. This places an undue burden on small municipalities and risks compromising the intent of the regulation.

We have enclosed a formal resolution passed by our Council, which outlines our concerns and respectfully requests that the province extend the certification deadline to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation to allow time for volunteer fire departments to access these training programs and achieve certification.

We also urge the Province to consider a phased adaptive approach to implementation, ensuring that all communities have equitable access to the necessary training resources.

We appreciate your leadership and commitment to fire service excellence and look forward to your support in helping Ontario municipalities meet these important standards in a realistic and sustainable manner.

Sincerely,

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Crystal Labbe

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake



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September 10, 2025

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution #17, September 9, 2025 – Request for Extension of Certification Deadlines under Ontario Regulation 343/22

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by: Councillor Kelly

Seconded by: Councillor Armstrong

CARRIED

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 343/22 mandates that firefighters performing specific fire protection services be certified to a prescribed standard by July 1, 2026, with certain technical rescue disciplines requiring certification by July 1, 2028;

AND WHEREAS the Township recognizes and supports the value of the certification requirements mandated by the Province of Ontario, acknowledging that standardized training enhances firefighter safety, service quality, and public trust;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) and Ontario Fire College (OFC) are actively working to provide training and certification programs, including offering over 600 courses annually, yet some certification programs and testing resources remain under development or are not yet widely accessible, particularly in the Ontario Seal Programs;

AND WHEREAS many fire departments in Ontario are staffed predominantly by volunteer firefighters who balance full-time employment with their emergency service commitments;

AND WHEREAS the certification programs are still in development and the current availability does not adequately reflect the operational realities of volunteer fire departments, especially in rural communities, where training opportunities are limited and certification demands place undue pressure on personnel and municipal resources;

AND WHEREAS when firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, smaller/rural Municipalities raised concerns that they do not provide the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province responded thoughtfully by introducing new legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is appreciated and reflects a fair and practical approach; however, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available.

AND WHEREAS it is unreasonable to expect volunteer firefighters—who already balance full-time employment and community service—to independently develop curriculums and training programs in-house that meet provincial standards and adequately prepare them for certification exams;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural volunteer fire departments often lack the necessary resources, certified personnel, and specialized expertise to independently develop training curriculums or qualify for learning contracts with the Ontario Fire College; and

AND WHEREAS these departments have long relied on the Ontario Fire College's course offerings and have been patiently awaiting the release of the Ontario Seal Programs, having noted preliminary pilot initiatives in Northern Ontario and anticipating a broader rollout of these programs in the near future;

AND WHEREAS rural municipalities would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of the Fire Marshal to address current barriers and explore collaborative solutions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the **Township of Larder Lake** respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshal, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories;

AND THAT the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFIC), **John Vanthof** and all municipalities in Ontario for support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

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Crystal Labbe
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September 4, 2025

Re: Resolution of Support – City of St. Catharines – Elect Respect Pledge

Please be advised that at the September 3, 2025, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2025-423

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor John

Be it resolved that the correspondence from the City of St. Catharine's regarding the Elect Respect pledge be received and supported as outlined below:

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 and municipal staff 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 called 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 and municipal staff 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 Council of the Township of Southgate 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township of Southgate 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, MP Alex Ruff and MPP Paul Vickers, the Ontario Provincial Police, and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

cc:
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
MP Alex Ruff
MPP Paul Vickers
Ontario Provincial Police
All Municipalities in Ontario

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price

DATE: 22-Sep-25

SECONDED BY: Kiewning

RESOLUTION NO.: 14

Whereas drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

RECORDED VOTE			DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
Council	Yes	No		
Councillor C. Kiewning				
Councillor B. Latham				
Councillor M. MacKinnon				
Councillor R. Noel				
Councillor M. Price			Disposition of Resolution (Check One)	
Councillor B. Tardiff				
Mayor J. Harrison				
TOTALS			Carried X	Defeated

MAYOR: Harrison

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025- 65



DATE: September 17, 2025

CARRIED: ✓

DEFEATED:

MOVED BY:

Councillor Ryman

DIVISION LIST

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Blower

Councillor Constable

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Blower

Councillor Hamer

Councillor Ryman

Mayor Robinson

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall supports the attached resolution of the Town of Parry Sound, regarding 4-laning of Highway 400 from Parry Sound to Sudbury; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Municipalities Whitestone, Killarney, French River, the Townships of The Archipelago, Carling, McKellar and Seguin, the City of Greater Sudbury, the Town of Parry Sound, and the First Nation communities of Shawanaga, Henvey Inlet and Magnetawan, Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, MPP Graydon Smith, and Premier Doug Ford.


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September 26, 2025

Prime Minister
Right Hon. Mark Carney
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
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Right Honorable Prime Minister:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Bill C-61 First Nations Clean Water Act

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on September 23, 2025:

WHEREAS in December 2023, the Minister of Indigenous Services introduced house government bill C-61: An Act respecting water, source water, drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nation lands also known as the First Nations Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS in an open letter to Members of Parliament on December 12, 2024, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) called on all Members of Parliament to prioritize the advancement of Bill C-61, calling it “a step toward addressing the long-standing water issues faced by First Nations”; and

WHEREAS Bill C-61 was not passed into law before Parliament was prorogued on January 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Todd McCarthy has been unclear on Ontario’s position on this legislation, identifying Bill C-61 as a potential piece of legislation that would “undermine competitiveness” and “delay project development” before apologizing for any confusion and clarifying the need to “bring clean drinking water to First Nations communities, while also bringing the kind of regulatory certainty that attracts investment in businesses and communities”; and

WHEREAS Prime Minister Mark Carney and Indigenous Services Minister Mandy Gull-Masty have indicated the Canadian government’s support for introducing legislation like Bill C-61 in the fall of 2025; and

WHEREAS as of September 2025, Indigenous Services Canada data shows that while 93 long-term drinking water advisories have been lifted, since November

2015, 37 long-term drinking water advisories remain active, including in 27 communities in Ontario; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Woolwich:

- 1. Calls on the Government of Canada and the Minister of Indigenous Services to reintroduce legislation to ensure First Nations have the right to clean and safe drinking water in the Fall of 2025 in the same form as Bill C-61;**
- 2. Calls on the Government of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to support this important Federal legislation; and**
- 3. Directs staff to forward this resolution to the Prime Minister, Minister of Indigenous Services, Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Assembly of First Nations and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Alex Kirchin, by email at akirchin@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6005.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

cc. Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services
Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Assembly of First Nations
All Municipalities in Ontario

October 7, 2025

Sent via email

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P., Premier of Ontario, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, ON, M7A 1A1, premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, M.P.P., Minister of Transportation, 5th Flr, 777 Bay St. Toronto, ON, M7A 1Z8, minister.mto@ontario.ca

The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General, M.P.P., Solicitor General, George Drew Bldg., 25 Grosvenor St. Toronto, ON, M7A 1Y6, Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca

Ms. Dawn Gallagher Murphy, M.P.P., Unit 22, 16635 Yonge St., Newmarket, ON, L3X 1V6, dawn.gallaghermurphy@pc.ola.org

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), 155 University Ave., Suite 800, Toronto, ON, M5H 3B7, resolutions@amo.on.ca

All Ontario Municipalities

RE: Automated Speed Enforcement Resolution – Town of Newmarket

I am writing to advise you that at the Council meeting held on October 6, 2025, the Town of Newmarket Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

Whereas Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) is by far the most effective speed mitigation and safety tool that municipalities have had access to; and,

Whereas The Ontario Safety League has expressed that ASE is effective and that it supports the use of ASE; and,

Whereas The Ontario Association Chiefs of Police has expressed that ASE is effective and that it supports the use of ASE; and,

Whereas The Hospital for Sick Children and Toronto Metropolitan University have studied ASE and found that speed is the single most important factor in pedestrian injury risk and ASE can be an effective way to reduce that risk, especially in areas where children are most vulnerable; and,

Whereas The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) found that 73 percent of Ontario drivers slow down when nearing an ASE camera and 52 percent shared that they are unlikely to speed up after they pass through an ASE zone; and,

Whereas ASE frees up more time for police officers to attend to serious crimes, such as home invasions and auto theft; and,

Whereas One of the top complaints that Council has received from residents for decades is speeding on residential streets; and,

Whereas Since implementing ASE, Newmarket has observed between 58 percent and 90 percent reductions in the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit in the community safety zones with automated speed enforcement; and,

Whereas the Town's ASE program has recorded speeds of 125 km/hr, 113 km/h, and 96 km/h in school zones with speed limits of 40 km/h.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Council of the Town of Newmarket opposes the Ontario Government's proposal to cancel municipal ASE programs; and,
2. That the Council of the Town of Newmarket requests the Premier of Ontario or Minister of Transportation meet with municipal leaders to develop provincial legislation, regulations and standards to ensure municipal ASE programs are fair, transparent and consistent throughout Ontario as opposed to eliminating the programs; and,
3. That the Council of the Town of Newmarket requests that the Ontario Government consider the following amendments to address Provincial concerns:
 - Only implement ASE in school zones; and,
 - Establish a province-wide minimum threshold over the speed limit at which tickets are issued; and,
 - Require extensive communication campaigns warning drivers that ASE cameras will be implemented, including warning tickets, well ahead of activating the cameras, and install permanent flashing signs at the camera locations; and,
 - Establish a maximum fine amount for ASE, and,
 - Establish a maximum number of cameras per municipality, and,
4. That copies of this motion be distributed to the following:
 - Premier Doug Ford; and,
 - Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; and,
 - Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General; and,
 - Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP, Newmarket -- Aurora; and,
 - All Ontario Municipalities; and,
 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario.



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Yours sincerely,

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132-2025-3641
By email

September 26, 2025

Dear Heads of Council and Chief Administrative Officers of OPP-Policed Municipalities:

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has undertaken a review of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) cost recovery model. I would like to extend my gratitude for your participation and input into this process.

I am writing to inform you that because of the review, regulatory amendments have been made to Ontario Regulation 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*. These amendments are in effect and will inform the 2026 annual billing statement to be issued shortly.

Firstly, an 11 per cent cap is established on the increase in policing costs owed by municipalities for the 2026 calendar year when compared to 2025, excluding the costs related to any service enhancements.

Secondly, a new discounts table will be established in regulation and will apply to the 2026 billing year and going forward. This new discount table introduces a lower eligibility threshold to receive a discount. Municipalities will now receive calls for service and overtime discounts when they are three or more standard deviations from the average calls for service weighted time to property count ratio, rather than the current regulatory threshold of five standard deviations.

The amendments have been approved by Cabinet and have been filed with the Registrar of Regulations. They will be accessed publicly online through the [e-Laws page](#) – and will be available here within the next few business days.

The preparation of 2026 annual billing statements is underway and statements are targeted for release in November 2025.

As we undertook this review, we heard loud and clear that greater clarity, predictability and stability in the OPP cost recovery model, and associated billing statements, is critical to municipalities as annual budget processes are undertaken. These amendments were contemplated, and ultimately decided upon, based on those concerns and the direct feedback that we heard from OPP-policed municipalities.

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Should you have any questions about the regulatory updates, please reach out to solgeninput@ontario.ca.

Please direct any questions about your annual billing statements to the Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau at opp.municipalpolicing@opp.ca.

Thank you again for your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Kerzner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner
Solicitor General

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

Thomas Carrique, C.O.M.
Commissioner, Ontario Provincial Police



West Carling Association
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Nobel, ON

September 5, 2025

Mayor Murphy and Members of Council
Township of Carling
2 West Carling Bay Road
Nobel, ON

Re: Use of Carling Docks – By-law Misalignment, Enforcement Failures & Liability Risks

Dear Mayor Murphy and Members of Council,

The West Carling Association (WCA) is again raising concerns about the ongoing misuse of the Snug Harbour dock.

This is now the **third consecutive year** (letters dated August 16, 2023, and August 29, 2024) that we have brought this issue forward. Misuse of the 30-minute loading/unloading zone is now a **daily occurrence** during the summer season, and we have been made aware that similar issues are arising at the Dillon dock.

This is not merely an inconvenience - it creates risks by blocking access during potential **emergency situations**.

In his **August 27, 2024, response**, Fire Chief Gord Harrison acknowledged two ongoing problems:

1. **The current by-law wording is problematic**, as it indicates these facilities are for Carling residents, yet fails to express that intent in enforceable regulations; and
2. **Docking enforcement is limited** due to limited staff availability and not having access to vessel registration information.

Despite these acknowledgments, the same issues persist:

1. **Chronic misuse of the 30-minute loading/unloading zone**, with boats tying up for hours.
2. **Non-Carling residents occupying docking spaces during peak hours**. While we are supportive of welcoming visitors to Carling, there should be some

restriction on the use of the docks by non-Carling residents, similar to the parking spaces at the water access facilities to allow residents to attend to errands that require more than 30 minutes of docking time. This may require use of a sticker/permit to use a Carling resident-only space.

3. No active monitoring or fines issued despite repeated by-law violations.

Practical steps to relieve congestion and improve compliance:

1. **Install additional cleats spaced regularly along dock sides.** Boaters are hesitant to tie their rope over an existing one on a single cleat and are conscious about leaving enough space so that boats don't bump together at the dock. If cleats were spaced every few feet, boats of various lengths could fit more closely along the dock without risk of bumping or having to share cleats.
2. **Install kayak docks,** which make it much safer for kayakers and canoeists to load/unload because they are closer to the water. Rather than take up space along the shore, they could be placed at the end of boat docks. Below is a link to a sample kayak launcher that can fit at the end of any floating dock. <https://www.canadadocks.ca/shop/dock-accessories/kayak-launcher/floating-kayak-launcher>
3. **Encourage those individuals who are docking inappropriately with some prompts.** Signage needs to be more visible, cite the by-law and carry a reminder that fines can be levied. Consider a sign placed as boaters leave the dock that asks, "Did you park in the correct space?" On the dock itself, docking rules/hours should be in much bolder colours. Painting a red stripe along the loading/unloading side is attention getting. Signs in the parking area could also be used as a reminder. Marina operators could be asked to include a message about dock use in their annual spring outreach to customers. In Snug Harbour Gilly's could be asked to post signage or tent cards in the restaurant with reminders about dock rules. Another option would be to install cameras should these strategies not bring about change.

The WCA is asking Council to take clear, measurable steps as below:

1. **Direct staff to consult with neighbouring municipalities** to find out how they manage this situation (e.g., McDougall and Archipelago)
2. **Direct staff to bring forward proposed amendments to By-law 2016-44 by October 15, 2025,** including:
 - Restricting at least a portion of municipal docks to Carling residents
 - Requiring visible display of a municipal permit or sticker on vessels;
 - Establishing clear fines for misuse of loading/unloading zones;
3. **Allocate staff resources for periodic peak-hour monitoring,** as is already done for municipal parking lots to bring awareness to those misusing the docks.

The WCA requests that this letter be:

1. Entered into **formal correspondence** for the next Council meeting.
2. Placed on the **Council agenda** for discussion and next steps; and

3. Followed by a **written response from Council or staff by October 31, 2025**
4. addressing:
 - Whether Council intends to amend the by-law.
 - If not, why ratepayer-funded docks will continue to be treated as unrestricted public facilities;
 - What enforcement actions will be taken at the docks in Carling.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Donna Tucker
President – West Carling Association
416-414-8833

cc: Gord Harrison, Fire Chief

Mackenzie Taylor

From: Kevin McLLwain
Sent: September 29, 2025 12:12 PM
To: Mackenzie Taylor
Subject: FW: Opposition to Proposed Dredging of the Narrows

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From: scott haslip [REDACTED]
Sent: September 28, 2025 10:16 PM
To: Susan Murphy (Mayor) <smurphy@carling.ca>; Bruce Kelly (Councillor) <bkelly@carling.ca>; Pamela Wing (Councillor) <pwing@carling.ca>; Lisa Cook (Councillor) <lcook@carling.ca>; Al Doubrough (Councillor) <adoubrough@carling.ca>
Cc: Kevin McLLwain <kmcllwain@carling.ca>; Ryan Snowball <rsnowball@carling.ca>
Subject: Re: Opposition to Proposed Dredging of the Narrows

Hello Mayor Murphy,

Thank you for your response to my email. I attended the Tuesday Town Council meeting virtually and have replayed it several times. While the stated intent of the Deep Bay Associations (DBA) presentation was to push for septic inspections, it quickly became apparent that that was just a ruse to give them a forum where they could manipulate the direction of the meeting, pushing for blasting of the Narrows. While this was to be a presentation on septic inspections almost all of the studies and data discussed had to do with water levels.

Further, I want it to be noted that as a water access cottage that has to boat

in from Deep Bay through the Narrows to my cottage, the water level of the Narrows has an even more significant impact on my ability to use my cottage than those on Deep Bay.

To my point concerning this being an attempt to blast the Narrows, in his closing comments the presenter, Mr. Barns, stated when asked by someone in the crowd about blasting the Narrows, he thought "it was the only solution" to solve their perceived potentially lower water levels and water quality problem. To be perfectly clear, Mr. Barns is not an expert on water quality and environmental issues AND is obviously just presenting his argument to support his wish to blast the Narrows. Note, I was told by the town clerk when I called about the possibility of attending the Town Council meeting that I would not be able to ask questions or debate Mr. Barns on his claims or position. However, no less than three people spoke or asked questions from the crowd - all from the DBA. So the support that was shown for blasting of the Narrows at this meeting is not consensus and not representative of those on Collins Bay or the rest of your constituents.

Concerning the data presented by Mr. Barns, he referenced the Baird report a number of times. As you would expect, Mr. Barns intentionally omitted a complete picture of all of the data in the Baird report. Mr. Barns only gave you the worst possible scenario in the report reflecting the most dramatic and controversial picture that has a low probability of occurring. I would also note that I find it interesting and self-serving as Mr. Barns only references the Baird report when there are other more current studies that are relevant to the discussion. The International Upper Great Lakes Study (IUGLS) more recently did a more formal investigation. It's worst case scenario estimated a significantly lower decline (less than half) than the Baird figures. And if you were to consider more middle of the road climate-driven models derived from fully 3D regional climate models under high emissions scenarios then you would actually be looking at higher water levels. The Baird / GBGLF forecast is on the extreme low side (several feet below record), while climate-based hydrologic projections suggest milder declines or even modest rises over longer timeframes, depending on precipitation, runoff, evaporation, etc.

It should be noted that the Baird report goes on to forecast that by 2040 the decline in water levels will have been reversed and that water levels will be a foot above the 1986 record highs!! Another report by The Manitoulin Expositor / Boating Industry Canada states that by **2040**, Lakes Michigan–Huron (hence Georgian Bay) may see levels **0.3 m ($\approx$ 1 foot) above** the 1986 record high. And another report in the GBGLF newsletter (June 2022) states:

“By mid-century that our levels will be 6+ feet or 2 m higher than 2020 record highs!” (But that is a broader “mid-century” or “extreme upper bound” statement, not necessarily the strict Baird modeling for 2040.)

The newsletter also references ECCC (Environment Canada / Climate Change) modeled ranges under different climate scenarios stating under “extreme highs: upper range up to 7 feet above 2019/20 levels.” The GBGLF also references that the Baird study “conclusions are essentially the same as those found in ... ECCC” in terms of trend direction and magnitude. So in summary, the Baird / GBGLF public headline for 2040 is: **~0.3 m (about 1 foot) above the 1986 record high** for Lakes Michigan–Huron / Georgian Bay. So saying “0.3 m above 1986” means Baird is estimating water levels in 2040 could exceed historical extremes.

The credibility of the Baird report can be called into question. The Baird report is considered to be somewhat more activist / advocacy-oriented (i.e. commissioned by GBGLF), and before using one should be transparent about what assumptions or judgments are built in. In a public or political forum, relying on multiple sources (IJC, IUGLS, Environment Canada, independent academic studies) would reflect an improved credibility. It has also been noted that the Baird modeling in many versions did *not* incorporate (or fully incorporate) precipitation, runoff, evapotranspiration under climate change, extreme weather events, etc.

In conclusion, it would be extremely irresponsible to make decisions based solely upon just a portion of the Baird report while not considering the broader studies that are available.

Lastly, I will repost my recommendations from my earlier email, that you may consider before going to the extreme of blasting and dredging.

Proposed Alternatives & Recommendations

To protect water quality and ecological integrity while addressing navigation and concerns, I respectfully propose that Council consider:

1. Implementing and enforcing boating speed restrictions in particularly sensitive sections of the Narrows rather than dredging.
2. Regular monitoring of water quality (nutrients, bacteria, dissolved oxygen, turbidity), especially before, during, and after any major intervention.
3. Public education and stricter land-use/shoreline development controls to reduce runoff, shoreline modification, and erosion, which are major contributors to phosphorus and sediment loading.
4. Exploring natural or soft-engineering solutions, such as restoring or maintaining wetlands and riparian buffer zones, to enhance natural filtration and water quality resilience.
5. Prohibit and remove non-Native plants and gardens (eg. coloured mulch) along waterfront properties. The contaminants from the fertilizers and ground cover leach into the water table and are a significant contributor to declining water quality.
6. Township takes control over septic inspections and ensures that the water table is not being polluted with waste that then leaches into Deep Bay.
7. Restriction of development along the waterfront as this destroys the natural filters required to clean the water of Deep Bay. The developments of Inverlochy Shores, Current Trail and Farmers Bay have

added 30-50 new cottages/properties to the Deep Bay area in just the past ten years and the declining water quality can not be considered a coincidence.

8. Allow roadway to Collins Bay cottages would reduce the stress on the water quality by reducing the boat traffic on the Deep Bay. Allowing those of Collins Bay access to the Current Trail road would lead to 30+ cottagers putting less stress on the waters of Deep Bay.

All of these should be addressed before we attempt to destroy the current natural balance.

Thank you for your time in considering my position on the matter,

Scott Haslip

From: Susan Murphy (Mayor) <smurphy@carling.ca>
Sent: September 20, 2025 12:29 PM
To: scott haslip [REDACTED]
Cc: Kevin McLlwain <kmcllwain@carling.ca>; Ryan Snowball <rsnowball@carling.ca>
Subject: Re: Opposition to Proposed Dredging of the Narrows

Hello Mr. Haslip,

I'm not aware of a proposed dredging application. Is this something you expect might be forthcoming? I have copied the CAO and the Township planner so they will be aware of your concerns.

The Township of Carling would not be the approval authority for this type of work. I expect it would be the Ministry of Natural Resources. If you know of something coming forward it would be good to make them aware of your concerns.

Please don't hesitate to keep me informed.

Susan Murphy

From: scott haslip [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 6:29:53 p.m.
To: Susan Murphy (Mayor) <smurphy@carling.ca>
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Dredging of the Narrows

Dear Mayor Murphy,

Re: Opposition to Proposed Dredging of the Narrows

I am writing to formally express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed dredging of the Narrows (between Deep Bay and Collins Bay) in Carling Township. As a resident who values both the ecological health and water quality of our local environment, I urge Council to reconsider this proposal in light of its far-reaching environmental and community impacts.

Water quality

Dredging in this sensitive area poses a significant threat to water quality, which is already under stress from climate change, shoreline development, and recreational pressure. The disturbance of lakebed sediment through dredging can release nutrients, heavy metals, and other contaminants that have been safely buried for decades. This can lead to:

- **Algal blooms, including potentially harmful blue-green algae**
- **Increased turbidity, reducing light penetration and harming aquatic plants**
- **A decline in oxygen levels, negatively impacting fish and other wildlife**

These risks are not hypothetical. Across Ontario and Canada, similar dredging projects have contributed to degraded water conditions, habitat loss, and long-term ecological damage. In a region like Carling Township—where clean, clear water is central to both the ecosystem and the community's identity—these consequences are simply unacceptable.

I also wish to draw your attention to recent research (by McMaster University) regarding water quality in Deep Bay and eastern Georgian Bay, which adds serious cause for concern regarding dredging the Narrows.

Research indicates that Deep Bay has a naturally limited connection to the open waters of Georgian Bay due to the shallow/narrow Narrows. Because of this, water exchange is slow—sometimes taking up to a full year. When

water levels fall, that exchange is further reduced. Under such conditions, nutrients (especially phosphorus) and contaminants (like *E. coli*) tend to accumulate, degrading water quality. In fact, Deep Bay's bottom waters can become oxygen-poor, which causes phosphorus bound in sediments to be released back into the water, further exacerbating nutrient loading.

Historical episodes of low water levels in the Narrows have already led to poorer water quality, algal blooms, and navigational difficulties. Future trends suggest water levels may again fall below early-2000s levels, making the Bay even more sensitive.

Given these dynamics, dredging the Narrows would risk *aggravating* rather than resolving water quality issues—it would likely increase retention of pollutants, disturb nutrient-rich sediments, and reduce the Bay's ability to flush itself. In short, it could tip Deep Bay into a state of decline, both ecologically and for its users.

Water level

The most recent data (Aug 2025) has water levels in Lake Michigan-Huron (Georgian Bay) down by 4 inches or approx. 10cm relative to its long-term August average and down about 9 inches or 23cm from a year ago.

As a resident of Carling Township for 55 years, I can say that I have seen the ebbs and flows of the water levels of Georgian Bay and Deep Bay. Just five short years ago... in 2020 we hit a record high beating the 1986 water levels and yes I experienced the lows between 1999 and 2013 where we made the mistake of blasting and dredging the Narrows due to lobbying based on water levels and water quality. Yet, here we are again within 4 inches of the long term average.

The Great Lakes have natural fluctuations in water levels.

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- There is a May 25, 2022 article in the Manitoulin Expositor by Lori Thompson... outlining that there have been two studies of the Great Lakes in the last number of years forecasting that the water levels in the Great Lakes would decline by 2030. But most importantly, the article goes on to state

that the ECCC "predicts that all Great Lake levels will generally trend upwards....." It goes on to forecast that by 2040 water levels will be "one foot higher than the 1986 record high". So dredging would be a great waste of time and money.

Dredging based on today's data and even forecasts of 2030 levels is premature considering the historical fluctuation of water levels and the 2040 forecasts.

Fishing/Wildlife

Beyond water quality, the Narrows serve as a critical natural habitat for fish and wildlife. Disrupting this area could destroy spawning grounds and interrupt local biodiversity. This also raises potential concerns about compliance with provincial and federal environmental regulations, such as the **Fisheries Act** and the **Species at Risk Act**. Has a comprehensive environmental assessment been conducted and made available to the public? If not, I urge the Council to halt any further planning until full transparency and legal due diligence have been met.

The area of concern has been zoned by the Ministry of Natural Resources as a Type 1 fish habitat. In Ontario, "Type 1 fish habitat" refers to the most sensitive and significant habitats, requiring the highest level of protection, according to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA). This designation is based on a habitat's sensitivity and significance to current or potential fish populations and is used during the assessment of development projects to ensure that these critical areas, such as spawning grounds or areas with extensive aquatic vegetation, are avoided or protected from significant impacts. This means disruption of the shoreline or waterway is strictly prohibited. The Township of Carling's map of fishery habitats - clearly shows that the area in question - the mouth of the Narrows is a Type 1 fish habitat and is zoned as an Environmentally Protected Area. For that reason alone, I do not believe that the Town council can in good conscience approve of the disruption of this sensitive area with blasting or dredging.

Further, we have just recently seen a resurgence in the pickerel population in Deep Bay... the shallow rocky nature of the Narrows are the only natural spawning ground for pickerel in the Deep Bay area. A dredging of the narrows would seriously harm the pickerel breeding grounds and possibly remove them from Deep Bay forever.

Safety and Shoreline Erosion

Additionally, increased boat access due to dredging may lead to more high-speed traffic, shoreline erosion, and safety concerns for swimmers and paddlers. These are real threats to the peace and quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

As there are no less than ten cottages along the narrowest part of the Narrows, there is constant recreational use of this stretch of waterway. Swimming by both human and animals, fishing, and simple enjoyment of beachfront are some of the great pleasures for these cottagers. Over thirty years ago, it was foreseen that since this was a relatively small enclosed space that the danger of speeding boats interacting with people was great. Hence, a speed limit and no wake restriction was implemented. The speed limit is 8kmph along with a no wake restriction. The speed and wake limits were not only implemented for safety but for the environmental preservation of the shoreline. Unfortunately, as this area is not patrolled and both of these laws are broken regularly.

As we have seen in community safety zones in front of school properties the reduction of speed helps prevent the potential of life threatening accidents... hence barriers are installed to limit the speed of vehicles to increase the safety of the pedestrians and reduced speed limits are enforced This same theory can be applied in the Narrows... if you dredge this stretch of water the risk of speeding increases in an area that has both human and animals in close proximity to speeding motorized water vehicles.... The logic continues in that by limiting the speeding in the Narrows we increase the safety for those who use that waterway for recreational purposes. Thus, a shallower waterway is in fact a natural and cheaper way to preserve human and animal lives.

Further, it is common knowledge that larger wakes of speeding boats lead to shoreline erosion, damage to property and natural features. In this confined space of the Narrows that is already an Environmentally Protected Area limiting the speeding and wake of boater traffic is an environmental significant need.

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Flushing

The proposal you will be hearing will be suggesting that the "flushing" of Deep Bay is the only solution for the constituent's of Deep Bay to have better water quality. However, this is a short sighted, short term, self-serving suggestion. It does not address the real problem, just the symptoms of the problem. The water quality is largely a function of the pollution created by those on Deep Bay. Instead of dealing with the pollution problem, the presenters would prefer to "flush" their waste and pollution out onto the rest of Carling Township and Georgian Bay. This a small group that does not represent the greater good of the Carling community.

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Proposed Alternatives & Recommendations

To protect water quality and ecological integrity while addressing navigation and concerns, I respectfully propose that Council consider:

1. Implementing and enforcing boating speed restrictions in particularly sensitive sections of the Narrows rather than dredging.
2. Regular monitoring of water quality (nutrients, bacteria, dissolved oxygen, turbidity), especially before, during, and after any major intervention.
3. Public education and stricter land-use/shoreline development controls to reduce runoff, shoreline modification, and erosion, which are major contributors to phosphorus and sediment loading.
4. Exploring natural or soft-engineering solutions, such as restoring or maintaining wetlands and riparian buffer zones, to enhance natural filtration and water quality resilience.

5. Prohibit and remove non-Native plants and gardens (eg. coloured mulch) along waterfront properties. The contaminants from the fertilizers and ground cover leach into the water table and are a significant contributor to declining water quality.
6. Township takes control over septic inspections and ensures that the water table is not being polluted with waste that then leaches into Deep Bay.
7. Restriction of development along the waterfront as this destroys the natural filters required to clean the water of Deep Bay. The developments of Inverlochy Shores, Current Trail and Farmers Bay have added 30-50 new cottages/properties to the Deep Bay area in just the past ten years and the declining water quality can not be considered a coincidence.
8. Allow roadway to Collins Bay cottages would reduce the stress on the water quality by reducing the boat traffic on the Deep Bay. Allowing those of Collins Bay access to the Current Trail road would lead to 30+ cottagers putting less stress on the waters of Deep Bay.

All of these should be addressed before we attempt to destroy the current natural balance.

Conclusion

In summary, the weight of scientific evidence suggests that dredging the Narrows right now would likely do more harm than good—especially for water quality, ecosystem health, and long-term sustainability. The combination of already low (or below-average) water levels, restricted exchange through the Narrows, risks of nutrient release, and ecological sensitivity mean that the anticipated costs and harms are high. Additionally, the legal and community risks far outweigh any perceived short term benefits.

I strongly urge the Council to *reject* the dredging proposal in favor of more precautionary, sustainable alternatives. Protecting water quality in Deep Bay and the Narrows is not just an ecological necessity—it's a responsibility to current and future residents, Indigenous communities, and all who rely on these waters for recreation, culture, and livelihood.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to safeguarding our shared environment. I welcome further public dialogue and the opportunity to contribute to community-based solutions or collaborate in any way in developing alternatives.

Sincerely,

Scott Haslip