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**APPROVAL
OF
PREVIOUS
MEETING
MINUTES**



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Date: September 22, 2026

Time: 6:00pm

1355 Peddlers Drive, Calvin, ON

Attendance: Deputy Mayor Moreton, Councillors Grant, Latimer, Manson,

Staff: CAO A Carr and Deputy Clerk T Araujo.

Regrets: Mayor Gould

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution Number: 2026-330

Moved By: Councillor Grant

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this September 22nd Regular Meeting of Council be called to order @6:01 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Moreton who indicates that Mayor Gould has submitted his regrets and is unable to attend this meeting, and that quorum has been achieved.

Result: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution Number: 2026-331

Moved By: Councillor Latimer

Seconded By: Councillor Grant

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby approves the agenda as circulated.

Result: Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST - NONE

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Resolution Number: 2026-332

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Grant

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of September 08th, be approved as presented and circulated.

Result: Carried

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL - NONE

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS - NONE

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

Resolution Number: 2026-333

Moved By: Councillor Grant

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

7.1 Review and Reform of Provincial Offences System

7.2 NBPSDHU Minutes

7.3 Resolution 2026-168 Tick Borne Diseases

7.4 Puslinch 2026-255 TAMPO Newsletter July 2026

7.5 2026 Bonfield Public Library minutes September 14, 2026

7.6 Township of Puslinch 2026-254 Support for Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques

7.7 2026-09-09 North Huron Council Letter - Upcoming Mandated Conservation Authority Amalgamation

7.8 Request for Traffic Calming and Speed Mitigation Techniques

7.9 Support for Sustainable and Predictable Operating Funding for Ontario's Public Libraries

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council members for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin acknowledge receiving and reviewing the Consent Agenda Items presented in this meeting's package and of those received and reviewed, move the following forward for staff to make a report at a future meeting by the end of the year, 7.1 Review and Reform of Provincial Offences System.

Result: Carried

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

8.1 Calvin Connects 2026 renewal to September 2027

Resolution Number: 2026-334

Moved By: Councillor Latimer

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin received a renewal request from Tanya Harris who represents Calvin Connects, for the use of the Calvin Community Center without charge for the purpose of community events;

AND WHEREAS Calvin Connects is an independent volunteer organization and is not affiliated directly with the Municipality or its council;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin approves of the renewal of the request for the use of the Municipal Community Center with the following conditions:

1. Events hosted by Calvin Connects to be held while serving alcohol require licences and or permits and or insurance and these events will be treated separately from any approval of the free use of the Community Center;
2. Calvin Connects and the staff of the Municipality of Calvin will communicate to each other in advance of booking the Community Center to ensure no overlap for use of the hall occurs to ensure planned events for both parties do not conflict,
3. That the Municipality of Calvin has permission from Calvin Connects to promote the activities for the community through its website, social media and or newsletters with material provided by Calvin Connects,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Calvin approves the renewal of Calvin Connects use of the Community Center with the above conditions.

Result: Carried

8.2 CAO Report 2026-29 Municipal Accountability Act, 2026-Provincial Code of Conduct

Resolution Number: 2026-335

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Grant

WHEREAS the Honourable Robert Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has requested feedback from heads of Council, including input from members of Council, to inform the development of regulations under the Municipal Accountability Act, 2026 regarding the Provincial Code of Conduct for Council;

AND WHEREAS the comment period on Ontario's Regulatory Registry is open until October 2, 2026;

AND WHEREAS the proposed regulations are anticipated to come into effect on November 15, 2026, aligning with the start of the new municipal council term;

AND WHEREAS section 4.1 of By-Law 2026-13, being the Procedural By-Law, requires the CAO to administer the Code of Conduct to the newly elected Council at the First Meeting, which may be inconsistent with the new Provincial Code of Conduct framework requiring the Integrity Commissioner to provide education and training to Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin suspend the portion of section 4.1 of By-Law 2026-13 requiring the CAO to administer the Code of Conduct at the First Meeting of Council;

AND THAT the Provincial Code of Conduct be administered to the newly elected Council on November 17, 2026 at 1:00pm by the Integrity Commissioner as legislated.

Result: Carried

8.3 By-Law 2026-53 Appointment of CBO-Cohen Lamarche

By-Law 2026-53

Resolution Number: 2026-336

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Latimer

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Calvin deems it expedient to enact by-law 2026-53 to "Being a By-Law to appoint Cohen Lamarche as Chief Building Official and Building Inspector and Property Standards By-Law Officer to Enforce the Building Code Act Within the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin"

AND WHEREAS the Township of Papineau Cameron and the Township of Mattawan have an agreement for the shared service of such services and that the current appointee will be retiring on November 27, 2026;

AND FURTHERMORE By-Law 2026-53 come into force and effect immediately upon its signing and approval of the Council's of the Township of Papineau Cameron, the Township of Mattawan and the Municipality of Calvin, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED.

Result: Carried

9. AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

Resolution Number: 2026-337

Moved By: Councillor Grant

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

9.1 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority – Councillor Moreton

9.2 East Nipissing Planning Board- Councillor Grant, Mayor Gould

9.3 Physician Recruitment -Mayor Gould

9.4 Mattawa Regional Police Services Board -Councillor Grant

9.5 Canadian Ecology Centre - Mayor Gould

9.6 Cassellholme Exit Strategy- Mayor Gould

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

Result: Carried

10. CLOSED MEETING – NONE

11. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

By-Law # 2026-54

Resolution Number: 2026-338

Moved By: Councillor Grant

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2026-54 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be approved.

Result: Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: 2026-339

Moved By: Councillor Latimer

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin now be adjourned @6:24 p.m.

Result: Carried

5. DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

PRESENTATION TO

TANYA HARRIS
CALVIN CONNECTS

6.

**BUSINESS
ARISING
FROM
PREVIOUS
COUNCIL
MEETINGS**



THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

REPORT TO COUNCIL FROM CAO

6.1

To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Report for Provincial Offences Act and the Administrative Monetary Penalty System
Author: Ann Carr, CAO, Clerk Treasurer
Date: October 13, 2026
Report No.: CAO-Report 2026-31

Purpose:

To explain the difference between issuing a fine into the Provincial Offences Office and the Administrative Monetary Penalty System and how it will affect the Municipality of Calvin if the Province removes by-law fines to be heard in the courts.

Background and Analysis

When an individual violates a Provincial statute or municipal by-law, the current judicial system treats it as an "offence" to be prosecuted under the Provincial Offences Act (POA).

Although Provincial offences are not crimes, the process for fighting them in court often mirrors the criminal trial process, which is designed to emphasize the seriousness of an offence and to protect defendants from being unfairly punished. Like the criminal court process, the process for dealing with these matters requires significant court and law enforcement resources, which are paid for by Ontario and municipal taxpayers - resources that could be redirected to other needs including lawyers' fees to protect the Municipality's interest in the fine.

The complexity of the current system may also pose barriers to meaningful access to justice. Those who wish to dispute Provincial offence charges may find that the cost, length of time involved, formality and inconvenience of the court process are significant deterrents to fighting a ticket.

To help build a system that is effective, simpler, faster, less expensive - but still fair - for all Ontarians, the Province has given the ability for municipalities to establish Administrative Monetary Penalty systems (AMP) for select infractions of Provincial statutes and municipal by-laws. The most serious Provincial matters would continue to be prosecuted as offences in the Ontario Court of Justice.

An AMP system has the potential to be a more appropriate and accessible way to deal with certain matters under the Provincial Offences Act. It may also meet ratepayers' expectation of electronic access to modern public services.

In addition, most POA trials - even for minor traffic offences - require the in-person participation of a Justice of the Peace or Judge, a prosecutor and the officer who laid the charge. POA trials are therefore often scheduled months in advance, extending the public's waiting times to resolve their cases and tying up valuable court resources that could be used for more serious, including criminal matters.

Justices of Peace and prosecutors also perform critical functions in the criminal justice system. Addressing the less complex, straightforward Provincial and municipal matters, which are not criminal in nature, through a civil process would not only be more proportionate to the seriousness of the majority of these infractions but would also allow the Ontario Court of Justice to focus its resources on the large number of criminal cases heard each year.

Other key costs associated with POA trials include the attendance of enforcement officers as witnesses and courtroom facilities. An AMP system would not require most of these resources and their associated costs.



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About Administrative Monetary Penalties

Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) are a civil (rather than quasi-criminal) mechanism for enforcing compliance with regulatory requirements. They are an effective, quick, clear and tangible way for regulators to respond to infractions of the law. In practice, a monetary penalty is assessed and imposed in the form of a notice with a prescribed date and time for payment. While monetary penalties do not lead to convictions or pose a risk of imprisonment, administrative decisions may still be made (e.g., demerit points, driver license suspensions, collect like property taxes).

AMPs are imposed without a court hearing, as such other protections are put in place (e.g., unbiased decision maker, right to be heard) to ensure that the process for imposing a penalty is fair and in accordance with the principles of natural justice. AMP systems have been upheld by the courts as appropriate for matters under Provincial control.

AMP systems are becoming widely accepted as the modern approach to regulation in Ontario, across Canada and around the world. There is a growing belief that using AMPs for straightforward infractions which are currently prosecuted as Provincial offences more accurately reflects their regulatory nature, while also distinguishing them from criminal offences.

In Ontario, AMPs exist for many non-criminal violations of the law, including violations of energy licences, environmental damages and unfair insurance practices, among others. They are also being applied to parking infractions in several municipalities, including Oshawa, Brampton, Mississauga, and Windsor. Their uptake by other municipalities as a method to enforce local bylaws is increasing.

The Administrative Monetary Penalties system is an emerging approach to dealing with minor bylaw infractions in a manner that is fair, effective and efficient. The Penalty Notice is issued by a Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer to an individual when they have committed a bylaw infraction. A Penalty Notice is the same as a "ticket" except that it requires payment of a penalty instead of a fine.

An AMP system transfers bylaw disputes from the courtroom to the municipality through the use of a Screening and a Hearing Officer. The Screening and Hearing Officer is able to modify, cancel, or affirm penalties. This approach aids in reducing congestion in the courts as well as providing a more local and accessible dispute resolution system for the public.

Penalty Notices issued under an AMP do not cost more than traditional fines. However, in certain cases, additional administrative fees may be applied to the original penalty amount. For instance, additional administrative fees are applied to late payments, the failure to attend a scheduled review with a Screening or Hearing Officer, and Ministry of Transportation (M.T.O.) searches.

Ontario is not the only jurisdiction in Canada to explore the use of AMPs. This is a relatively new concept taking shape in both British Columbia and Alberta. Like Ontario, both jurisdictions currently resolve traffic offences in Provincial courts that are designed for prosecuting serious cases. Alberta claims that this practice has become expensive, intimidating and confusing to taxpayers.

Proportionality is an important consideration in exploring an AMP system. Proportionality means that the public resources allocated to resolving a dispute are justified by, and do not exceed what would be appropriate for, the severity of that dispute. The costliest procedures should be reserved for the most serious disputes. This concept has been supported in civil law all the way up to the Supreme Court of Canada.



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The introduction of an Administrative Monetary Penalties system will bring many benefits to the Municipality and to the Public. All matters can be decided at the Municipal Level without the need to attend the Court. Administrative Penalties can be paid at the Municipal Office, in person, or by mail. Disputes are also handled at the local level, and decisions are made at the local level. There is the option to Appeal the “final” decision to Divisional Court if warranted.

With the implementation of an Administrative Penalty program, those properties that are found to be in violation of a By-law can be made more accountable, and any penalties not paid within the time frame allowed can be added to the property taxes on the Property and eliminating costly collection procedures.

An AMP may be applied when there is clear evidence that a “party” is not complying with a bylaw.

Thus, AMPs complement existing compliance tools that are available to officials. Slightly below prosecutions are administrative actions such as revoking or suspending a licence in cases where a licence is required to engage in a particular activity. As a result, these tools are generally only used for more serious violations. In addition, both tools involve relatively expensive and time-consuming court or tribunal proceedings. At the low end of the spectrum, examples of educational approaches include providing written information to a violator regarding their compliance with the law and sending materials to a sector on new regulatory or by-law requirements.

Legislation:

Municipal Act 2001

Administrative Penalties

Administrative penalties

434.1 (1) Without limiting sections 9, 10 and 11, a municipality may require a person, subject to such conditions as the municipality considers appropriate, to pay an administrative penalty if the municipality is satisfied that the person has failed to comply with a by-law of the municipality passed under this Act. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 75.

Purpose of administrative penalties

(2) The purpose of a system of administrative penalties established by a municipality under this section shall be to assist the municipality in promoting compliance with its by-laws. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 75.

Monetary limit

(3) The amount of an administrative penalty established by a municipality,
(a) shall not be punitive in nature; and
(b) shall not exceed the amount reasonably required to promote compliance with a by-law of the municipality. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 75.

Effect on offences

(4) If a person is required by a municipality to pay an administrative penalty under subsection (1) in respect of a contravention, the person shall not be charged with an offence in respect of the same contravention. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 75.



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Regulations

(5) The Minister may make regulations providing for any matters which, in the Minister's opinion, are necessary or desirable for the purposes of this section, including,

- (a) granting a municipality powers with respect to requiring that persons pay administrative penalties and with respect to other matters necessary for a system of administrative penalties;
- (b) imposing conditions and limitations on a municipality's powers with respect to administrative penalties. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 75.

Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Debt

434.2 (1) An administrative penalty imposed by a municipality on a person under section 434.1 constitutes a debt of the person to the municipality. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 75.

Amount owing added to tax roll

(2) If an administrative penalty imposed under section 434.1 is not paid within 15 days after the day that it becomes due and payable, the treasurer of a local municipality may, and upon the request of its upper-tier municipality, if any, shall, add the administrative penalty to the tax roll for any property in the local municipality for which all of the owners are responsible for paying the administrative penalty, and collect it in the same manner as municipal taxes. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 75.

Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)

Authority to establish limitation period re s. 223.9 or 223.10

434.3 (1) A municipality may pass a by-law providing that no proceeding in respect of an offence under a by-law relating to a matter described in section 223.9 or 223.10 shall be commenced more than two years after the time when the subject-matter of the proceeding arose. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 76.



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Comparison of AMP and POA Enforcement

Feature	Administrative Monetary Penalty System	Provincial Offences Act
Legal character	Civil and administrative compliance process.	Quasi-criminal prosecution of an offence.
How the matter begins	A municipal official issues a penalty notice under a designated by-law.	An enforcement officer commences proceeding by offence notice, certificate or information.
Decision-maker	A screening officer conducts the first review; an independent hearing officer conducts a further review where requested.	A justice of the peace or judge decides a disputed matter in the Ontario Court of Justice.
Result	A monetary penalty may be confirmed, varied or cancelled. There is no conviction.	The charge may be withdrawn, dismissed or result in a conviction and court-imposed fine or other authorized consequence.
Procedure	Municipally administered and generally less formal, subject to notice, impartial review and an opportunity to be heard.	Formal statutory court process, including pleas, disclosure, evidence, trial and sentencing rules.
Review or appeal	Internal screening and hearing reviews apply. A final administrative decision may be challenged through judicial review where legally available.	Reopening and appeal rights are governed by the POA.
Collection	The unpaid penalty is a debt to the municipality and may be collected through authorized municipal mechanisms, including addition to the tax roll where legislation permits.	Unpaid fines are collected through the provincial offences court framework and may trigger statutory enforcement consequences.
Best suited to	High-volume, straightforward and lower-severity contraventions for which administrative penalties are legally authorized.	Serious, complex or contested matters require prosecution and the full court process.

Advantages of an Administrative Monetary Penalty System

AMPS can resolve routine by-law matters more quickly and locally, reduce reliance on court time, and offer residents a less formal review process. It gives the municipality greater control over scheduling, service standards, payment options and digital access. Screening officers may confirm, vary or cancel a penalty within the authority granted by the governing by-law, allowing proportionate outcomes. The system can also improve collection of unpaid amounts and create better administrative data about repeat violations and compliance trends.

Disadvantages and Risks of an Administrative Monetary Penalty System

AMPS transfers work and cost from the court system to the municipality. Implementation requires enabling and designation by-laws, policies, forms, technology, staff training, public communications, records management, collection procedures, and qualified screening and hearing officers. A small municipality may face significant start-up costs and insufficient volume to achieve savings unless services are shared or contracted.

Because the municipality administers the process, perceived or actual conflicts of interest must be addressed through structural independence, appointment criteria, codes of conduct and transparent reasons for decisions. Inconsistent enforcement, poorly drafted procedures or inadequate notice can create fairness concerns and expose decisions to judicial review.



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AMPS are not suitable or legally available for every contravention. More serious, complex or public-interest matters may still require prosecution. Administrative penalties must promote compliance and must not be punitive or exceed the amount reasonably required for that purpose.

WHEREAS Council directed the CAO to provide a report to provide information about the consequence of the review of the Provincial Offences Act brought forward by the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Offences Act is considering not allowing fines from by-law enforcement to enter the justice system to eliminate the cost and burden to the courts;

AND WHEREAS Municipality's would be placed in the position of using the Administrative Monetary Penalty System as provided for in the Municipal Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Calvin will wait for more information regarding the reform of the Provincial Offences Act before actioning letters of support on the subject matter .

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Carr, Dipl.MA
CAO, Clerk-Treasurer



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September 2, 2026

Premier's Office
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford

RE: Review and Reform of Provincial Offences System

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on September 2nd, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Huron OPP Detachment Board.

Resolution No: 2026-09-02-05
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

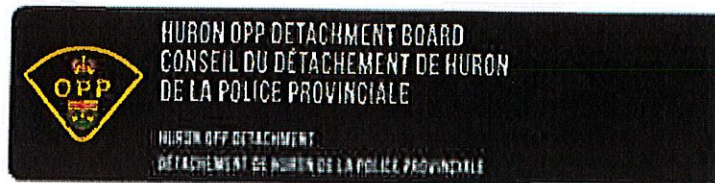
"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Huron OPP Detachment Board's resolution regarding an appeal to the Attorney General of Ontario for a Review and Reform of Provincial Offences System.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP, AMO, ROMA, all Police Service Boards, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



July 21, 2026

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

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

**Re: Letter of Support – Appeal to Attorney General of Ontario for Review
and Reform of Provincial Offences System**

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Please be advised that the Huron OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution at their July 20, 2026, Meeting:

Resolution: 37-2026

Moved by: Member Lamport

Seconded by: Member Anderson

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's May 26, 2026 correspondence regarding Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques; and

That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster
Administrator (Municipality of South Huron)
Huron OPP Detachment Board
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519-235-0310 extension 232

Encl.

cc:

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MP for Huron-Bruce, Ben Lobb; ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca

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All Ontario Police Service Boards

All municipalities in Ontario

7.

**CONSENT
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September 15, 2026

The Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta,
Minister of Long-Term Care
Sixth Floor, 400 University Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1S5

Transmitted by email: lrcminister@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Kusendova-Bashta,

We are writing to you out of serious concern regarding the use of funds, including funds entrusted to it by your Ministry for the benefit of its residents, by the Board of Management for the District of Nipissing East that operates the District long-term care home Cassellholme (the Cassellholme Board of Management).

As you are aware, corporate directors have a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of the organization and to ensure that its resources are used appropriately. We are deeply concerned that the Board of Management has spent tens of thousands of dollars on legal and other efforts, to pursue what amounts to a hostile takeover of Castle Arms, an independent, seniors' non-profit housing charity, rather than for the benefit of Cassellholme residents.

On multiple occasions, the Board of Management has engaged legal counsel to challenge or pressure the Board of Castle Arms to accede to the takeover. It has brought a motion before North Bay City Council concerning the governance of Castle Arms and has engaged counsel in connection with complaints made to the City of North Bay Integrity Commissioner. Those complaints were against North Bay Councillors who questioned the Board of Management's actions and expenditures.

The Integrity Commissioner has stated clearly that "Cassellholme has no statutory right to appoint members of the board of directors of Castle Arms." Despite this finding, Cassellholme has now engaged new counsel and is once again threatening litigation. This

represents the third attempt to pressure the Castle Arms Board to relinquish control to Cassellholme, despite the absence of any identified legal authority giving the Cassellholme Board of Management that right.

These actions have consequences beyond the legal costs themselves. Castle Arms is being forced to divert funds that should otherwise be directed toward our seniors. We have also been forced to put a planned 24-unit addition on hold. Financing for the project cannot proceed while the organization is facing the uncertainty created by the threat of litigation.

The Board of Management has also terminated an agreement between the Cassellholme Board of Management and Castle Arms that would have allowed Castle Arms to repurpose a building left over from Cassellholme's current redevelopment project. Castle Arms was prepared to pay Cassellholme more than \$1 million for the building and develop 34 assisted-living units. Cassellholme has neither a current plan nor the demonstrated capacity to proceed with this project.

The result is significant: 34 assisted-living beds that could have been created will not proceed, while more than \$1 million in potential value has been lost to Cassellholme. We believe this decision warrants serious scrutiny considering the Board's obligation to act in the best interests of Cassellholme and its residents.

The Cassellholme Board of Management has also removed Councillors King and Mayne from the Board, reportedly because they questioned expenditures that they believed were not benefiting Cassellholme residents. We are concerned about both the process followed and the apparent consequences faced by directors who questioned these expenditures.

Taken together, these actions raise serious questions about the governance of the Cassellholme Board of Management, the use of funds entrusted to it, and its priorities.

We have seen no reasonable explanation for the continued focus on Castle Arms other than what appears to be a personal dispute involving certain Board of Management members and Jamie Lowery, former CEO of Cassellholme and a current North Bay Councillor. Regardless of the origins of this dispute, it should not be permitted to consume resources that are entrusted to Cassellholme for the benefit of its residents, nor interfere with the provision of much-needed seniors' housing and care in our community.

Of particular concern is the role of Cassellholme's two public appointees, Dave Mendicino, Chair of the Board of Management, and James Bruce. As provincial appointees, their conduct and oversight of these matters warrant particular scrutiny.

We believe these circumstances warrant an independent review by your Ministry of the decisions, expenditures and governance processes described above, with a particular

focus on whether the actions taken are consistent with the Board of Management's fiduciary and statutory obligations to Cassellholme and its residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L Fuld". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "L" being large and stylized.

Lawrence Fuld
Chairman of the Board
Castle Arms Non-Profit Apartment Corporation



7.2

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 – 110

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: September 15, 2026

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: _____

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound supports the Township of Tudor & Casher's resolution regarding a request for review of extended producer responsibility for one-pound single-use propane cylinders; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Medical Officer of Health Update

Health and social service organizations across the districts are finding it harder to make ends meet. In this environment of fiscal restraint, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) is exploring how we might collaborate with partners to make public dollars go further while staying true to our mandate and strategic priorities.

Some of the ideas being explored with community partners include staff secondments to organizations whose work complements our own, as well as opportunities for community use of Health Unit spaces, such as meeting rooms or unused blocks of time in clinical areas. Below are two examples of recent collaborations:

Strengthening Partnerships and Community-Based Health Promotion

West Parry Sound OHT Work Assignment

The purpose of the Community Health Promoter (CHP) assignment with the West Parry Sound Ontario Health Team (WPS OHT) is to support WPS OHT priorities through a health promotion, community engagement, knowledge translation, and partnership approach.

The CHP assignment currently supports initiatives related to Alternate Level of Care (ALC) prevention and reduction, patient and community engagement, and knowledge translation of system and community partners.

This assignment has:

- Allowed for integration of Health Unit and OHT goals, including a focus on older adults, frailty and community service awareness.
- Offered the opportunity to support rapid literature reviews of evidence that will be of benefit to the Health Unit as well as the OHT, including how best to reach adults living in rural communities with health information.

- Built and strengthened relationships with community partners across sectors
- Allow for community engagement and relationship building among partners, municipalities, and primary care.
- Led to insights into planning for future program activities that could overlap between OHT and NBPSDHU goals.

North Bay Indigenous Hub Secondment

A Registered Dietitian (RD) secondment at the North Bay Indigenous Hub (NBIH) began in mid-May and has offered an opportunity to strengthen relationships between the NBIH and the Health Unit over the past months. Highlights of the role include the opportunity to connect internal staff at NBIH with internal staff at the Health Unit, as well as enhancing the seconded RD's knowledge of cultural safety practices. These learnings can be disseminated within the Health Unit as applicable. The opportunity to work with NBIH staff to co-create and deliver health promotion workshops for community members in a wholistic way has benefitted both Indigenous clients and the partnership between organizations.

Seasonal Respiratory Vaccines

The Health Unit is gearing up to offer seasonal immunization clinics for the general public and high-risk groups across the districts, providing convenient opportunities for people of all ages to protect themselves against respiratory viruses. These clinics will also help improve access to immunization for individuals who may face barriers to receiving vaccines through primary care or pharmacy settings. Together with community partners, the Health Unit continues to explore opportunities to make immunization services more accessible to individuals who may face barriers to accessing traditional vaccination services in the community.

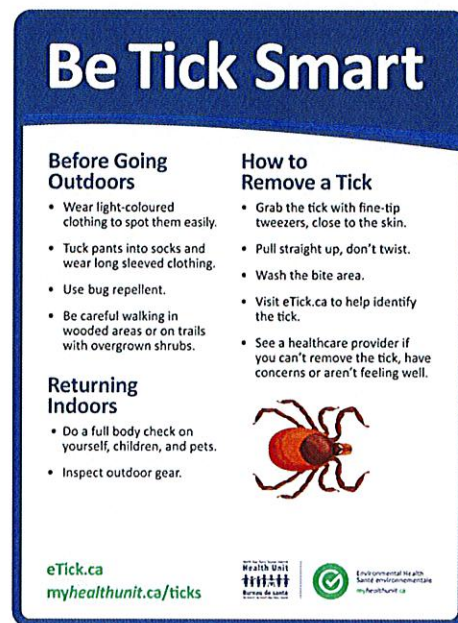
Sexual Health

In response to increasing rates of gonorrhea infections across the district, a public health bulletin was distributed in August to health care providers. The bulletin highlighted the rise

in cases, encouraged testing of all relevant exposed body sites, and raised awareness that gonorrhea treatment is available at no cost through the Health Unit. Public messaging has also been enhanced through social media and other communication channels to promote sexual health services and increase awareness of testing and treatment options.

Ticks

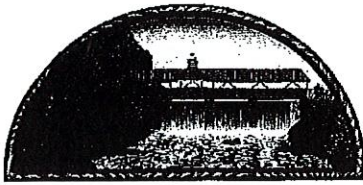
New Tick Smart signs have been developed by the Environmental Health program to display information to the public on how to protect against ticks, check for ticks, and how to remove ticks. In partnership with Mattawa Conservation Authority the signs are being installed at Conservation Authority trails across our district.



Early Childhood Development

The Health Unit is the “backbone” organization for The Basics movement in Nipissing and Parry Sound districts. This movement creates a community ecosystem to support parents and caregivers in promoting early learning and brain development through five evidence-based, simple principles. Monthly family activity calendars based on The Basics principles have been developed and are now distributed through HBHC home visits, EarlyON Child

and Family Centres, and social media channels, providing families with practical ways to support healthy child development through everyday interactions and routines.



The Municipality of the
VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

Moved By: RB Date: September 15, 2026

Seconded By: NK Resolution # 2026-256

Be it resolved;

WHEREAS public libraries provide essential services including literacy, education, technology access, employment resources, and community programming;

AND WHEREAS the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library serves the residents of the Village of Burk's Fall and surrounding communities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial funding received by the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library has remained at \$13,914 annually since 1990, despite significant increases in the cost of providing library services;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Burk's Falls contribution to library services has increased from \$11,788.00 in 2001 to \$64,738 in 2026, placing an increasing financial burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries have called for increased and sustainable provincial funding for public libraries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls petitions the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, to substantially increase and provide sustainable, predictable operating funding for Ontario's public libraries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Library Association (OLA), and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) for their support and advocacy;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to municipalities across Ontario for their consideration and support.

Recorded Vote requested by: _____

Ryan Baptiste	for / opposed
Ashley Brandt	for / opposed
Sean Cotton	for / opposed
Chris Hope	for / opposed
Nancy Kyte	for / opposed

Carried

Defeated

Deferred

Pecuniary Interest declared by:

Mayor



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September 24, 2026

Re: Request for the Expansion of Ontario's Deposit-Return Program

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, passed the following resolution that was included in the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting from August 31, 2026:

10.2 Request for the Expansion of Ontario's Deposit-Return Program

(Cassar/Hwang)

WHEREAS, Ontario operates a successful deposit-return system for alcohol, seeing an average of 75 percent of all empties returned to Beer Stores each year, and deposit-return provides a consumer incentive to consciously recycle;

WHEREAS, Ontario has the lowest beverage container recovery rate in Canada—at roughly 50% of containers being recycled, and is one of only two provinces in Canada without a deposit-return program for non-alcoholic beverages;

WHEREAS, on average these systems in other provinces achieve a recovery rate of 75% for plastic bottles and 78% for all beverage containers, with Alberta achieving 83% recovery;

WHEREAS, Ontario relies on a residential-only blue box system to collect non-alcoholic containers;

WHEREAS, as much as 30% of beverage products that consumers purchase are consumed away from home and therefore disposed of in public and commercial trash bins and then sent to landfill where those valuable materials are lost;

WHEREAS, according to the Canadian Beverage Association (CBA), recent polling suggests 80% of Ontarians want a deposit-return system and the Ontario government proposed expanding the deposit return program to include non-alcoholic containers in 2023;

WHEREAS, not only do deposit-return systems have high return rates for consumers at home, they also retrieve beverage containers from industrial, commercial and institutional sectors who are incentivized to redeem the deposit value;

WHEREAS, Ontario is uniquely positioned to accelerate the modernization of beverage container recycling since a deposit-return program for alcohol containers, managed by the Beer Store, already exists and could be leveraged for this purpose;

WHEREAS, time is of the essence as Beer Stores are closing, reducing accessibility to locations already outfitted to return beverage containers, and diminishing collection capacity;

WHEREAS, the Government has set 2030 recovery targets, as outlined in Ontario Regulation 391/21 under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016. These targets include an 80% recovery target for non-alcoholic beverage containers;

WHEREAS, without a deposit-return system, the increased costs to producers could be passed on to consumers;

WHEREAS, AMO "supports broader industry efforts to increase waste diversion rates. This includes industry efforts to establish a model for an expanded and more effective Deposit Return System that includes non-alcoholic beverage containers. A workable solution to reform the existing Deposit Return System will help boost the province's beverage recovery rate and support overall diversion of recycling materials away from landfills.";

WHEREAS, the Canadian Beverage Association is in full support of a deposit-return system because according to the CBA the transition to Circular Materials has not resulted in an increase in materials being recycled, and a deposit-return system promotes higher recycling rates, reduces litter and environmental impact, and helps ensure valuable beverage containers are collected, recycled, and reintegrated into a circular economy; and

WHEREAS, Peel Region, City of Toronto, City of Ottawa, the City of Waterloo and Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (of which Hamilton is a member) have passed recent motions supporting deposit-return for non-alcoholic beverages.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Corporation of the City of Hamilton urges the province of Ontario to immediately implement a deposit-return program to manage non-alcoholic beverage containers; and
- (b) That this resolution will **be distributed** to: the Canadian Minister of Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy, Dominic LeBlanc, the Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Julie Dabrusin, the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Victor Fedeli; the Ontario Minister of the Environment,

Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, Hamilton-area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Trennum', with a stylized, cursive script.

Matthew Trennum
City Clerk

Cc. Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy
Hon. Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Jeff Beattie, MPP, Hamilton East - Stoney Creek
Robin Lennox, MPP, Hamilton Centre
Monica Ciriello, MPP, Hamilton Mountain
Donna Skelly, MPP, Flamborough - Glanbrook
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities
Councillor Craig Cassar
Councillor Tammy Hwang

September 22, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Province of Ontario
The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health, Government of Canada
The Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response and
MPP for Simcoe North
Adam Chambers, MP for Simcoe North

**Re: Support for Continued Research, Clinical Guidance, and Access to Care for
Individuals Experiencing Persistent Lyme-Related Illness**

At its meeting held on September 14, 2026, the Council of the Township of Ramara adopted the following resolution regarding persistent Lyme-related illness and access to care. Council respectfully requests your consideration and support of this resolution.

Resolution Number CR.221.2026

Moved by Jennifer Fisher
Seconded by Joe Gough

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a growing public health concern in Ontario and across Canada due to the expanding range of tick populations and increasing incidence of tick-borne illnesses;

AND WHEREAS early diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease are essential to reducing the risk of long-term health complications;

AND WHEREAS some individuals continue to experience persistent, debilitating symptoms following recommended treatment for Lyme disease, significantly affecting their quality of life, ability to work, and overall well-being;

AND WHEREAS Lyme disease is recognized and insured under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP), but Canada has not adopted a nationally accepted clinical definition of "chronic Lyme disease," and current Canadian clinical guidance instead recognizes Post-Treatment Lyme Disease Syndrome (PTLDS);

AND WHEREAS the absence of a nationally accepted definition for persistent Lyme-related illness may contribute to inconsistencies in diagnosis, treatment options, physician education, access to care, and publicly funded services for affected patients;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have an interest in advocating for equitable access to healthcare services that improve the health and well-being of their residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ramara calls upon the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to collaborate with medical experts, researchers, healthcare providers, and patient representatives to:

- Continue research into persistent symptoms following Lyme disease and emerging evidence related to long-term outcomes;
- Review existing clinical guidance as new scientific evidence becomes available;
- Enhance physician education and awareness regarding the diagnosis and management of patients experiencing persistent Lyme-related symptoms;
- Improve access to multidisciplinary assessment and care for individuals experiencing ongoing symptoms following Lyme disease; and
- Review current funding policies and access to medically necessary diagnostics and treatments, where supported by emerging evidence and best clinical practice;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council requests the Province of Ontario advocate to the Government of Canada for continued national leadership in developing evidence-informed guidance on persistent Lyme-related illness;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to request support from:

- Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Province of Ontario;
- Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health, Government of Canada;
- Public Health Agency of Canada;
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
- Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response and MPP for Simcoe North;
- Adam Chambers, MP for Simcoe North; and
- All Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED.

The Township of Ramara respectfully requests your support for this resolution.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Harrington
Assistant Clerk

Cc. Public Health Agency of Canada
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Bcc. All Ontario Municipalities



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THE WEEKEND

Participate in workshops, science presentations, eco-grief support and so much more, with a host of guest experts, professionals and community supporters

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October 22nd to 25th



- Citizen Science days: Oct 22/23
- Weekend Retreat: Oct 23-25
- Saturday Afternoon Only: Oct 24



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September 25, 2026

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

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

RE: OPP 2027 Policing Costs

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their September 21, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

Motion: 367-2026

Moved: W. McLeod-Haggitt

Seconded: T. Oke

**Whereas the Municipality of South Huron is policed by the Ontario Provincial Police and has budgeted \$2,140,181 for its 2026 annual OPP policing contract; and
Whereas this represents approximately 15% of South Huron's 2026 tax levy supported operating costs; and**

Whereas the Municipality has received correspondence dated August 14, 2026 from the Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General, advising that for the 2027 calendar year no OPP-policed municipality will experience an increase of more than 11% in its total amount payable for OPP policing compared with 2026, excluding services separately acquired through an agreement with the OPP; and

Whereas a projected increase of 11% in 2027 would result in an additional municipal cost of up to \$235,420 increasing South Huron's annual OPP cost to as much as \$2,375,601; and

Whereas this projected increase in 2027 would result in annual OPP policing costs changing significantly over the past two years, with total costs rising from 2025 to 2027 by approximately \$447,510, or 23%, placing sustained pressure on the Municipality's property tax supported operating budget; and

Whereas municipalities must balance legislated infrastructure, service-delivery, affordability and fiscal-responsibility obligations, while having limited revenue tools and a primary reliance on property taxation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of South Huron:

- 1. Acknowledges the Province of Ontario's action to limit the 2027 OPP municipal policing cost increase to no more than 11%;**
- 2. Expresses concern that an increase of up to 11% in a single year remains significant for small and rural municipalities and is not, by itself, a sustainable long-term solution;**
- 3. Requests that the Province of Ontario establish a permanent, transparent and sustainable multi-year framework for OPP municipal policing costs that :**
 - includes a reasonable and predictable maximum annual increase in municipal OPP policing costs, taking into consideration municipal revenue growth, inflation, assessment growth, population growth, fiscal capacity and the affordability impacts on local property taxpayers, including cost of living; and,**
 - that municipalities receive a clear and itemized annual explanation of changes to their OPP policing costs, including, where applicable, changes attributable to staffing levels, salaries, benefits, calls for service, time standards, fleet, accommodation, support services, detachment administration and other provincial cost allocations; and**
 - that the permanent framework recognize the limited fiscal capacity of small, rural and OPP-policed municipalities and ensure that municipal policing cost increases do not disproportionately affect property taxpayers or compromise the municipality's ability to deliver other essential services and infrastructure; and**
 - that the Province recognize that municipalities have limited ability to control policing costs arising from provincial legislation, regulatory, staffing, compensation, collective bargaining, operational or policy decisions and that the Province provide appropriate provincial funding or cost-sharing where significant policing cost pressures arise primarily from such provincial decisions; and**
- 4. that this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario; the Solicitor General; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MPP Lisa Thompson; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; all Ontario municipalities policed by the OPP; and the Huron OPP Detachment Board.**

Disposition: Carried



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Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Municipality of South Huron

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Encl.

cc: Minister.solgen@ontario.ca ; minister.mah@ontario.ca ; lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org
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policed by OPP.



Staff Memo

To: South Huron Council
From: Rebekah Msuya-Collison, CAO
Date: September 21, 2026
Re: 2027 OPP Policing Costs – Request for Resolution expressing Concerns

Purpose:

For information and consideration.

Background and Analysis:

Council received correspondence from the Ministry of Solicitor General at the September 8, 2026 Council meeting regarding the 2027 OPP Municipal Policing Costs. Council passed the following resolution:

“That a staff memo be brought back to the September 21, 2026 Council meeting with a proposed resolution regarding concerns to the proposed increase in OPP municipal policing costs.”

Please see attached draft resolution regarding concerns to the proposed increase in OPP municipal policing costs.

Link to Correspondence - [Ministry of Solicitor General - 2027 OPP Municipal Policing Costs](#)

Resolution: Sustainable and Predictable OPP Municipal Policing Costs

Whereas the Municipality of South Huron is policed by the Ontario Provincial Police and has budgeted \$2,140,181 for its 2026 annual OPP policing contract; and

Whereas this represents approximately 15% of South Huron's 2026 tax levy supported operating costs; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of South Huron:

1. Acknowledges the Province of Ontario's action to limit the 2027 OPP municipal policing cost increase to no more than 11%;
2. Expresses concern that an increase of up to 11% in a single year remains significant for small and rural municipalities and is not, by itself, a sustainable long-term solution;
3. Requests that the Province of Ontario establish a permanent, transparent and sustainable multi-year framework for OPP municipal policing costs that:
 - limits year-over-year municipal cost increases to a level aligned with municipal revenue growth and affordability;
 - clearly identifies the cost drivers behind annual changes, including salaries, benefits, fleet, accommodation, detachment administration, calls for service and other provincial cost allocations;

- recognizes the limited fiscal capacity of small, rural and OPP-policed municipalities; and
 - considers enhanced provincial funding or cost-sharing for provincially directed policing cost pressures;
4. Directs that this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario; the Solicitor General; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MPP Lisa Thompson; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; all Ontario municipalities policed by the OPP; and the Huron OPP Detachment Board.

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

Hello,

In follow up to the August 28 email, please find the **DNSSAB's September Highlights** email here.

- **2027 Budget Issues:** The DNSSAB's 2027 Budget Issues Report was presented to DNSSAB's Finance and Administration Committee this month: [2027 Preliminary Budget Issues Report](#)
- **Reserves:** DNSSAB's annual report on reserves can be found here: [2024 Reserves Report](#)

Coordinated Services

- **24/7 Shelter and Housing supports:** The low-barrier shelter has expanded at the 590 Chippewa Street site in North Bay, with daytime programming space now available.





- **Homelessness Outreach and Program Engagement (HOPE) Update:** An update on the directly delivered outreach team is here: [Homelessness Outreach & Program Engagement Update](#)
- **Northern Pines:** DNSSAB has updated its website to highlight the 60 units of transitional and supportive housing at Northern Pines in North Bay: [DNSSAB | Northern Pines](#)
- **Northern Pines Phase 3 RAAM Clinic:** Services will begin on October 1. Sessions will initially occur bi-weekly, with the schedule being evaluated and increased as needed.

Paramedic Services

- **Off-Road Response Vehicle Trailer:** Photos of the trailer are below.



Best regards, and never hesitate to reach out,



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

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September 30, 2026

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**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 22, 2026
Report No. CS26-022 - Cannabis Retail Review Task Force - Findings and
Recommendations**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 22, 2026, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

1. That **Report No. CS26-022** be received; and
2. That the Local Actions set out in the Recommendations section of the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be implemented; and
3. That the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be circulated to York Regional Police, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario for consideration and support.

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

Sincerely,

Anne Kantharajah

Anne Kantharajah
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

AK/lb

Attachments (Council meeting extract and final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force)

Copy: Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
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Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
(michael.parsaco@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (resolutions@amo.on.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities



8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 8, 2026

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 8, 2026, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.4.1, 8.4.2, and 8.9.1, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.4 Corporate Services Committee Agenda

8.4.4 CS26-022 - Cannabis Retail Review Task Force - Findings and Recommendations

1. That Report No. CS26-022 be received; and
2. That the Local Actions set out in the Recommendations section of the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be implemented; and
3. That the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be circulated to York Regional Police, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario for consideration and support.

Carried

Cannabis Retail Review Task Force

Final Findings and Recommendations

August 27, 2026

1. Purpose

The Cannabis Retail Review Task Force was established by Council to review the Town of Aurora's experience since opting in to Ontario's retail cannabis framework and to report back to Council with findings and recommendations.

The Task Force reviewed the provincial regulatory framework, previous Council decisions and reports, information from Town staff and York Regional Police, enforcement and complaint information, community concerns, the experience of neighbouring residents and businesses, and feedback received through the 2026 Cannabis Retail Review Survey.

The Task Force recognizes that legal cannabis retailers are legitimate businesses operating within a provincially regulated framework. The purpose of this review is not to reconsider the legalization of cannabis or Aurora's decision to opt in, but to determine what has been learned from Aurora's experience and identify opportunities to better address community impacts.

2. Background

Aurora Council opted in to permit private cannabis retail stores on January 21, 2019.

At the same time, Council recognized potential concerns regarding the location and concentration of cannabis retail stores and requested that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario consider additional location restrictions.

Specifically, Council requested:

- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores and specified sensitive uses, including daycares, nurseries, parks, group homes, addiction and

counselling facilities, recreation facilities, the Aurora Public Library, Town Hall and similar public gathering uses.

Despite Council's request, these additional criteria were not adopted by the AGCO.

The Province currently requires a 150-metre separation from schools and private schools. Municipalities do not have authority to license private cannabis retailers or regulate cannabis retail as a separate land use. Cannabis stores are otherwise subject to the same applicable municipal zoning requirements as other permitted retail uses.

The Town's 2023 Retail Cannabis Update subsequently confirmed that the number or proximity of cannabis stores is not an objectionable criterion under the provincial framework and that municipalities have no control over their locations beyond the zoning requirements applicable to retail uses generally.

3. Community Survey

Council authorized a Cannabis Retail Review Survey to provide the Task Force with current community feedback.

The survey was conducted from July 14 to August 9, 2026 and was promoted through Town communication channels.

The survey received:

- 479 visits; and
- 154 completed responses.

The survey should be considered an important source of community feedback rather than a statistically representative referendum of all Aurora residents.

Overall, the survey indicates that the principal concern among respondents is not simply the existence of legal cannabis retail stores. Concerns are more strongly associated with:

- The number of cannabis retail stores;
- Concentration and clustering;
- Store locations;
- Proximity to sensitive uses;

- Youth exposure; and
- Neighbourhood impacts.

The Task Force also recognizes that a segment of respondents supports cannabis retail and considers these businesses legitimate and appropriately regulated retail operations.

These results generally reinforce the location and concentration concerns identified by Aurora Council when it opted in to cannabis retail in 2019.

4. Task Force Findings

Finding 1: Cannabis retail has not created a significant town-wide enforcement problem

The available information does not demonstrate widespread public safety, crime or municipal enforcement problems associated with cannabis retail stores across Aurora.

Town staff have historically reported relatively few complaints associated with legal cannabis retailers, and proactive By-law inspections conducted in March 2026 did not identify violations.

The Task Force therefore does not find evidence supporting a conclusion that cannabis retail stores, as a class of business, represent a significant town-wide enforcement problem.

Finding 2: Town-wide statistics do not necessarily reflect localized impacts

While aggregate complaint and enforcement numbers are relatively low, the Task Force heard concerns regarding impacts experienced by residents and businesses neighbouring certain cannabis retail locations.

Issues identified during the Task Force's work included:

- Litter and discarded cannabis packaging;

- Parking;
- Signage;
- Patron behaviour;
- Loitering or prolonged gathering;
- Neighbourhood compatibility; and
- Other nuisance and quality-of-life concerns.

The Task Force finds that a relatively small number of locations can generate significant impacts for immediate neighbours without producing large town-wide complaint statistics.

Accordingly, aggregate complaint data should not be the sole measure used to determine whether a localized problem exists.

Finding 3: Location and concentration are central concerns

The Task Force finds that one of the most consistent concerns is the location and concentration of cannabis retail stores rather than the existence of legal cannabis retail itself.

This finding is reinforced by the 2026 community survey, which identified the perceived number, concentration and location of stores as primary concerns.

The existing provincial framework provides Aurora with little ability to address these concerns.

Finding 4: Aurora anticipated these concerns in 2019

The Task Force finds it significant that Aurora Council identified location and concentration as potential concerns before cannabis retail stores began operating in the Town.

Council's 2019 request for:

- 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- 150-metre separation from specified sensitive uses

was intended to provide reasonable safeguards while allowing legal cannabis retail businesses to operate in Aurora.

Seven years of experience and the results of the 2026 review demonstrate that many of the concerns identified by Council in 2019 remain relevant.

Finding 5: The provincial framework significantly limits municipal control

The Task Force finds that there is a significant gap between municipal responsibility for responding to community concerns and municipal authority to prevent or address the underlying location issues.

Aurora can enforce generally applicable municipal bylaws, including parking, signage and property-related regulations.

However, Aurora cannot:

- License cannabis retail stores;
- Regulate cannabis retail as a separate land use;
- Establish cannabis-specific zoning;
- Establish mandatory separation distances between cannabis stores; or
- Establish additional cannabis-specific setbacks from sensitive uses.

The ultimate authority respecting retail cannabis authorizations rests with the Province through the AGCO.

Finding 6: Localized problems require targeted responses

Given the relatively low level of town-wide complaints but more significant concerns associated with particular locations, the Task Force finds that targeted intervention is preferable to blanket enforcement.

Where persistent problems are identified, the Town should coordinate available resources and work with retailers, property owners, neighbouring businesses, residents, By-law Services, YRP and the AGCO, as appropriate, to address the specific circumstances.

Finding 7: Residents need clearer information about where and how to report concerns

Responsibility for cannabis-related concerns is divided among several organizations.

Depending upon the issue, residents may need to contact:

- Town of Aurora By-law Services;
- York Regional Police;
- The AGCO;
- York Region; or
- A property owner or business operator.

The Task Force finds that clearer public information would improve reporting, allow concerns to be directed to the appropriate authority and improve the quality of information available for future monitoring.

5. Recommendations

The Cannabis Retail Review Task Force recommends that Council endorse the following actions.

A. Local Actions

1. Improve public information and reporting

That the Town develop clear public information identifying where residents and businesses should report cannabis retail concerns, including the respective responsibilities of the Town, AGCO, York Regional Police and other appropriate agencies.

2. Establish a targeted response approach

That where recurring concerns are identified around a cannabis retail location, appropriate Town departments coordinate a targeted response using existing municipal

enforcement authorities and engage the retailer, property owner, neighbouring residents and businesses, YRP and AGCO where appropriate.

3. Encourage retailer and property-owner engagement

That the Town encourage cannabis retailers and property owners to proactively address legitimate neighbourhood concerns, including litter, parking, property maintenance and patron behaviour occurring on their properties.

4. Continue monitoring

That the Town periodically monitor cannabis retail-related complaints and enforcement activity to identify emerging trends or recurring locations of concern and report significant developments to Council as appropriate.

B. Provincial Advocacy

5. Reaffirm Aurora's 2019 position

That Council reaffirm its January 21, 2019 position respecting cannabis retail store locations and advocate to the Province of Ontario and the AGCO for implementation of those principles.

Specifically, Aurora should continue to advocate for authority to establish:

- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores and appropriate sensitive uses, including daycares, nurseries, parks, group homes, addiction and counselling facilities, recreation facilities, libraries and other appropriate public gathering places.

6. Provide municipalities greater authority over location and clustering

That Council request that the Province amend the cannabis retail regulatory framework to provide municipalities with meaningful authority to address the location, density and clustering of cannabis retail stores within their communities.

Any expanded municipal authority should allow municipalities to develop locally appropriate standards while maintaining reasonable opportunities for legal cannabis retailers to operate.

7. Strengthen municipal input into AGCO decisions

That Council request that the Province strengthen the municipal role in the AGCO retail store authorization process, including requiring meaningful consideration of municipal concerns regarding location, concentration, sensitive uses and documented community impacts.

8. Review operating conditions where neighbourhood impacts exist

That the Province and AGCO be requested to examine whether additional regulatory tools are appropriate where a cannabis retail operation generates repeated, documented impacts on neighbouring residential or commercial properties, including whether operating conditions or hours may be considered where warranted.

9. Coordinate advocacy with other Ontario municipalities

That Aurora's final Task Force report and Council resolution be forwarded to:

- The Premier of Ontario;
- The appropriate Provincial Ministers;
- The AGCO;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- York Region;
- All Ontario municipalities,

with a request for support for greater municipal authority over cannabis retail location and clustering.

6. Conclusion

Aurora's experience with legal cannabis retail is nuanced.

The Task Force did not find evidence that cannabis retailers generally represent a significant town-wide public safety or enforcement problem. Legal cannabis retailers

are regulated businesses that contribute to Aurora's economy and should be treated fairly.

At the same time, the review demonstrates that legitimate localized impacts can occur and that the current provincial framework leaves municipalities with limited tools to address one of the community's principal concerns: where cannabis stores locate and how closely they may be concentrated.

Importantly, Aurora anticipated these issues in 2019.

When Council opted in to cannabis retail, it supported reasonable separation distances between stores and from sensitive uses. Those recommendations were not incorporated into the provincial framework. The concerns identified through the Task Force's work and the 2026 community survey demonstrate that those principles remain relevant today.

The Task Force therefore recommends a balanced approach.

Locally, Aurora should improve reporting, monitoring, communication and targeted responses where problems occur.

Provincially, Aurora should renew and strengthen its advocacy for the principles Council established in 2019 and request meaningful municipal authority over cannabis retail location, concentration and neighbourhood compatibility.

This approach recognizes cannabis retailers as legitimate businesses while also recognizing the responsibility of municipal government to protect the quality of life of residents and neighbouring businesses.

Councillor John Gallo
Town of Aurora
Cannabis Retail Review Task Force Chair



REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBRARY BOARD, Monday October 5, 2026
365 Hwy 531, Bonfield ON P0H 1E0

PRESENT: Donna Clark, Storme Van Rassel, Leslie Larocque, Britney Morin

STAFF: Holly Brodhagen

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Gail Johnston

- 26-80 Moved by: Storme Van Rassel
THAT the Library Board meeting be opened at 7:02 pm.
Seconded by: Britney Morin
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 26-81 Moved by: Donna Clark
THAT the Library Board regular meeting agenda be approved as prepared.
Seconded by: Storme Van Rassel
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 26-82 Moved by: Britney Morin
THAT the minutes of the Library Board Meeting held September 14, 2026 be adopted as circulated.
Seconded by: Storme Van Rassel
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 26-83 Moved by: Storme Van Rassel
THAT the Bonfield Public Library Board authorizes the transfer of ILL Top up of \$161.00 from the Board Account to the 2026 Operating Library Budget account #1-75-751-732-000 Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Rebate Revenue Account.
Seconded by: Britney Morin
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 26-84 Moved by: Donna Clark
THAT the Bonfield Public Library Board authorizes the transfer of \$150.41 from the Board Account To the 2026 Operating Library Budget Account #1-75-750-577-602 Materials and Supplies for the purchase of a Rolling Library Book Cart.
Seconded by: Britney Morin
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 26-85 Moved by: Britney Morin
THAT reports circulated be approved as presented.
Seconded by: Storme Van Rassel
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 26-86 Moved by: Storme Van Rassel
THAT the Bonfield Public Library Board approves the Occasional Worker job description to be added to the BPL Job Descriptions.
Seconded by: Donna Clark
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 26-87 Moved by: Britney Morin
BE it resolved that the Bonfield Public Library Board accepts Jeannette Shields as a per diem Occasional Worker starting @ \$18.50 pr/hr plus vacation pay.
Seconded by: Storme Van Rassel
Carried: Leslie Larocque



26-88 Moved by: Donna Clark
BE it resolved that the Bonfield Public Library Board approves the successful 6 month review of Hannah (Kai) Church evaluation period as the Circulation Clerk and confirms Hannah (Kai) Church as a permanent member of the staff.

Seconded by: Storme Van Rassel

Carried: Leslie Larocque

26-89 Moved by: Donna Clark
THAT the Library Board hereby proceeds to closed session at 8:07 p.m. for the purpose of: personal matters about an identifiable individual.

Seconded by: Britney Morin

Carried: Leslie Larocque

26-90 Moved by: Donna Clark
THAT the Library Board resumes open session at 8:15 p.m.

Seconded by: Storme Van Rassel

Carried: Leslie Larocque

26-91 Moved by: Storme Van Rassel
BE it resolved that the Bonfield Public Library Board declares the position of Library Assistant vacant and approves the CEO to begin the hiring process.

Seconded by: Britney Morin

Carried: Leslie Larocque

26-92 Moved by: Donna Clark
THAT the Library Board meeting be adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Seconded by: Storme Van Rassel

Carried: Leslie Larocque

Secretary

Chairperson