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From: Vala Monestime Belter <vmb@belterworks.com>
Sent: May 2, 2025 4:21 PM
To: CAO
Cc: Mayor Richard Gould; Gib Wood
Subject: Re: MABDA Business Plan
Attachments: Business Plan - Mattawa River Development Group v2.pdf

Hi Donna

We've updated the business plan. Please find attached Version 2. It has some added information and a couple of corrections. Apologies for this late send, I just realized I hadn't sent it out.

Thanks and have a great weekend.

Vala

From: Gib Wood <gibw@spenergycertified.com>
Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 1:23 PM
To: CAO <CAO@calvintownship.ca>
Cc: Mayor Richard Gould <mayor.gould@calvintownship.ca>, Vala Monestime Belter <vmb@belterworks.com>
Subject: Re: MABDA Business Plan

Mucha appreciated Donna,
Kind regards,

Gib Wood
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On Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 2:21 PM CAO <CAO@calvintownship.ca> wrote:

Hello

Thank you

I will place in the next Council meeting package.

Regards,

Donna

Donna Maitland

CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

Municipality of Calvin

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From: Mayor Richard Gould <mayor.gould@calvintownship.ca>

Sent: April 29, 2025 2:20 PM

To: Gib Wood <gibw@spenergycertified.com>

Cc: CAO <CAO@calvintownship.ca>

Subject: Re: MABDA Business Plan

Hello Gib Wood,

Thank you for the business plan, which I am sending on to our CAO to distribute to the other councillors.

Any decision would have to be made by council and discussed at a future council meeting. I will keep you posted.

Thanks so much for you presentation and information.

Richard.

RICHARD GOULD

MAYOR, CALVIN TOWNSHIP

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From: Gib Wood <gibw@spenergycertified.com>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 7:23 PM
To: Mayor Richard Gould <mayor.gould@calvintownship.ca>
Subject: MABDA Business Plan

Hi Richard,

We presented to the town of Mattawa council this evening and they asked to see our business plan, which we committed to sending them. I thought it only fair that we provide you with a copy as well. Please see the attached document to share with the council, and feel free to provide any questions you or your council may have.

If you could also provide a timeline for a decision, we would be most grateful.

Kind regards,

Gib Wood

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From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
Sent: May 5, 2025 10:12 AM
To: CAO
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Municipal Governance Changes



AMO Policy Update - Municipal Governance Changes

Municipal Codes of Conduct Legislation

AMO welcomes the reintroduction of legislation that responds to the sector's calls for codifying and enforcing higher standards of accountability for elected officials.

Legislation was promised three years ago following an extensive public consultation process that concluded in Fall 2021. If passed and once regulations are finalized, this legislation will largely deliver on those promises by:

- enabling standardization of the municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner investigation processes;
- creating a role for the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario in municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner matters; and
- establishing a mechanism to remove and disqualify from office members of council and certain local boards for the most serious violations.

AMO [wrote to Minister Flack](#) in early April recommending some amendments to the proposed legislation, specifically noting that the consensus threshold for the proposed removal from office is too high and progressive penalties are still needed.

Strong Mayor Powers

The province has proposed [additional strong mayor powers](#) for an additional 169 municipalities. These would come into effect on May 1, 2025. The extension of the additional authority is intended to assist with delivering on provincial priorities, including building more homes, transit and infrastructure across Ontario.

We have heard from members across the province with questions about these new powers and how municipalities can use them responsibly.

Given these powers are new and that the Ministry is best placed to speak to the intention behind these powers, [AMO also wrote to Minister Flack](#) in response to member feedback encouraging the province to provide resources and training for the municipal sector, including elected officials, to help ensure effective implementation of the provincial strong mayor power framework.

As the most trusted order of government, AMO knows municipalities can be counted on to exercise new powers accountably and in the best interests of the public and the communities they serve.

This Policy Update is also available to read on the [AMO Website](#).

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Sent via e-mail to: minister.mah@ontario.ca

April 1, 2025

The Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Flack,

For years, municipalities have called on the province for better tools to codify and enforce higher standards of accountability for elected officials. AMO was pleased to see the government act in December 2024, introducing a bill that reinforced accountability while supporting a safe and respectful work environment for members of council and for municipal staff. We hope to see the government re-introduce legislation on codes of conduct when the legislature is called back in April.

On behalf of Ontario's municipalities, the AMO Board would propose some amendments to the legislation before it is re-introduced.

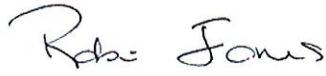
First, we would recommend that the removal from office vote be adjusted from unanimous to a supermajority (2/3 vote). We recognize that a vote to remove an elected municipal official from office is fundamentally different than a regular council vote, but the current proposal sets too high of a threshold and poses equity issues as council sizes vary across the province. In addition, the process already includes significant checks and balances that reduce the need for a unanimous vote, including recommendations for removal from both the local integrity commissioner and the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario.

Second, we would recommend that the legislation include a progressive range of discipline options for integrity commissioners, aligned with what was established under the *Education Act* in 2023. This would provide a standard list of penalties that could be applied apart from removal from office, including censure of a member, barring attendance at meetings, barring a member from sitting on committees, and barring a member from being chair or vice chair of committees.

Once again, AMO commends the government for taking action to address the concerns raised across the sector. Serving our communities in a leadership role is both a privilege and a responsibility.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss this important topic at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

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

Robin Jones
AMO President

cc: The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and
Housing
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent via e-mail to: minister.mah@ontario.ca

May 2, 2025

The Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Flack,

Local governments are a cornerstone of our democratic system: strong, effective and close to the people. The collaborative nature of municipal government has long been a strength of our system. The Government of Ontario has made significant changes to the municipal government framework, powers and processes in the last few years. In some circumstances, strong mayor powers can be a helpful tool to support progress on priorities, including increasing housing supply.

AMO has highlighted concerns with two elements of the strong mayor framework:

- **Majority Rule:** Changes to the Municipal Act that enable mayors to make law with the support of just one third of Council runs counter to fundamental democratic principles.
- **Public Administration:** Powers that enable the head of Council to hire and fire the heads of departments within municipalities and reorganize municipal administration are at odds with good corporate governance practice.

These elements are now law, and municipalities can be counted on to use these powers responsibly and in the public interest.

We have heard from our members that additional resources to support the rollout of this framework are needed. We would encourage the Ministry to consider offering a suite of guidance tools and training opportunities for mayors, councillors, and municipal staff.

Staff from AMO would be happy to meet with your ministry officials to discuss this important topic further.

Sincerely,



Robin Jones
AMO President

- cc. The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
and Housing
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

CAO

From: Joanne Montreuil <admin@mattawan.ca>
Sent: May 9, 2025 2:39 PM
To: Paul Laperriere; Jason McMartin (clerk@papineaucameron.ca); CAO
Subject: Resolution passed at the May 8th Council meeting
Attachments: Resolution 2025-049 Support for the MABTDO.pdf

Good afternoon everyone,

Attached is the resolution that was passed at the May 8th Council meeting supporting the Mattawa Area Business & Tourism Development Organization. I would ask that you forward this resolution to your respective Council members and encourage them to also support this new organization. I'm sure that each of our municipalities will benefit greatly from this group.

Thank you,

JoAnne Montreuil,
Clerk Treasurer,
Municipality of Mattawan

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATTAWAN

DATE

May 8, 2025

Resolution No.

2025 - 049

MOVED BY

Councillor LAHAYE

SECONDED BY

Councillor

EDWARDS

BE IT RESOLVED that

the municipality of Mattawan
will support the MABTO for \$4590.00 for 5
consecutive years for a total of \$22,950.00.
and that JoAnne from Mattawan Township will inform
3 other municipalities

CARRIED

Mayor Peter Murphy

DIVISION VOTE

NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL

YEAS

NAYS

Councillor Bell

Councillor Edwards

Councillor Lahaye

Councillor Lemaire

this proposal
and that
we strongly
hope that
they all
agree.



By-Law Number 2025-23

Being a By-Law to Appoint Chayse Walls as Deputy Fire Chief for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin.

Whereas Section 6(1) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4, provides that a municipality may establish a fire department to provide fire protection services and appoint a fire chief for the department;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin deems it desirable and necessary to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief to assist in the administration and operation of the Fire Department under the direction of the Fire Chief;

And Whereas the Council on the recommendation of the Fire Chief, Jordan Whalley, has selected Chayse Walls as a suitable and qualified individual to fulfill this role retroactively, effective May 5, 2025;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin Enacts as Follows:

That Chayse Walls is hereby appointed to the position of Deputy Fire Chief for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin effective May 5, 2025;

That the Deputy Fire Chief shall perform such duties and responsibilities as outlined in the job description approved by Council as set out in Schedule A of this By-Law, and as assigned by the Fire Chief, and shall act in accordance with all applicable municipal policies, by-laws, and provincial legislation.

That the Deputy Fire Chief shall report to and act under the direction of the Fire Chief, and in their absence, may assume command and responsibilities as required.

That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on this 20th day of May 2025,

Richard Gould, Mayor _____

Donna Maitland, CAO Clerk Treasurer _____



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

SCHEDULE A

BY-LAW NUMBER: 2025-23

Position Title: Deputy Fire Chief

Reports to: Fire Chief

Position Summary

Reporting to the Fire Chief, the Deputy Fire Chief supports the strategic and operational leadership of the Fire Department, assisting in managing firefighting operations, fire prevention programs, training, emergency response coordination, and administrative functions. The Deputy Fire Chief may assume command in the absence of the Fire Chief and plays a key role in supporting department compliance, safety, readiness, and community engagement.

Effective Date: May 5, 2025

Duties and Responsibilities

Key Responsibilities

Leadership & Operational Support

Assist the Fire Chief in overseeing daily operations of the Fire Department, ensuring effective deployment of personnel, equipment, and resources.

Provide direct supervision to officers and firefighters during training, inspections, and emergency responses.

Serve as Acting Fire Chief when required, including during absences or as delegated.

Emergency Response & Incident Command

Respond to major incidents and assume command or support the Fire Chief in the Incident Command System (ICS) structure.

Support coordination with mutual aid partners and other emergency services (EMS, police, provincial agencies) during multi-agency responses.

Ensure preparedness for all hazard types, including fires, hazardous materials incidents, and natural disasters.

Training & Professional Development

Lead the development and delivery of in-house training programs to ensure compliance with the Establishing and Regulation By-law and provincial training standards.

Assist in evaluating and updating training plans, certifications, and readiness of fire department personnel.

Mentor firefighters and officers, fostering professional growth and leadership development.

Fire Prevention, Inspection & Public Education

Support the implementation and administration of fire prevention and public education programs.

Conduct or oversee fire safety inspections and investigations, ensuring compliance with the Ontario Fire Code and Fire Protection and Prevention Act.

Participate in community outreach and fire safety presentations.

Administration & Planning

Assist in the development and management of operational plans, departmental procedures, and internal policies.

Prepare incident reports, training documentation, equipment logs, and administrative correspondence as needed.

Contribute to budget development, procurement planning, and grant applications.

Health, Safety & Wellness

Promote and support a culture of safety and wellness within the department.

Monitor use of PPE, equipment maintenance, and safe work practices.

Assist in the coordination of critical incident stress management (CISM) and mental health supports for staff.

Qualifications

Education and Certifications:

NFPA 1021 Fire Officer 1 and 2, NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level 1 and 2 (or willingness to attain within a specified timeframe).

Valid DZ driver's license (or equivalent).

Certification or experience in fire prevention, inspection, and/or public education considered an asset.

Willingness to obtain appropriate level Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) certification.

Experience:

Minimum 5 years of progressive experience in fire services, including leadership roles.

Demonstrated experience in emergency response, training, and public safety education.

Skills:

Strong leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills.

Ability to lead during high-pressure emergency situations.

Sound knowledge of fire codes, safety legislation, and municipal regulations.

Capable of working both independently and as part of a command team.

Working Conditions

Regular on-call responsibilities and availability for emergency call-outs.

May involve working evenings, weekends, and holidays depending on operational needs.

Exposure to hazardous environments, including fire scenes, emergency incidents, and severe weather conditions.

Additional Requirements

Must reside within a reasonable response time to the fire station (as determined by the municipality).

Must maintain physical fitness and pass medical evaluations as required.

Must continue to pass a background check and provide a clean driver's abstract.

Compensation:

On the recommendation of the Fire Chief and ultimately, as determined by Council and reviewed by them on an annual basis. Pay for the Fire Chief role is outside of the Points System and shall be paid out in two installments annually, and retroactively at the same time as Point System pay is awarded. Points System continues to be in play for regular fire fighting duties.



By-Law Number 2025-25

Being a By-Law to Appoint Orville Keown as Assistant Chief for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin.

Whereas Section 6(1) of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4, provides that a municipality may establish a fire department to provide fire protection services and appoint a Fire Chief for the department;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin deems it desirable and necessary to appoint an Assistant Chief to carry out the role of Deputy Fire Chief in the absence of the Fire Chief, to assist in the administration and operation of the Fire Department and to deliver the department's training program under the direction of the Fire Chief;

And Whereas the Council, on the recommendation of the Fire Chief, Jordan Whalley, has selected Orville Keown as a suitable and qualified individual to fulfill this role retroactively, effective May 5, 2025;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin Enacts as Follows:

That Orville Keowns is hereby appointed to the position of Assistant Chief for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin effective May 5, 2025;

That the Assistant Chief shall perform such duties and responsibilities as outlined in the job description approved by Council as set out in Schedule A of this By-Law, and as assigned by the Fire Chief, and shall act in accordance with all applicable municipal policies, by-laws, and provincial legislation.

That the Assistant Chief shall report to and act under the direction of the Fire Chief, and in their absence, may assume command and responsibilities as required.

That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on this 20th day of May 2025,

Richard Gould, Mayor _____

Donna Maitland, CAO Clerk Treasurer _____



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

SCHEDULE A

Position Title: Assistant Chief

Reports to: Fire Chief

Position Summary

Reporting to the Fire Chief, the Assistant Chief supports the strategic and operational leadership of the Fire Department, assisting in managing firefighting operations, fire prevention programs, training, emergency response coordination, and administrative functions. The Assistant Chief may assume command in the absence of the Deputy Fire Chief and plays a key role in supporting department compliance, safety, readiness, and community engagement. He/She is also responsible for the delivery of departmental training.

Duties and Responsibilities

Key Responsibilities

Leadership & Operational Support

Assist the Fire Chief in overseeing daily operations of the Fire Department, ensuring effective deployment of personnel, equipment, and resources.

Provide direct supervision to officers and firefighters during training, inspections, and emergency responses.

Serve as Acting Deputy Fire Chief when required, including during absences or as delegated.

Emergency Response & Incident Command

Respond to major incidents and assume command or support the Fire Chief in the Incident Command System (ICS) structure.

Support coordination with mutual aid partners and other emergency services (EMS, police, provincial agencies) during multi-agency responses.

Ensure preparedness for all hazard types, including fires, hazardous materials incidents, and natural disasters.

Training & Professional Development

Lead the development and delivery of in-house training programs to ensure compliance with the Establishing and Regulation By-law and provincial training standards.

Assist in evaluating and updating training plans, certifications, and readiness of fire department personnel.

Mentor firefighters and officers, fostering professional growth and leadership development.

Fire Prevention, Inspection & Public Education

Support the implementation and administration of fire prevention and public education programs.

Conduct or oversee fire safety inspections and investigations, ensuring compliance with the Ontario Fire Code and Fire Protection and Prevention Act.

Participate in community outreach and fire safety presentations.

Administration & Planning

Assist in the development and management of operational plans, departmental procedures, and internal policies.

Prepare incident reports, training documentation, equipment logs, and administrative correspondence as needed.

Contribute to budget development, procurement planning, and grant applications.

Health, Safety & Wellness

Promote and support a culture of safety and wellness within the department.

Monitor use of PPE, equipment maintenance, and safe work practices.

Assist in the coordination of critical incident stress management (CISM) and mental health supports for staff.

Training

Responsible for ensuring that all Fire Department personnel are properly trained in fire prevention, fire suppression and emergency response procedures and the proper use of departmental equipment.

Qualifications

Education and Certifications:

NFPA 1021 Fire Officer 1 and 2, NPFA 1001 Firefighter Level 1 and 2 (or willingness to attain within a specified timeframe).

Valid DZ driver's license (or equivalent).

Certification or experience in fire prevention, inspection, and/or public education considered an asset.

Willingness to obtain appropriate level Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) certification.

Experience:

Minimum 5 years of progressive experience in fire services, including leadership roles.

Demonstrated experience in emergency response, training, and public safety education.

Skills:

Strong leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills.

Ability to lead during high-pressure emergency situations.

Sound knowledge of fire codes, safety legislation, and municipal regulations.

Capable of working both independently and as part of a command team.

Working Conditions

Regular on-call responsibilities and availability for emergency call-outs.

May involve working evenings, weekends, and holidays depending on operational needs.

Exposure to hazardous environments, including fire scenes, emergency incidents, and severe weather conditions.

Additional Requirements

Must reside within a reasonable response time to the fire station (as determined by the municipality).

Must maintain physical fitness and pass medical evaluations as required.

Must continue to pass a background check and provide a clean driver's abstract.

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**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS FOR INFORMATION
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CAO

From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
Sent: April 16, 2025 4:47 PM
To: CAO
Subject: AMO Policy Update – AMO responds to the Speech from the Throne and launches health sector survey



AMO Policy Update - AMO responds to the Speech from the Throne and launches health sector survey

AMO Responds to the Speech from the Throne

Yesterday, the Lieutenant Governor delivered the Speech from the Throne, opening the first session of the 44th Parliament of Ontario.

Key commitments relevant to the municipal sector include:

- Removing interprovincial trade barriers to recognize inter-provincial labour force credentials and improve free trade within Canada.
- Advancing mega-projects like pipelines, railways, highways, airports, seaports while at the same time committing to "historic" investments in housing-enabling municipal infrastructure
- Investing in other transportation infrastructure including a tunnel under Highway 401, expanding subway and GO train service, and resuming the Northlander passenger train.
- Introducing new legislation to expedite approvals processes for the Ring of Fire and other areas likely to have multiple critical deposits while building new processing capacity in Northern Ontario.
- Further streamlining environmental assessments and evolving Conservation Authorities' role.
- Investing in energy production, transmission and storage, including new nuclear capacity.

- Working with municipalities to lower Development Charge fees. Also standardizing and increasing transparency in Development Charge fees, study requirements, and Building Code permit approvals.
- Re-introducing encampment legislation and using whatever legal tools might be needed to end encampments.
- Connecting all Ontarians to primary care within the next four years and invest billions in hospital and long-term care expansion.

AMO will continue to closely review all proposed legislation and new government announcements for municipal impacts. In particular, AMO will continue work with the provincial government on key municipal interests, including:

- New investments in municipal infrastructure and social housing as the best ways to stimulate the economy and save Ontario jobs.
- Predictable and sustainable long-term funding sources for municipal infrastructure, including development charges.
- Determining how requirements to use Ontario and Canadian construction materials will impact municipal infrastructure projects.

AMO Launches Municipal Health Survey

Building on the successful release of our homelessness report earlier this year, AMO is continuing to expand our focus on evidence-based advocacy with the launch of a survey to understand the challenges municipalities face around access to health.

We know many municipalities are filling gaps in the health care system with significant investments from the property tax base. To better understand this evolving challenge, AMO is conducting a survey of Ontario municipalities about the specific contributions you are making to health services in your communities.

Heads of Council and municipal treasurers have received an email with more information shortly. The success of the project is dependent upon the gaining insights from all municipalities in Ontario. For more information about the project, please contact Daniela Spagnuolo, Policy Advisor at dspagnuolo@amo.on.ca.

Intake Launch for \$175M Health and Safety Water Program

The province is launching [Health and Safety Water Stream](#) applications on April 17. This infrastructure program aims to address aging water infrastructure and protect communities from extreme weather events. AMO and MOI will be hosting webinar for the municipal sector to support strong applications in the coming weeks. This is one of the few provincial infrastructure programs that focuses on asset renewal.

Ontario Introduces Procurement Restriction Policy

The province has released a [Procurement Restriction Policy](#) which applies to provincial ministries, agencies, Ontario Power Generation, the IESO, and broader public sector organizations subject to the BPS Procurement Directive. This policy requires affected organizations to exclude US businesses from procurements unless the procurement cannot be delayed, and a US business is the only viable source for the good/service. Notably, subsidiaries of US businesses are captured by this policy if they have fewer than 250 full-time employees in Canada.

While this policy does not apply to municipalities, it is responsive to AMO's call for the province to provide clarity on the intent and scope of the province's approach to banning US suppliers from government procurement.

Ontario Introduces Bill 2 – *Protect Ontario Through Free Trade Within Canada Act*

On April 16, Premier Ford was joined by Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston and New Brunswick Premier Susan Holt [to announce the introduction of a bill](#) intended to reduce inter-provincial trade barriers, and make it easier for skilled workers from other provinces to work in Ontario. The proposed legislation would:

- New investments in municipal infrastructure and social housing as the best ways to stimulate the economy and save Ontario jobs.
- Predictable and sustainable long-term funding sources for municipal infrastructure, including development charges.
- Determining how requirements to use Ontario and Canadian construction materials will impact municipal infrastructure projects.

The province will also begin consultations to allow American health professionals such as doctors and nurses to work in Ontario under the same "as of right" rules. As part of the announcement, Minister Fedeli announced a new \$50 million [Ontario Together Trade Fund](#) to help Ontario's businesses re-shore critical supply chains, and develop new markets.

AMO will continue to work closely with the province to ensure that Ontario's residents, communities, and industry leave this time of uncertainty even stronger and more economically resilient.

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX
RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL**

Member Present	YES	NO	DATE: APRIL 23, 2025
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Councillor A. Cornelissen	✓	_____
Councillor C. Daigle	✓	_____
Councillor B. Irwin	✓	_____
Councillor S. Nirta	✓	_____
Deputy Mayor P. Hodgins	✓	_____
Mayor B. Ropp	✓	_____

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

RESULT: Carried

WHEREAS the Province has announced the expansion of strong mayor powers to another 169 municipalities as of May 1, 2025 in addition to the 47 municipalities which currently have received strong mayor powers; and

WHEREAS the Province claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape, and accelerate the delivery of key priorities; and Whereas research from the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has identified that: a) there is no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and b) strong mayor powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and chief administrative officers (CAOs), threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership; and

WHEREAS strong mayor powers is an erosion to the democratic process of an historically non-partisan municipal governance structure;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the North Middlesex hereby resolves to reject the strong mayor powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offer the option to municipalities to opt out of strong mayor powers; and

THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Rob Flack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Steve Pinsonneault, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.



April 24, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Via email: Premier@ontario.ca

At the April 16, 2025 regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Zorra, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS the Ontario government has proposed expanding the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities under the proposed legislation, which would grant mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets and planning decisions;

AND WHEREAS this proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS the proposed expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminishes the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised about the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors are given the ability to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Zorra opposes the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers;

AND THAT the Council formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's proposal to expand Strong Mayor Powers to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability;

AND THAT the Council encourages advocacy for democratic principles and for municipal governance systems that prioritize collaboration, inclusivity, and democratic engagement;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for further action.

Disposition: Carried

Yours truly,

Karen Martin
Clerk
Township of Zorra

25-009

CC: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca
All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) resolutions@amo.on.ca

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The Honorable Doug Ford
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Re: Motion regarding Opposition to Expansion of Strong Mayor Powers

At their Regular Meeting of Council on April 16, 2025, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Ontario government has proposed expanding the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities under the proposed legislation, which would grant mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets and planning decisions;

AND WHEREAS this proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS the proposed expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminishes the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised about the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors are given the ability to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Aylmer opposes the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers;

AND THAT the Council formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's proposal to expand Strong Mayor Powers to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for further action.

Thank you,

Owen Jaggard

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk | Town of Aylmer

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Hon. Rob Flack rob.flack@pc.ola.org

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April 22, 2025

Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
College Park, 17th floor,
777 Bay St.
Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Flack,

On behalf of Council of the Town of Parry Sound, please accept my congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing. It's an important Ministry and we look forward to working with you and Ministry staff.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing provided notice on April 9th that the Ministry was seeking comments regarding its intent to extend strong mayor powers to an additional 169 municipalities, including the Town of Parry Sound. The comment period was open until April 16th. These additional powers are not powers that I as Mayor believe are necessary and do not wish to exercise them. At our April 15th meeting, Council unanimously voted to reject strong mayor powers, request the province to repeal the legislation, or alternatively permit municipalities to opt out.

We were disappointed that there was no previous communication before the April 9th letter, with a comment period of only one week. Contrary to provincial claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape and accelerate the delivery of key priorities, research by the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has found no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and moreover the strong mayor powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) and senior staff, threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership. We have seen very questionable use by mayors with strong mayor powers.

Our public expects a democratic process. Given the overwhelming use of executive orders by the current US President and multiple respected analysts' concerns about the US slipping into authoritarianism, our country and its democratic institutions should be safeguarding these democratic principles that provide accountability to the public and not undermining them.

We encourage the provincial government to repeal this legislation.

Sincerely,

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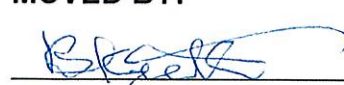

Jamie McGarvey
Mayor, Town of Parry Sound

c.c. Premier Doug Ford
MPP Graydon Smith
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All Ontario Municipalities
Members of Town of Parry Sound Council
CAO Clayton Harris
Clerk Rebecca Johnson



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL**

NO. 2025 – 047

DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: April 15, 2025
Councillor G. ASHFORD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOVED BY: 
Councillor J. BELESKEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor P. BORNEMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SECONDED BY: 
Councillor B. KEITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor D. McCANN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor C. McDONALD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mayor J. McGARVEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Whereas the Province has announced the expansion of strong mayor powers to another 169 municipalities as of May 1, 2025 in addition to the 47 municipalities which currently have received strong mayor powers; and

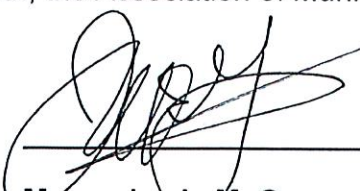
Whereas the Province claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape, and accelerate the delivery of key priorities; and

Whereas research from the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has identified that: a) there is no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and b) strong mayor powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and chief administrative officers (CAOs), threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership; and

Whereas strong mayor powers is an erosion to the democratic process of an historically non-partisan municipal governance structure;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby resolves to reject the strong mayor powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offer the option to municipalities to opt out of strong mayor powers; and

That this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Rob Flack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey

CAO

Subject: FW: Town of Parry Sound response to the expansion of strong mayor powers
Attachments: 2025 04 22 ltr to MMAH re strong mayor powers-C.pdf

From: Rebecca Johnson <rjohnson@parrysound.ca>
Sent: April 22, 2025 11:59 AM
To: Minister (MMAH) <minister.mah@ontario.ca>
Cc: Premier of Ontario | Premier ministre de l'Ontario <premier@ontario.ca>; Smith, Graydon <graydon.smith@pc.ola.org>; James King <james.king@pc.ola.org>; Resolutions @AMO <resolutions@amo.on.ca>; Clayton Harris <charris@parrysound.ca>; Rebecca Johnson <rjohnson@parrysound.ca>; Bonnie Keith <bkeith@parrysound.ca>; Chris McDonald <cmcdonald@parrysound.ca>; George Ashford <gashford@parrysound.ca>; Joe Beleskey <jbeleskey@parrysound.ca>; Paul Borneman <pborneman@parrysound.ca>; Doug McCann <dmccann@parrysound.ca>; Jamie McGarvey <jmcgarvey@parrysound.ca>
Subject: Town of Parry Sound response to the expansion of strong mayor powers

Dear Honourable Minister Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing,

Please find the attached letter and Council resolution from Town of Parry Sound Mayor Jamie McGarvey, responding to the expansion of strong mayor powers.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Johnson
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April 23, 2025

Township of Rideau Lakes
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Sent via email: mtruelove@rideaulakes.ca

Re: Strong Mayor Powers

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed a resolution at its regular session meeting of April 22, 2025 in support of your correspondence regarding Strong Mayor Powers Legislation. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at jwalters@greaternapanee.com if you require any further information with respect to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Jessica Walters
Clerk

cc: Honourable Premier Doug Ford
Honourable Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox and Addington
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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RESOLUTION #194/25 Pinnell Jr., Norrie

That the Town of Greater Napanee sends a letter of support to the Township of Rideau Lakes in regard to their opposition of Ontario Expanding Strong Mayor Powers to 169 Additional Municipalities, and that the Town of Greater Napanee also request to be excluded from the Strong Mayor Powers;

And that a copy of the letter of support be sent to the Honorable Premier Doug Ford, the Honorable MPP Ric Bresee; the Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and support.

For: 5 Opposed: 2 Abstained:0 Absent: 0

CARRIED.

For:

Councillor Schenk, Councillor Hicks, Councillor Pinnell Jr., Councillor Norrie, Councillor Martin

Opposed:

Mayor Richardson, Deputy Mayor Calver



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

April 25, 2025

By Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford

By Email: rob.flack@ontario.ca

Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal
Affairs and Housing

Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, April 22, 2025, passed the following resolution regarding its April 15, 2025 Letter sent to Ontario's Regulatory Registry on the proposed May 1, 2025, expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, a copy of which is enclosed.

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

Motion: RCM - 114/25

Moved by Councillor Alicia Higgison

Seconded by Councillor Tania Jobin

"That the agenda Communication item regarding the Town of Tecumseh and its opposition to the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers **be circulated** to the Premier of Ontario, the local MPPs, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, and all municipalities".

Carried

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's action on the matter.

Yours very truly,

Robert Auger, LLB
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

RA/ja
Attachment

1. Town of Tecumseh Resolution- Strong Mayor Powers dated April 15, 2025
- cc.
- County of Essex
 - Town of Amherstburg
 - Municipality of Lakeshore
 - Municipality of Leamington
 - Town of LaSalle
 - Town of Essex



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

April 15, 2025

Ministry to Municipal Affairs and Housing

Via Email to the Ontario's Regulatory Registry

Re: Letter of Resolution – Proposed May 1, 2025, expansion of Strong Mayor Powers to the Town of Tecumseh

At its April 15, 2025, Special Council meeting called in response to the April 9, 2025, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing news release on the proposal to expand Strong Mayor Powers to 169 additional municipalities, the Council of the Town of Tecumseh provided the following comments with the unanimous passage of the following resolution:

“Motion: SCM – 19/25

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bachetti
Seconded by Councilor Jobin

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through O. Reg. 530/22 under the Municipal Act, 2001, has designated the Town of Tecumseh as a “Strong Mayor” municipality, granting the enhanced powers of Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act to its Head of Council effective May 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing news release announcing the proposal to expand Strong Mayor powers to 169 additional municipalities on April 9, 2025, indicated a one-week consultation deadline for municipal comments on the proposal to be submitted to Ontario's Regulatory Registry by April 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS without the benefit of a more thorough consultation process and suitable period of time for feedback on the proposed expansion of Strong Mayor powers, the proposal is a disservice to the very communities they impact; and

WHEREAS Strong Mayor Powers alter the balance of governance at the local level, undermining the role of our duly elected members of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principles of majority vote and majority rule; and

WHEREAS the Town of Tecumseh has had a long and successful history of local governance based on collaborative and effective leadership built upon a foundation of Council debate and reaching consensus on decisions for its community; and

WHEREAS the Town of Tecumseh being a smaller community, has thrived with these collaborative, transparent, and accountable processes without the need for an expansion of

Strong Mayor Powers in order to serve Provincial Priorities and act in the best interests of its residents; and

WHEREAS given the long history of the Town of Tecumseh as a collaborative Council, the extension of Strong Mayor powers to the Town of Tecumseh may serve to instead counteract the stated purposes of the Strong Mayor Power legislation by disrupting what have been successful democratic processes and by undermining the important role that each Council member provides for its citizens.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Tecumseh Town Council formally opposes the proposed expansion of Strong Mayor Powers as announced on April 9, 2025 and further requests that the proposed amendments to O. Reg 530/22 to expand Strong Mayor Powers to Additional Municipalities NOT include the Town of Tecumseh and respectfully requests that the Town of Tecumseh be removed from the list of municipalities so designated under the Strong Mayor legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon circulation that the Clerk be authorized to send and upload a copy of this resolution together with a letter of resolution to Ontario's Regulatory Registry by the April 16, 2025, deadline for comments on the proposal.

"Carried."

Yours very truly,

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Robert Auger, LL.B.
Director Legislative Services & Clerk



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DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY

Honorable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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April 29, 2025

RE: Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities

Dear Minister Flack,

Thank you for your letter dated April 9, 2025, regarding the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to the Town of Petawawa. Our Council discussed this issue in an open forum at our council meeting on April 23rd and are firmly of the belief that this effort undermines the value of collaboration between the Mayor, Councillors, and Staff. Increasing the powers of the Mayor to push forward Provincial Priorities would eliminate shared decision making, create divisiveness at the council table, and blur the lines between administrative and political roles. Our council believes that this would result in an erosion of the democratic process at the Municipal level, especially in a small city like Petawawa.

Although we don't always agree unanimously on all matters, our council works as a cohesive unit, firmly focused on the goals of advancing and encouraging growth and making our community a wonderful place in which to live and invest. Each of member of council brings their own set of skills, knowledge, values and perspectives to achieve these goals, and has worked extremely well together.

Since it was sworn in, our Council has been collectively focused on advancing provincial priorities by delivering much needed housing, building infrastructure that supports community growth and the construction of new homes, including housing-enabling infrastructure such as water and wastewater. The largest community in Renfrew County, Petawawa has grown significantly over the last decade (roughly 25%) and added a large amount of new housing to meet market demands. In 2024, Petawawa increased the size of its planning department to

reduce permit processing times, 120 new dwellings (Single Family Detached/Row Housing/Multi-family) were constructed, and there are many more dwellings underway:

Structure type	In Pre-Consultation or going through Planning Approvals	Planning Approvals Complete (under construction)
Single Family Detached	533	61
Row Housing	24	96
Apartment	348	60
Additional Residential Unit	0	44
Total Units	905	261

Further to this, Garrison Petawawa and Canadian Nuclear laboratories are reporting that they will need to house 1100 individuals and their families as they expand operations. Based on this need and other factors, our municipality is working with private sector and nonprofit developers to meet the demand for both market and affordable housing. To be forthright, where the municipality needs help the most to support housing development and foster densification is access to additional funding to extend utilities, such as water and wastewater services, to developable lands to meet future growth needs. Petawawa has faced a significant reduction in Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) over the past two fiscal years (\$2.3 million over 2024 and 2025) due to the Business Education Tax discount as well as an annual reduction in Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding over the past decade which has hampered our ability to extend necessary water and wastewater infrastructure vital to delivering new homes. The community's Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding was reduced in 2025 as well.

In closing, our Council requests that the Ontario Government excludes the Town of Petawawa from its proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities, and work with the municipality to identify funding to support expansion of its storm, water and wastewater treatment systems to support future residential and commercial growth. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me through our offices if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Gary Serviss
Mayor of Petawawa

Copied: Doug Ford, Premier
Billy Denault, MPP, Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke

Enc. Resolution – Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the Town of Petawawa



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April 28, 2025

Delivered Electronically

Attn: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Re: Resolution - Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the Town of Petawawa

At its Council-In-Committee meeting on **April 28, 2025**, Petawawa Town Council passed a **Resolution** in response to the Province's recent proposal to designate Petawawa as a "**Strong Mayor**" **municipality**, effective May 1, 2025.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to designate the Town of Petawawa as a "Strong Mayor" community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective May 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,

WHEREAS the Town of Petawawa has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council-debate and shared decision-making; and,

WHEREAS many municipally elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concern regarding the imposition of these powers; and,

WHEREAS the Town of Petawawa did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; and,

WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the Strong Mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Petawawa Town Council formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Town of Petawawa from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial

Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and urge you to respect the democratic wishes of our Council and community.

Sincerely,

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Gary Serviss
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CC:
The Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Regional Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



BY EMAIL

April 28, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford
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Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers: Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22

At its Regular Council Meeting held on April 22, 2025, Council discussed their opposition to the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, as announced on April 9, 2025. Council of the Town of Essex requests that the proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to expand Strong Mayor Powers and duties to additional municipalities not include the Town of Essex.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R25-04-187

Moved By Mayor Bondy
Seconded By Councillor Hammond

Whereas on April 9, 2025, the Government of Ontario (hereafter, the "**Province**"), led by Premier Doug Ford, announced a proposal to expand "Strong Mayor Powers" as provided for by Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, to the heads of council in 169 additional municipalities including the Town of Essex, effective May 1, 2025;

And whereas Strong Mayor Powers erode democratic process and have fundamentally altered the historic model of local governance which has existed for almost two centuries, by:

- Providing the head of council with the authority to give direction and make certain decisions without the usual consensus from a majority of the members of council; and,
- Creating a power imbalance by providing the head of council with special powers that other members do not generally have.



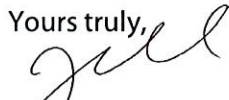
And whereas the Province is undermining the local governance model and municipal independence by attempting to advance its priorities through municipalities, and downloading its responsibilities to the same.

Now there be it resolved that:

- The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex ("**Council**") formally **opposes** the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, as announced on April 9, 2025;
- Council requests that the proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities not include the Town of Essex; and
- Council **directs** the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor Jone, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

We trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,


Joseph Malandruccolo
Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk
jmalandruccolo@essex.ca

cc: Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex
Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West
Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh
Trevor Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington
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April 28, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford:

At the Municipality of Bluewater's regular Council meeting held on April 22, 2025, Council passed the following resolution:

MOVED: Councillor Whetstone **SECONDED:** Councillor Hessel
WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to expand Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities across Ontario, including the Municipality of Bluewater, effective May 1, 2025;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Bluewater is in opposition to the addition of Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of Bluewater, and across the Province;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Ontario Municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support. **CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

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May 1, 2025

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford,

Premier of Ontario

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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Resolution R2025-174 - Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the City of Stratford

At the April 28, 2025, Regular meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution in response to the Province's proposal to designate Stratford as a "Strong Mayor" municipality, effective May 1, 2025.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to designate the City of Stratford as a "Strong Mayor" community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective May 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,

WHEREAS the City of Stratford has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council-debate and shared decision making; and,

WHEREAS many municipally elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concern regarding the imposition of these powers; and,

WHEREAS the City of Stratford did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; and,

WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the Strong Mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Stratford City Council formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the City of Stratford from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Member of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk
City of Stratford

Cc: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth - Wellington
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April 30, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton
bob.bailey@pc.ola.org

Re: Strong Mayor Powers

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming at its Regular Council meeting on April 30th, 2025, passed the following motion:

Motion #14

Moved by Kristen Rodrigues
Seconded by Alex Boughen

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario announced on April 9th, 2025, that it will extend "**Strong Mayor Powers**" to an additional 169 Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Province only accepted comments on the government's intentions until April 16, 2025 with the new powers set to begin on May 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the timeline for feedback from municipal councils was unreasonably short, especially when considering many of the impacted councils generally only meet one to two times monthly, with the added staff time required to prepare reports and provide more detailed information on the impact of the provincial legislation;

AND WHEREAS the intent of the legislation is to build more homes faster, The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), which has been tracking the use of strong mayor powers since they were first introduced in Toronto and Ottawa in 2022, said there is no evidence

to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housings starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers;

AND WHEREAS the new powers include the ability to set budgets, veto bylaws, pass bylaws with just one-third of their council's support, appoint senior civil servants, and solely delegate and oversee the CAO position, which further erodes the lines of an elected official's position and impairs the ability of council to work as a whole on behalf of the community;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the council for the Town of Plympton-Wyoming fully supports the existing electoral process under which the residents duly elected all council members and value a collaborative and council-driven approach to decision making without impairment on any members of council;

AND FURTHER That Council respects the province's intent, but the imposition of Strong Mayor Powers results in an erosion of the democratic process and further deteriorates the promotion of diversity in municipal representation;

AND FURTHER The Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming is formally opposed to the use of Strong Mayor Powers and requests that the province repeal the Strong Mayor Powers Legislation all together as a matter of upholding the democratic rights of all elected officials;

AND FURTHER, that in the absence of a repeal, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council requests that the province allows municipalities the option to formally decline as a matter of record with the province.

Carried.

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



Sincerely,
Dianne Gould-Brown
dgould-brown@plympton-wyoming.ca
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

CAO

From: Sarah Carter <scarter@northperth.ca>
Sent: May 8, 2025 10:55 AM
To: Flack, Rob
Cc: Premier of Ontario | Premier ministre de l'Ontario; resolutions@amo.on.ca; 'Rae, Matthew'
Subject: Letter to MMAH - Request to Remove Strong Mayor Powers
Attachments: Municipality of North Perth - Letter to MMAH, Removal of Strong Mayor Powers.pdf

Good morning,

Please find attached a letter on behalf of the Council of the Municipality of North Perth requesting the removal of strong mayor powers in North Perth.

Thanks

Sarah Carter | Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth | 330 Wallace Ave N., Listowel, ON N4W 1L3
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May 8, 2025

Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of North Perth

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their meeting on April 29, 2025:

Moved by Doug Kellum Seconded by Dave Johnston

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth expresses its desires to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reverse the grant of Strong Mayor Powers to the Municipality of North Perth;

AND THAT: The letter be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Perth Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, Association of Municipality of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of North Perth, please accept this letter as an official request to have strong mayor powers removed from the Municipality of North Perth.

Regards,

Sarah Carter
Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

Enclosure

CC: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Matthew Rae, Perth Wellington MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

CAO

Subject: FW: Minutes
Attachments: 47a Revised By-Laws 25.docx; 2025 d April 14, 2025.docx

From: Bonfield Public Library <bonfieldlibrary@gmail.com>
Sent: April 14, 2025 9:10 PM
To: Andrée Gagné <deputyclerk@bonfieldtownship.com>; CAO <CAO@calvintownship.ca>
Subject: Minutes

Greetings all
Please find attached the April 14, 2025 Library Board Minutes along with the revised By-Laws.
Best Regards
Jeannette

PS: Donna
as of April 14 there were 15 library card memberships issued with Calvin address.

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Bonfield Public Library
365 Highway 531
Bonfield ON P0H 1E0

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BONFIELD
PUBLIC LIBRARY
BY-LAW

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
BY-LAW NO. 98-08**

**Being a by-law to establish the Bonfield Public Library in the
Township of Bonfield and to determine the size, composition and role of the
Bonfield Public Library Board.**

**Whereas the council of the Township of Bonfield hereby establishes a public library in
accordance with Part 1, RSO, 1990, c. P.44, s. 3 of the Public Libraries Act.**

**NOW THEREFORE The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield
ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

Definitions:

**Can define the Bonfield Public Library Board to be hereafter called the “board” in this
document.**

**Can define the Bonfield Public Library to be hereafter called the “Library” in this
document.**

1.0 General Provisions

- 1.1 To be known as The Bonfield Public Library Resource Board is hereby established.
- 1.2 The Bonfield Public Library Board shall manage and direct the Bonfield Public Library in accordance with the Public Libraries Act.
- 1.3 That the Board be appointed by a resolution of Council, for the term of Council.

2.0 Board Structure

- 2.1 The Board shall be composed of five (5) voting members appointed by resolution of the Municipal Council. 2002, c. 18, Sched. F, s. 3 (8).
 - One (1) member shall be a Municipal Council.
 - Four (4) members shall be ratepayers of the municipality who, reside in the Township and/or reside in a contracting municipalities as per section 29 and
 - are not employed by the municipality.
 - are qualified to be elected as members of council.
- 2.2 The Chairperson shall be one of the five (5) Members on the Board and shall be voted on by a show of hands by the Board Members at its first meeting, in a new term.
R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 14 (3).

2.3 Role of Chairperson

- Presiding at regular and special meetings of the Board, in accordance with the Public Libraries Act RSO, 1990, chapter P. 44 and other relevant legislation, and with the rules of procedure adopted by the board;
- Serving as an ex-officio member of all Board Committees;
- Representing the Board, alone or with other members of the Board, at any public or private meetings for the purpose of conducting, promoting or completing the business of the Board.
- Determining the responsibility of committees to deal with matters which arise where it is unclear which committee has responsibility, subject to eventual confirmation by the Board;
- Ensuring that vacancies on the Board are filled as expeditiously as possible;
- Advising the Vice-Chairperson, if for any reason, the Chairperson is temporarily unable to perform these functions;
- Shall preside over the conduct of the Board's meetings to ensure that all matters are dealt with a prompt efficient manner in the interest of all concerned;
- Shall be entitled to one vote and to the same extent as the other Board Members.

2.4 Role of Vice-Chairperson

- The Vice-Chairperson shall be one of the five (5) members of the Board and shall be selected at the Board's first meeting in a new term by a show of hands.
- Exercises all powers and performs all duties of the Chairperson, in the absence of the
- Exercise such powers and duties as may, from time to time, be assigned by the board.

2.5 The board shall appoint a secretary who shall

- Conduct the board's official correspondence; and,
- Keep minutes of every meeting of the board

2.6 The board shall appoint a treasurer who shall

- Receive and account for all the board's money;
- Open an account or accounts in the name of the board in a chartered bank, Trust company or credit union approved by the board;
- Deposit all money received on the board's behalf to the credit of that account or accounts; and
- Disburse the money as the board directs.

2.7 The same person may be both the secretary and the treasurer.

2.8 The board shall appoint a chief executive officer who shall have general supervision over and direction of the operations of the library and its staff. Shall attend all board meetings, and shall have the other power and duties that the board assigns to him or her from time to time. The Board shall establish a job description, hours of work, salary and benefits for the position.

3.0 Mandate of the Board

- 3.1 Shall seek to provide, in co-operation with other boards, a comprehensive and efficient library service that reflects the community's unique needs;
- 3.2 Shall seek to provide library services in the French language, where appropriate,
- 3.3 Shall operate special services in connection with a library as it considers necessary.
- 3.4 May operate special services in connection with a library as it considers necessary.
- 3.5 Shall fix the times and places for board meetings and the mode of calling and conducting them, and ensure that full and correct minutes are kept;
- 3.6 Shall make any other reports as requested by council from time to time:
- 3.7 Shall take proper security for the treasurer; and
- 3.8 May appoint such committees as it considers expedient.

4.0 Board Meetings

- 4.1 A board shall hold at least seven regular meetings in each year, and at such times as it considers necessary in accordance with the Public Libraries Act, 2019, c. 14, Sched. 12, s. 2.
- 4.2 A quorum, being three (3) of five (5) board members, shall always be required to be present to held a valid meeting.
- 4.3 Regular meetings of the board shall be public meetings.
- 4.4 Special meetings may be held when a matter urgent in nature, deems it so. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson, or in his or her absence, by the vice-chair or at the request of the majority of members of the Board.
- 4.5 All decisions of the board shall be decided at a properly constituted meeting of the board, by resolution duly moved and seconded and voted on by a show of hands.
- 4.6 Board members may attend library board meetings remotely via teleconference or Internet video conferencing call (Zoom).
 - a) As all board meetings are open to the public, these meetings must be conducted in such a way that all members participating can hear each other, at the same time, and that the public can also hear the deliberations.
 - b) A member of the library board or a committee may attend, participate, and vote at an open or closed meeting remotely
 - c) Members who wish to attend a meeting remotely must give notice two (2) hours before the commencement of the meeting to the Secretary so that the equipment can be made ready. Meeting minutes will reflect that a member is participating remotely
Quorum applies to the members attending in person and remotely.

5.0 Agenda

- 5.1 The chairperson with the assistance of the CEO shall be responsible to prepare an agenda for each and every meeting of the board.
- 5.2 Any matters relevant to the Library or its board from the general public, groups or agencies and governments shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting.
- 5.3 The CEO shall prepare and have the agenda available to all members of the board at least five (5) days prior to any regular meeting.
- 5.4 The minutes of the board shall be sent to the Administrator, Clerk – Treasurer of the Municipality.
- 5.5 The minutes of every meeting of the board shall be signed by the chairperson or acting chairperson who presided over the meeting and the Secretary.
- 5.6 The minutes of every meeting shall be open to public inspection and any person desiring a copy thereof may obtain a photocopy upon payment of a prescribed fee as established by the Board.

6.0 Legal Transaction

- 6.1 The board may enter into legal contractual agreements to fulfill services deemed necessary for the benefit of library patrons so long as these agreements and contracts are with the budgeted assessment provided to the Municipal Council on a yearly basis and so approved.
- 6.2 No member of the board has the legal authority to commit the Library or its board and any legal transaction or agreement shall be duly approved by the Board and if required by the Municipal Council.

7.0 Expenses

- 7.1 The board may reimburse its members for proper travelling and other expenses incurred in carrying out their duties as members.
- 7.2 The board may reimburse its staff as per Bonfield Public Library Policy and Procedures , for attending meetings and seminars.

8.0 Role of the Board

- 8.1 The board shall be responsible for the administration of all policies, rules and regulations relating to the administration of the Library in accordance with its Policy and Procedures Document,.
- 8.2 The board may appoint and remove such employees as it considers necessary, determine the terms of the employment, fix their remuneration and prescribe their duties.

- 8.3 The board may solicit any gifts or bequest of money or services or any donations to be applied, for either the temporary or permanent use of the Library.
- 8.4 The board may generate a user fee schedule as determined in the Public Libraries Act, RSO, 1990, Chapter P. 44 and attach this fee schedule to this document when it has been duly considered and voted on by the members of the board.
- 8.5 The board may impose such fees as it considers proper for,
- a) inter-library loans where a cost to the library is realized,
 - b) The use of library services by persons who do not reside in the area of the board's jurisdiction,
 - c) fees for the use of library equipment loaned to the public or organizations outside of the library.
 - d) Institute user fees where appropriate and expedient in the establishment of library programs and services and, to maintain and sustain these programs for the benefit of the public who use them.
- 8.6 Annually the board shall submit and interpret to the Municipal Council of the Township of Bonfield a budget for its approval and shall make to the Municipal Council full and complete reports as required.
- 8.7 The board may make rules,
- For the use of library services,
 - For the admission of the public to the library,
 - For the exclusion from the library of persons who behave in a disruptive manner or cause damage to library property,
 - Imposing fines for breaches of the rules,
 - Suspending library privileges for breaches of the rules, and:
 - Regulating all other matters connected with the management of the library and library property.
- 8.8 Shall create and maintain a Policy and Objectives document for its members, staff and for the good of the public and municipal councils so as. To clearly establish and guarantee an understanding of the operation and function of the library by its patrons, trustees and staff.

9.0 Repeals

- 9.1 That By-Law 9-73 be hereby repealed in its entirety.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS ____ DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

REEVE

CLERK



REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBRARY BOARD, Monday April 14, 2025
365 Hwy 531, Bonfield ON P0H 1E0

PRESENT: Gail Johnston, Britney Morin, Storme Van Rassel, Leslie Larocque

STAFF: Jeannette Shields

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Donna Clark

- 25-24 Moved by: Gail Johnston
THAT the Library Board meeting be opened at 7:02pm.
Seconded by: Storme Van Rassel
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 25-25 Moved by: Britney Morin
THAT the Library Board regular meeting agenda be approved as presented.
Seconded by: Gail Johnston
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 25-26 Moved by: Storme Van Rassel
THAT reports circulated be approved as presented.
Seconded by: Gail Johnston
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 25-27 Moved by: Storme Van Rassel
The Bonfield Public Library Board approves the revisions and amendments of the
Bonfield Public Library By Laws 98-08 as presented. Requesting Council to approve
These by-laws as amended.
Seconded by: Britney Morin
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 25-28 Moved by: Gail Johnston
The Bonfield Public Library Board approves the revisions and amendments of the
Bonfield Public Library Remuneration and Expenses as presented.
Seconded by: Britney Morin
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 25-29 Moved by: Gail Johnston
Be it resolved that the Bonfield Public Library Board accepts with regret the resignation
Of the Library Occasional Worker Jeannette Martin.
Seconded by: Storme Van Rassel
Carried: Leslie Larocque
- 25-30 Moved by: Gail Johnston
THAT the Library Board meeting be adjourned at 7:38pm
Seconded by: Britney Morin
Carried: Leslie Larocque

Secretary

Chairperson