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Sent: November 10, 2025 4:36 PM

Subject: Pothole Prevention and Repair Program / Programme pour la prévention et la réparation des nids-de-poule

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Dear Municipal Representatives,

Please find the attached notification letter for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program. If you have any questions, please contact program staff at PPRP@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

MTO's Pothole Prevention and Repair Program team
PPRP@ontario.ca



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Représentants municipaux,

Veuillez trouver ci-joint la lettre d'information relative au Programme pour la prévention et la réparation des nids-de-poule.

Si vous avez des questions, veuillez communiquer avec le personnel du programme à l'adresse PPRP@ontario.ca.

Veuillez agréer l'expression de nos sentiments les meilleurs.

L'équipe du Programme pour la prévention et la réparation des nids-de-poule du ministère des Transports
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POTHOLE PREVENTION AND REPAIR PROGRAM

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

NOVEMBER 2025

Ontario 
Ministry of Transportation

Pothole Prevention and Repair Program – Program Guidelines

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Definitions

Concrete - Pavement means a rigid pavement structure with an exposed concrete surface and includes concrete shoulders when present. Rigid Pavement are those which include Hydraulic Cement Concrete (HCC) within the pavement structure.

Double Chip Seal means two successive single chip seals with different aggregate gradations as per OPSS.MUNI 303.

Guideline means these guidelines and requirements entitled “Pothole Prevention and Repair Program Guidelines 2025”.

Hot Mix Asphalt Patching means resurfacing localized areas of distressed pavement using Hot Mix Asphalt as per OPSS MUNI 310.

Letter of Agreement means an agreement entered between the Ministry and a Municipality, including a host Municipality, which sets out the terms and conditions under which the Ministry agrees to provide dedicated Pothole Prevention and Repair Program funds to the Municipality, including those under these guidelines and requirements, and any amendments to the Letter of Agreement.

Lower Tier Municipality under *Ontario's Municipal Act, 2001*, is a town, village, city, township or Municipality which forms part of an upper tier Municipality and which provides local services to residents such as local roads, fire protection, recreation and waste collection.

Micro-Surfacing means applying a thin lift of polymer modified asphalt emulsion mix to distressed pavement.as per OPSS MUNI 336.

Ministry and Minister, respectively mean the Ministry of Transportation, which is responsible for the administration of the Program and the Minister responsible for the Ministry.

Municipality means a municipality created by the Province of Ontario under the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Participants means the eligible Municipalities participating in the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program.

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Program means the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program administered by the Ministry to provide municipalities with dedicated funds subject to and in accordance with the Letter of Agreement.

Program Year means April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.

Reporting Form means the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program form which the Ministry will provide to participating municipalities.

Rout and Seal means routing, cleaning and sealing cracks using hot poured rubberized asphalt sealant compound as per OPSS MUNI 341.

Scarification means uniform loosening of the roadway surface to remove damaged areas such as raveling and potholes as per OPSS.MUNI 301.

Sealing or Resealing of Joints and Cracks in Concrete Pavement and Concrete Base means sawcutting, cleaning and sealing or resealing cracks in concrete pavement and concrete base as per OPSS MUNI 369.

Single Surface Treatment means a single application of bituminous binder followed by a single application of Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, Class 5, or Class 6 aggregate as per OPSS.MUNI 304.

Single Tier Municipality means that under *Ontario's Municipal Act, 2001*, is a Municipality that is not part of an upper tier Municipality (such as a county or regional Municipality) and is therefore responsible for governance and providing all local government services to its residents.

Slurry Seal means applying a homogeneous mixture of emulsified asphalt, fine aggregates, water, mineral filler, and, if required, additive in a cold fluid state on a prepared bituminous surface as per OPSS.MUNI 337.

Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) means the Government of Ontario's official online portal for managing all stages of provincial transfer payments which includes grants, funding programs and contributions that ministries provide to organizations, municipalities and in some cases individuals.

Unpaved Roadway means surfaces that are typically existing granular but may include sub grade soil surfaces as per OPSS.MUNI 301.

What do you need to know prior to participating in the Program?

- ☐ Read the entire Program Guideline
- ☐ Consult with Program advisors if you are unsure your project is in alignment with the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program
- ☐ Confirm you are registered with Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON)
 - TPON Administrator is current
 - Organization's email address is correct
 - External Approvers are linked to the organization

Program Overview:

What is the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program?

As part of the *Reducing Gridlock and Saving You Time Act (RGSYTA)*, the province announced the initiative to support smaller municipalities with pothole prevention. The Pothole Prevention and Repair Program aims to help make Ontario's roads safer and prevent accidents and damage that can occur from potholes. The Program is intended to support smaller municipalities with road maintenance and set standards to help improve road conditions and promote high-quality roadwork across the province. Municipalities receiving Pothole Prevention and Repair Program funds must meet the requirements set out in these Guidelines.

Program Objectives

The Pothole Prevention and Repair Program has the following objectives:

- To provide funding to smaller municipalities to support critical road preservation and pothole repair
- To promote the adoption of harmonized standards that help improve road conditions, promote sound asset management practices and high-quality roadwork across the province

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Funding Model

The Pothole Prevention and Repair Program will follow an allocation-based implementation model. Municipalities can receive up to \$38,000 to cover eligible expenses.

Program Timelines

Item	Time Frame	Note
Program Launch	November 10, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TPON is available and open for applications.• New applicants must create a My Ontario Account. My Ontario Account This may take up to five business days
Application Deadline	December 12, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ministry Program Advisors are available during the application period for Program consultations and the Transfer Payment Ontario Client Care are available to respond to questions about the TPON system.• Applicants are responsible for submitting complete applications.• <u>IMPORTANT:</u> Late applications will not be accepted
Compliance Reporting Deadline	December 1, 2025, to January 30, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants to submit:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024 Asset Management Plan• Most recent Pavement Condition Report• Confirmation of 2024 Financial Information Return submission to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Final Reporting Deadline	December 1, 2025, to April 17, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants are required to conform with the reporting requirements to qualify for participation in future Program years

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Eligibility Requirements

Eligible applicants must be:

- Single and Lower Tier Municipalities with a jurisdiction over municipal roads having a population of up to 10,000 according to the 2021 Statistics Canada census data
- Not in default of the terms and conditions of any grant or loan agreement with any ministry or agency of the Government of Ontario

The eligibility requirements for funds will be determined in accordance with these guidelines and requirements and at the sole discretion of the Ministry. Municipalities should consult with Ministry staff to determine if proposed expenditures do not fall within the definitions of these Guidelines.

The Pothole Prevention and Repair Program requires that municipalities use asset management best practices and incorporate standardized construction and materials specifications prescribed by MTO.

Eligible Expenditures

Eligible projects and expenditures are those that are directed towards pothole repair and preventative maintenance of municipal roads and use one or a combination of the following methods:

Pothole Prevention Strategies

- Rout and Seal
- Micro-Surfacing
- Slurry Seal
- Single Surface Treatment
- Double Chip Seal, and
- Granular In-Fill and Grading, Drainage and Stabilization of Unpaved Roadways

Pothole Repair Strategies

- Hot Mix Asphalt Patching of Flexible Pavement
- Scarification and Grading of Unpaved Roadways
- Concrete – Pavement and Joint Seal Repairs

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Eligible expenditures include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase and delivery of materials required for the project
- Project design related to preservation and repair works where repairs are completed between the period of April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026
- Labour for construction and repairs
- Municipal owned equipment to be reimbursed at OPSS 127 Rates
- Updating Pavement Condition Reports if prepared by an external consultant

Eligible expenditures are only considered if they have been incurred between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026.

Ineligible Expenditures

- Costs not associated with eligible pothole prevention and repair works
- Costs incurred before April 1, 2025, or after March 31, 2026
- Costs associated with feasibility studies and design work for projects that will not be completed for the current fiscal year
- Administrative costs
- Audit and financial reporting costs

Please note that the above list is not exhaustive. Municipalities are encouraged to consult with Ministry staff for guidance or advice on whether a specific expense is eligible or not.

A Municipality receiving dedicated Program funds must ensure that all funds received, and any related interest, are used exclusively towards eligible expenditures unless otherwise approved in writing by the Ministry.

Post Application Evaluation Review

Applicants will be required to:

- Sign a funding agreement with the Ministry, outlining the terms and conditions for receiving funding. No funding disbursements will be made until funding agreements are executed and all conditions for funding have been satisfied.
- Carry and provide proof of insurance as outlined in the funding agreement
- Maintain all receipts and records for auditing purposes
- Maintain all permits and approvals in good standing
- Abide by all reporting requirements noted in the funding agreement

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Reporting Requirements

MTO requires submission of the following information to inform future development of the Program, ensure effective administration and monitor performance of the Program

For Municipalities to qualify for participation in future Program years the reporting requirements below must be met to the satisfaction of MTO:

Compliance Report Requirements (no later than January 30, 2026):

- Submit a copy of the Municipality's 2024 Asset Management Plan
- Submit a copy of the Municipality's most recent Pavement/Road Condition Report
- Submit confirmation of submission of the Municipality's 2024 Financial Information Return to MMAH
- Number of pothole complaints received in the 2024 and 2025 calendar years, as available
- Additional information as requested by the Ministry

The Final Report shall contain the following (no later than April 17, 2026):

- Quantitative data on road maintenance supported by this Program that municipalities carried out, including the number of kilometres maintained and number of potholes repaired
- Project details and activities or materials related to the use of the fund. Examples of accepted documentation:
 - Contracts and drawings
 - Invoices and payment certificates
 - Post construction report
 - Purchase and delivery of assets or supplies
- Other activities that achieve the Program's objectives

Municipalities are advised to carefully verify all data before submitting their reporting forms to ensure all information provided is accurate. Municipalities are also encouraged to contact the Ministry if they require any guidance or assistance in completing these reports.

This reporting provides the Ministry valuable data ensuring due diligence and demonstrating the efficacy of the Program through measurement of key performance metrics. Submission of this data is paramount as it will inform future development and funding of the Program.

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Communications

Unless the Ministry otherwise approves in writing, a Municipality receiving dedicated Program funds will be required to acknowledge the support of the Ministry in a form and manner as directed by the Ministry. A Municipality will be required to give a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice to the Ministry regarding any planned local dedicated Program funding communication or recognition event, or both. The Municipality will also be required to provide the Ministry with detailed information regarding such communication or event.

The Ministry and a Municipality receiving dedicated Program funds will, at all times, remain independent of each other and will not represent themselves to be the agent, joint venturer, partner or employee of the other. Neither the Municipality nor the Ministry will be allowed to make representations or take actions that could establish or imply any apparent relationship of agency, joint venture, partnership or employment. In addition, neither the Municipality nor the Ministry will be bound in any manner whatsoever by any agreements, warranties or representations made by any of them to any other person or entity, with respect to any other action of the other.

If the Municipality publishes any material of any kind, written or oral, relating to Program funds provided or acquired with dedicated Program funds, the Municipality will indicate in the material that the views expressed in the material are the views of the Municipality and do not necessarily reflect those of the Ministry.

Who do I contact for more information?

- If you have any accommodation requests, require alternative formats, or have any Program-specific inquiries related to the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program via email at: PPRP@ontario.ca
- For questions related to the TPON system, please contact TPON Client Care at 1-855-216-3090 Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST, or by email at TPONCC@ontario.ca

How To Apply

The Transfer Payment Ontario system is your one-window access to apply for funding, check the status of your application, e-approve documents and submit reports. The Government of Ontario is changing the way public users access secure government services, including TPON.

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My Ontario Account Set-Up

You are required to create a My Ontario Account for secure access to TPON.

New users to the TPON system start by creating a My Ontario account. For further information, see the Creating a My Ontario Account guide and video in preparation for creating your My Ontario Account. Applicant organizations should ensure they know the email address that is associated with their TPON account.

Please note that the information you provide for registration (such as address, contact information, etc.) will be automatically filled into the application form for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program.

The application may be downloaded and completed offline and then upload to complete the application process. Please refer to TPON for instructions on how to submit the application.

Please note that participants will need to complete the supplier registration and application in TPON for direct deposit of funding payments.

Submit the application form

Once you are registered and have access to TPON, the next step is to submit the application form online by following these steps:

1. Log into TPON
2. Click on “**Submit for Funding**” and select the “**Pothole Prevention and Repair Program**”
3. Review or complete sections in the online form per the guidelines.
4. Submit the application form

When you submit your application, you will receive a confirmation email. If you have not received a confirmation email within 48 hours of your submission, please call TPON Client Care at 1-855-216-3090.

Transfer Payment Ontario Client Care

Please refer to the “**Get Help**” section of [Ontario.ca/GetFunding](https://ontario.ca/GetFunding).

If you have any technical questions or issues during this process, they must be directed to TPON Client Care at 1-855-216-3090 Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST, or by email at TPONCC@ontario.ca.

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For Program-specific inquiries

For questions related to the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program and the Program guidelines, please contact: PPRP@ontario.ca.

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Date: November 10, 2025

Re: Pothole Prevention and Repair Program Notification

The Minister of Transportation recently announced the new Pothole Prevention and Repair Program. This program aims to enhance road safety and reduce vehicle damage due to potholes.

Ontario municipalities with a population of 10,000 or less according to the 2021 Statistics Canada census data are eligible to apply. Our review has identified that your municipality is eligible to apply for the program. For more details about the program, please review the attached *Pothole Prevention and Repair Program Guidelines*.

Applications can be submitted through the [Transfer Payment Ontario](#) portal which will remain open until December 12, 2025. Please note that late submissions will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact PPRP@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

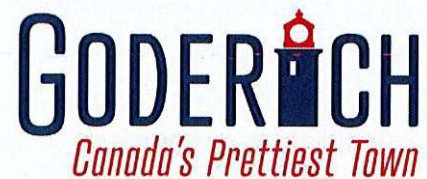
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Tyler Graham
Manager, Special Highway Operations Initiatives

bc: J. Ranger, Director, Highway Operations Management Branch

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Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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SENT VIA EMAIL: amcneil@eastgwillimbury.ca

RE: Endorsement of East Gwillimbury's Resolution – Opposition to Protect Ontario by
Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

Dear A. McNeil,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, November 10, 2025, Goderich
Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Thompson
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly
That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from East Gwillimbury regarding
the Opposition to Protect by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025.

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,

Amanda Banting

Deputy Clerk
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Enclosed: Town of East Gwillimbury Resolution Regarding EG's Opposition to the Protect
Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

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Cc: The Honourable Rob Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca
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The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
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Abram Benedict, Ontario Regional Chief (ORC) for the Chiefs of Ontario,
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October 28, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: East Gwillimbury's Opposition to the *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*.

For your information and records, at its meeting of Municipal Council held on October 21, 2025, the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

WHEREAS on April 17, 2025, the Government of Ontario brought forth Bill 5: "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy", a broad omnibus legislation that introduces sweeping changes to multiple environmental and planning statutes, including the Environmental Assessment Act, Endangered Species Act, Ontario Heritage Act, and others; and

WHEREAS this legislation was passed through the legislature in 49 days, thus limiting opportunities to provide feedback; and

WHEREAS Bill 5 received Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS the "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy" Act, 2025 enables the creation of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), which allow the provincial cabinet to exempt projects from compliance with municipal bylaws, environmental protections, and Indigenous consultation obligations; and

WHEREAS lands under protection through various provisions, such as the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Greenbelt Protected Countryside, constitute 83% of the total EG area, which makes EG relevant in environmental stewardship for the Region and the Province; and

WHEREAS the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan are foundational to protecting the ecological and hydrological integrity of the region, and the provisions in the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 directly conflict with the objectives of these plans; and

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WHEREAS in alignment with the 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan, EG Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2023 and approved the EG's Thinking Green Environmental Strategy in 2024, highlighting EG's commitments and efforts to preserve and restore the environment as EG grows; and

WHEREAS the Town of East Gwillimbury achieved 92% of its 2024 housing target, regardless of current environmental provisions, demonstrating that promoting sustainable growth is not only responsible but necessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges the stated goals of economic growth and development in the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, but expresses serious concerns with the Act as it interferes with local planning, limits public consultation, is inconsistent with the principles of free, prior and informed consent in consultation processes with Indigenous communities, and weakens protections to heritage and species, and formally opposes the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 in its current form; and

THAT Council endorses the position of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in requesting that municipalities be included in the development of any regulatory frameworks related to Special Economic Zones; and

THAT Council directs staff to submit this resolution to:

- *The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario*
- *The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- *The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*
- *The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs, President of the Treasury Board, and MPP for York-Simcoe*
- *The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)*
- *All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration*
- *The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)*
- *Donna Big Canoe, Chief of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation*
- *Abram Benedict, Ontario Regional Chief (ORC) for the Chiefs of Ontario; and*

THAT Council encourages residents to contact their MPPs to express concerns about the impacts of the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, on local governance, environmental protection, and Indigenous rights..

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

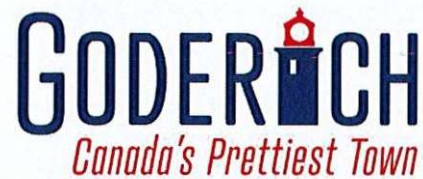


Amanda McNeil, Hon. B.A., M.M.St.
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Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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SENT VIA EMAIL: jlabonte@wawa.cc

RE: Endorsement of the Municipality of Wawa's Resolution – Accessible and Effective Alcohol Container Return System in Ontario

Dear J. Labonte,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, November 10, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding the Accessible and Effective Alcohol Container Return System in Ontario

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,

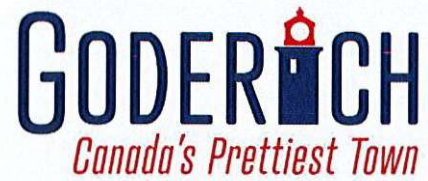
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Resolution # RC25170	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>L. K. Opato</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced new regulations, effective January 1, 2026, requiring grocery stores with over 4,000 square feet of retail space to accept empty alcohol containers and return deposits as a condition of maintaining their liquor licenses; and

WHEREAS many large retailers have raised concerns about this obligation due to logistical challenges, including costs, space limitations, and insufficient infrastructure to manage high volumes of returned containers and local residents in Wawa are very upset that there will be no location in the community or area accepting empty alcohol containers; and

WHEREAS this change may negatively impact vulnerable populations, including low-income individuals who depend on bottle returns as a modest yet vital source of income and will increase the amount of waste being dumped at the municipal landfill; and

WHEREAS the ongoing privatization and deregulation of Ontario's previously effective bottle return program threaten to undermine decades of progress in sustainable waste management, environmental stewardship, and circular economy practices; and

WHEREAS the lack of a clear, accessible, and equitable alternative for recycling alcohol containers may place additional strain on municipal waste systems and contribute to increased environmental degradation;



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the development of an accessible, province-wide, and publicly accountable alcohol container return system that:

1. Protects low-income earners and vulnerable residents who rely on bottle returns;
2. Closes gaps in the deposit-return cycle to reduce landfill waste and environmental harm;
3. Provides adequate infrastructure, training, and support to retailers participating in the return system;
4. Ensures strong, consistent enforcement and oversight of return program compliance;
5. Safeguards the public interest in recycling and waste diversion amid increasing privatization pressures;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the Government of Ontario to collaborate meaningfully with municipalities, retailers, environmental organizations, and experts to implement a fair, effective, and inclusive solution that ensures the long-term success of Ontario's deposit-return and recycling systems;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their support and consideration.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

This document is available in alternate formats.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Resolution # RC25121	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>

WHEREAS The Beer Store has closed more than 70 of its store locations across the Province since the Ford Government made the decision to end its exclusivity agreement with The Beer Store and allowed other locations like convenience and grocery stores to sell beer, wine and mixed alcoholic drinks; and

WHEREAS many of the retail stores being closed are in small, northern communities such as Chapleau, Atikokan, Powassan and Blind River where The Beer Store is very important to the local community; and

WHEREAS the presence of The Beer Store in Northern Ontario communities and in Wawa, provides good paying jobs, convenient access to beer sales for tourists looking to purchase a variety of Canadian made beer products not carried in other locations and contributes to the local and provincial economy; and

WHEREAS The Beer Store closure in Wawa would lead to job losses in the community and negatively impact the local economy;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Municipality of Wawa request that the Provincial Government take the steps necessary to preserve the presence of The Beer Store in small, rural and northern communities and that it request that The Beer Store reconsider its decision to close additional Beer Stores in Ontario, especially in small, northern communities.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy the Minister of Finance, Honourable Victor Fedeli the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Bill Rosenberg the M.P.P. Algoma-Manitoulin, FONOM, NOMA, and AMO.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED		MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED		Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED		Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)		Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED		Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN		Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

October 17, 2025

The Beer Store
Corporate Office | 2258 Coleraine Drive
Bolton, ON L7E 3A9

Attention: Roy Benin

Dear Mr. Benin.

The closing of The Beer Store is the final nail in the coffin for those of us in the town of Wawa who are interested in our environment and recycling. I am not a consumer of alcohol, but since 1992, I have picked up the sad, abandoned packaging others have thrown out on the sides of our roads.

As a volunteer, I have cleaned our outdoors of trash by the truckloads and most of it was made up of beer and wine containers. Having a European background and knowing that even pop cans have a deposit of 10 cents on them there, it is with tears in my eyes that I see the loss of a place to turn in recyclables.

I fought the bureaucracy, wrote to companies and ministers about the abuse of our environment and the renewable resources until finally a deposit was established here in Ontario. The program encourages people to turn in their recyclables rather than putting them in the landfill and the pennies add up.

Here in the north, we live in an "untouched" wilderness and try to promote this for tourism, hunting, and fishing. Often, one of the first stops in town is The Beer Store. Why is this now closed when the nearest store is over 200 km away and there is now no place to accept the empties? Our grocery store had beer and wine when that program was first introduced, but has now cut back as they don't want to accept the recyclables. The one convenience store is also not set up for recyclables and doesn't carry the selection of products The Beer Store did.

So, while it is still possible to purchase a limited selection in our town, the loss of the recycling program affects us deeply. Many organizations, such as skating clubs, hockey teams, Boy Scouts/Girl Guides and even retirees profit from the deposit through bottle drives. These assist the community and keep our outdoors clean to benefit the environment as well. Cans and bottles do not disintegrate in the outdoors. To the contrary, broken glass hurts people and wildlife both. Why are we going backwards on this important recycling project? Why are we in the North forgotten.

We will be drowning in beer cans without a recycling program. What is the solution? Please find one as it is you and this government that have made these changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karin Grundt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karin Grundt
Garbologist
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Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Aaron Watt
Deputy Clerk
Tay Valley Township
217 Harper Road
Perth, Ontario
K7H 3C6

SENT VIA EMAIL: deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

RE: Endorsement of Tay Valley Township's Resolution – Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario

Dear A. Watt,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, November 10, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Thompson
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel
That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from Tay Valley Township,
regarding Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario.

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,

Amanda Banting

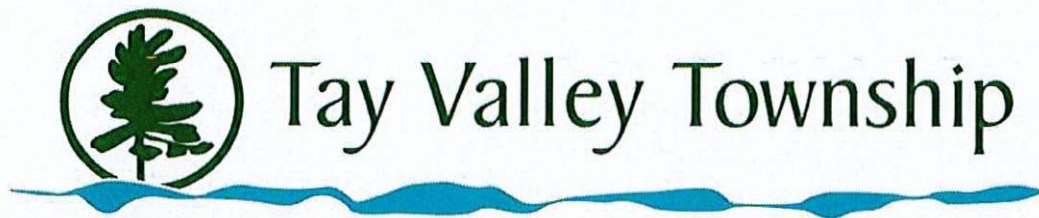
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Cc: Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party, mstiles-gp@ndp.on.ca
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Enclosed: Resolution – Municipality of Tweed – Collaboration Action Sustainable Waste
Management in Ontario



October 24, 2025

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

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

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

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

RESOLUTION #C-2025-10-22

MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie

SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADOPTED

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

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

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



Saugeen First Nation #29

Administration

November 17, 2025

Municipality of Calvin
1355 Peddlers Drive, R.R.#2
Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0
Mayor Richard Gould
mayor.gould@calvintownship.ca

Attention: Mayor Richard Gould

Dear Mayor Gould

Re: Saugeen First Nation's child wellbeing law, *Zaag'idiwin*, brought into force on November 17, 2025

On behalf of Saugeen First Nation, I write to advise that Saugeen's child wellbeing law, *Zaag'idiwin*, has come into force today, effective November 17, 2025.

Children and families are at the core of who we are as Anishinaabeg and our most valuable resource, and it is our collective responsibility to care for each other. We have known for generations the harm that colonial child welfare laws and practices inflict on our children, families, and community. We know that we, as Anishinaabeg, are the best people to care for and make decisions for our Abinodjiaag and Ishkiniigjig (children and youth). We know that it is only through the rejection of colonial law and the renewed exercise of our laws that we can achieve our goal of a strong and healthy community. *Zaag'idiwin* is an expression of our inherent jurisdiction and legislative authority over child and family services for Saugeen children, youth, and families.

By operation of s. 21(1) of *An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families*, S.C. 2019, c. 24 (the "**Federal Act**"), *Zaag'idiwin* has come into force today with the force of federal law. In practical terms, this means that *Zaag'idiwin* governs the delivery of child and family services to Abinodjiaag, Ishkiniigjig, and their families. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between Saugeen's law and the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act*, 2017, S.O. 2017, c. 14, Saugeen's law will prevail to the extent of that conflict or inconsistency.

To facilitate this transition, Saugeen has established its own agency, *Zaag'idiwin Ngodoodegizwin Dibendaagizwin Naaknigewin* ("***Zaag'idiwin Naaknigewin***"), dedicated to delivering child and family services to Saugeen children, youth, and families. We are working collaboratively with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, directors of child welfare and child protection service agencies from across Ontario to transfer all responsibilities for these services in a safe and supported manner over the next few months.

An essential part of a smooth, safe, and effective transition of jurisdiction is awareness of, education on, and cooperation with *Zaag'idiwin Naaknigewin*. Accordingly, we request that you work to raise awareness within the Municipality of Calvin and your employees with respect to Saugeen's jurisdiction over its children and families. This education should include employee's obligations with respect to Saugeen children and youth, including reporting obligations and coordination with *Zaag'idiwin Naaknigewin*. Further, we request that you consider impacts on school district services.

Please find attached to this letter, a one-pager on *Zaag'idiwin* that can be circulated amongst your employees and network. We would be pleased discuss opportunities for Saugeen to support the Municipality of Calvin in any awareness, education, and training initiatives.

Should you have any questions, or wish to schedule a time to learn more about *Zaag'idiwin* and jurisdiction, please do not hesitate to contact me (conrad.ritchie@saugeen.org), *Zaag'idiwin*

Naaknigewin's Executive Director, Audra Root (audra.root@zaagidiwin.ca), or our legal counsel, Katherine Hensel (khensel@foglers.com).

We thank you for your attention to this important matter and look forward to your response.

Yours truly,



Ogima Conrad Ritchie
Saugeen First Nation

cc. Audra Root, Executive Director, Zaag'idiwin Naaknigewin, audra.root@zaagidiwin.ca
Katherine Hensel, Legal Counsel, khensel@foglers.com.





Saugeen First Nation #29

Saugeen First Nation is reclaiming and asserting its inherent jurisdiction and legislative authority to look after its children, youth, and families through its child wellbeing law, *Zaag'idiwin*.

The law, brought into force on November 17, 2025, reflects Saugeen's authority to serve and govern its citizens, and also has the force of law as federal law, as set out in Canada's *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families*. After a brief period of transition over the next few months, Saugeen will be exclusively responsible for delivering services for Abinodjiiag, Ishkiniigjig (children and youth), and their families.

***Zaag'idiwin*:**

- applies to any Abinodjiiag, Ishkiniigjig, and their families, which includes any person with at least one grandparent eligible to be registered at Saugeen First Nation;
- will displace Ontario's *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017*, after a short transition period (ending in early 2026);
- establishes an agency, *Zaag'idiwin Ngodoodegizwin Dibendaagizwin Naaknigewin* ("***Zaag'idiwin Ngodoodegizwin***"), to deliver services under the law;
- places families at the centre of decision-making where the safety of Abinodjiiag and Ishkiniigjig is concerned;
- delivers wraparound services to Abinodjiiag, Ishkiniigjig, and their families;
- is grounded in support and respect for family decision-making and connection to family, culture, and the land; and
- imposes a "duty to report" and a "duty to help" vulnerable Abinodjiiag, Ishkiniigjig, and families, to *Zaag'idiwin Naaknigewin*, where Abinodjiiag, Ishkiniigjig are being harmed or are at risk of harm.

Saugeen and *Zaag'idiwin Ngodoodegizwin* will be working with other service providers through communications, education, training, and the development of protocols to support this transition period and coordination of service delivery going forward. Outreach to, and engagement with, service providers with respect to *Zaag'idiwin* is ongoing. In the meantime, please note that:

Programs, services and supports to Abinodjiiag, Ishkiniigjig, and families will be administered and delivered by Saugeen's child and family wellbeing agency, *Zaag'idiwin Ngodoodegizwin*

Any person up to and including the age of 29 with at least one grandparent eligible to be registered at Saugeen First Nation is entitled to receive services from *Zaag'idiwin Ngodoodegizwin*

Where there are safety concerns involving an Abinodjiiag or Ishkiniigjig, please contact *Zaag'idiwin Ngodoodegizwin* at:
1-844-747-5500
THIS IS A 24-HOUR LINE

A copy of *Zaag'idiwin* can be accessed at
www.saugeenfirstnation.com

Any questions about *Zaag'idiwin* can be directed to info@zaagidiwin.ca.