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**CONSENT  
AGENDA  
ITEMS FOR  
INFORMATION  
PURPOSES**

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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

May 21, 2026

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on April 13, 2026, passed the following resolution regarding the Heritage Helping Housing Building Grant:

"That the City of Kitchener call on the Province of Ontario to implement a new housing-focused Heritage Helping Housing Building Grant of \$10 million per year to encourage the creation of additional housing units within heritage buildings; and further,

That staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Rob Flack, the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Honourable Graham McGregor and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, AMO, all Ontario MPPs and to all municipalities across the province."

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Fusco".

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A. Fusco  
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, AMO  
Ontario MPP's  
Ontario municipalities  
Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Resolution # RC26104	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: <i>[Signature]</i>	Seconded by: <i>[Signature]</i>

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board has requested that a province-wide consultation process be undertaken prior to any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees; and

**WHEREAS** the potential elimination of elected school board trustees represents a significant and fundamental shift in Ontario's education governance structure; and

**WHEREAS** school board trustees serve as a longstanding and essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system, ensuring that community voices are reflected in decision-making processes; and

**WHEREAS** changes of this magnitude should not proceed without evidence-based research, transparency, and meaningful public engagement to fully understand potential impacts; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Wawa recognizes the importance of local representation in addressing the diverse and unique needs of communities, including rural, remote, and Northern municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** the removal of school board trustees may result in unintended consequences that could negatively impact community representation, accountability, and responsiveness within the education system; and

**WHEREAS** transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of any proposed governance changes is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue;



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the request of the Durham District School Board for the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa supports the call for an independent review by the Ombudsman's Office regarding the potential impacts of removing school board trustees, particularly with respect to fairness, openness, transparency, and accountability;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa urges the Province of Ontario to ensure that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY MAYOR - MITCH HATFIELD	CLERK - MARY O'NEILL
<i>Mecheline Hatfield</i>	<i>Mary O'Neill</i>



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

<b>Resolution # RC26106</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 6</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> <i>Joseph Opato</i>	<b>Seconded by:</b> <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

**WHEREAS** the Township of Stone Mills passed Resolution No. 30-706-2026 opposing proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and their staff from public access requests;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Stone Mills has expressed concerns that the proposed amendments may reduce transparency and accountability in government;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby supports Resolution No. 30-706-2026 passed by the Township of Stone Mills regarding the proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA);

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Stone Mills, Premier Doug Ford, the appropriate Provincial Ministers, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED WITH	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	<b>MAYOR AND COUNCIL</b>		
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**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

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

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY MAYOR - MITCH HATFIELD	CLERK - MAURIE O'NEILL
<i>Michelle Hatfield</i>	<i>Maurie O'Neill</i>

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP  
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Moved by: Shelley Maika  
Seconded by: Linda Neuman

05-RC-20 May 2026  
20 May 2026

BE IT RESOLVED

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley does hereby endorse the advancement of the Ottawa Valley Trade Corridor Improvement Project and direct staff to work with federal, provincial, and regional partners to pursue funding through the Government of Canada's Trade Diversification Corridors Fund (TDCF) for improvements to the Highway 17 corridor between Meath Hill and Deep River, as amended;

**AND THAT** staff be directed to prepare and submit the necessary expressions of interest, project documentation, and funding applications required to position the project for federal investment;

**AND THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley affirms its support for strategic investments in the Highway 17 corridor as a critical component of Canada's national transportation and trade network;

**AND THAT** this recommendation be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities, MPP Billy Denault, MP Cheryl Gallant, the Association of municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sakaria, and other relevant stakeholders for advocacy and action

X CARRIED

*Suzanne Klatt*

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Suzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk

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electronically to [dclerk@madawaskavalley.ca](mailto:dclerk@madawaskavalley.ca)*

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May 6, 2026

**RE: Opposition to ALTO High-Speed Rail Project in Its Current Form**

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

**Resolution No: 2026-05-06-10**  
**Moved by: Councillor Quade**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Banks**

**"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Eastern Wardens' Caucus to oppose the ALTO High-Speed Rail Project in Its Current Form, and;**

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Transportation, President and CEO of ALTO, EOWC Members of Parliament, Premier of Ontario, EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO, ROMA, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, all EOWC municipalities, Eastern Ontario First Nations partners and all Ontario Municipalities."**

**CARRIED**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

# **EOWC** Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

## **Resolution: The EOWC Opposes ALTO High-Speed Rail Project In Its Current Form**

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**Date: March 19, 2026**

**Moved by: Warden Richard Kidd, Lanark County**

**Seconded by: Warden Corinna Smith-Gatcke, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville**

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government has identified ALTO high-speed rail as a nation-building project with an estimated cost of \$60 to \$90 billion, to deliver faster, more reliable passenger rail service; and

**WHEREAS** ALTO is advancing plans for a high-speed passenger rail project between the Quebec City-Toronto corridor, cutting through eastern Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** there is only currently one proposed stop across the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus' (EOWC) 50,000 square kilometre region, benefitting urban residents at the cost of rural residents and lands; and

**WHEREAS** portions of the proposed project will traverse and impact eastern Ontario communities, infrastructure, residential and agricultural lands, municipal trails, and environmentally sensitive areas, and with no long-term economic benefits; and

**WHEREAS** the closure and/or dead-ending of roads will have significant ongoing and unknown costs to municipalities, as well as service delivery and emergency response implications to residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS** eastern Ontario municipalities and residents have not received sufficient detailed information regarding potential local impacts, including land use, environmental effects, municipal infrastructure interfaces, and long-term financial or operational implications; and

**WHEREAS** municipal governments are responsible for protecting local interests, ensuring compatibility with existing planning frameworks, as well as safeguarding environmental, community, and resident mental health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS** the EOWC and its member municipalities are actively trying to engage with ALTO through a truly meaningful consultation process to understand the impacts of both proposed high speed rail train routes to our residents, lands, trails, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS** the EOWC is eastern Ontario's united advocacy voice representing 103 communities who value and will advocate for the region's beautiful lands that hold deep

agricultural and cultural roots, and that are home to our rural and small-urban communities that will be impacted by ALTO.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the EOWC formally opposes the ALTO project in its current form; and

**THAT** this opposition is based on concerns related to insufficient municipal consultation, unclear rural and small-urban impacts, potential environmental effects, and alignments with existing eastern Ontario planning and infrastructure priorities; and

**THAT** the EOWC urge our member municipalities, partners, businesses, and residents to share their questions and comments with ALTO and federal representatives as part of the engagement process; and

**THAT** the EOWC look to gather detailed information from ALTO to more fully understand the project and its impacts across eastern Ontario; and

**THAT** the EOWC advocates that the Federal Government and ALTO fully explore train route options along existing infrastructure corridors, such as VIA Rail and/or Highway 401; and

**THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Steve MacKinnon, Minister of Transportation, Martin Imbleau, President and CEO of ALTO, EOWC Members of Parliament, Premier Doug Ford, EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, all EOWC municipalities, and Eastern Ontario First Nations partners.

**CARRIED**

Signed by:



EOWC Chair Bonnie Clark

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May 6, 2026

**RE: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns**

Dear Minister Piccini,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

**Resolution No: 2026-05-06-08**  
**Moved by: Councillor Banks**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt**

**"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns.**

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Transportation, Acting Minister of Infrastructure, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP, AMO, AORS and all Ontario Municipalities."**

**CARRIED**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



**AORS**  
PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE. PURSUING EXCELLENCE.

Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Avenue  
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I  
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors  
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott  
Interim Executive Director  
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)  
Premier Doug Ford  
Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack  
Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria  
Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy  
Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director  
Walid Abou-Hamde, Ontario Road Builders' Association Chief Executive Officer

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May 6, 2026

**RE: Canada Post Rate Reduction for Libraries**

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

**Resolution No: 2026-05-06-09**  
**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 correspondence from the Township of Perry to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials, and;**

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Perry, Minister of Government Transportation, Public Services and Procurement, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP and all Ontario Municipalities.”**

**CARRIED**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



**The Corporation of the  
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 078

Moved By: Joe Lumley                      **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

**Whereas** public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

**And whereas** interlibrary loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

**And whereas** reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

**And whereas** recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

**And that** Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;

**And that** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried:

Defeated:

  
Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
<b>Councillors</b> Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
<b>Mayor</b> Norm Hofstetter		

The Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

Resolution No. CC-098-2026

Date: May 21, 2026

Moved by Alie Hoogenboom

Seconded by Michael Cameron

**WHEREAS** municipalities are responsible for the planning, construction, operation, rehabilitation, and replacement of critical public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS** municipal engineers play a key role in supporting safe, reliable, and cost-effective infrastructure systems for residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Engineers Association has raised concerns and recommendations regarding the Province’s proposed harmonization of municipal road construction standards, which have implications for municipal operations, long-term asset management, and financial sustainability; and

**WHEREAS** the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville supports advocacy that promotes effective infrastructure planning, responsible funding frameworks, and realistic implementation requirements for municipalities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville supports the Municipal Engineers Association’s position regarding the Province’s proposed harmonization of municipal road construction standards, particularly the concerns about the exemption approval process, mandatory annual reporting, lack of clarity around governance/co-stewardship, and the need for meaningful municipal consultation before implementation proceeds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council urges the Province of Ontario to engage with municipalities and the Municipal Engineers Association to implement practical solutions that reflect municipal capacity, infrastructure needs, and local government realities; and

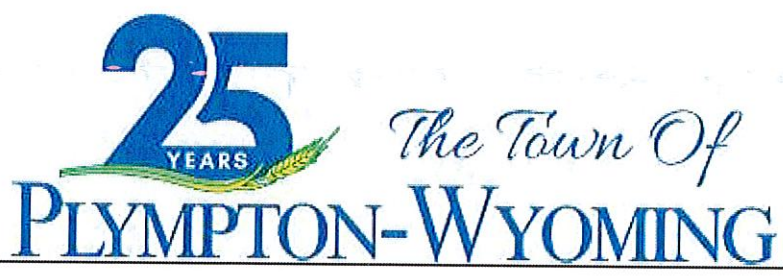
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of

Infrastructure, the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and Ontario municipalities.

Carried  Defeated  Deferred



Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden



**Date:** 13 May 2026 15

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

**Seconded By:** Councillor John van Klaveren

**Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario**

**WHEREAS** Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

**AND WHEREAS** current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

**AND WHEREAS** volunteer firefighters represent approximately **70–75% of firefighters in Ontario**, protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently **the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services**;

**AND WHEREAS** other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;

**AND WHEREAS** the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

**AND WHEREAS** reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

**AND WHEREAS** stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to **transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program** that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for **operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario;**

**AND FURTHER THAT** the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

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**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- The County of Lambton
- Lambton County Fire Chiefs Association
- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

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**AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:**

- Steve Pinnoneault MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
- Bob Bailey MPP Sarnia-Lambton
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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Carried

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Defeated

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Deferred



Honourable Doug Ford,  
Premier of Ontario  
Via Email:  
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Honourable Sylvia Jones  
Deputy Premier of Ontario  
and Minister of Health  
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Honourable Marjorie  
Michel, Minister of Health  
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The Ontario Medical  
Association  
Via Email: info@oma.org

May 25, 2026

RE: Township of Puslinch Support Resolution No.2026-128, Regarding Consent item 6.8  
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 6, 2025  
considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2026-128:**

Moved by Councillor Bailey and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.8 be received; and**

**Whereas Council supports the WOWC resolution that Council direct staff to send a  
support resolution accordingly.**

**CARRIED**



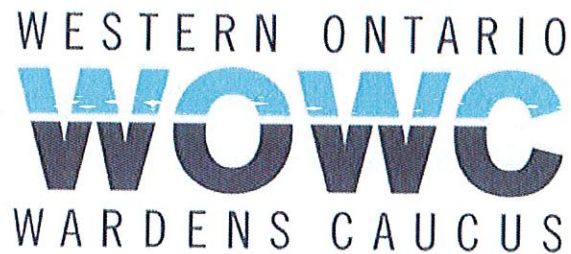
As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC:

The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ontario Big City Mayors  
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus



Monday, April 20, 2026

Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Doug Ford  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1  
Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform**

At its regular meeting on April 10, 2026, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus adopted the following motion in support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform:

**#11 Moved by D. Bailey seconded by B. Clark:**

**WHEREAS** growing pressures across the Ontario healthcare system are increasing patient volumes in emergency rooms (ER), requiring more complex care, and contributing to longer patient wait times in ERs for residents in Ontario's largest municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** Health Quality Ontario data from October 2025 reports that patients needing admission to the hospital waited an average of 19-20 hours, with high-urgency patients waiting close to 5 hours on average to be seen by a physician; and

**WHEREAS** in December 2023, the Auditor General of Ontario reported that significant hospital staffing shortages were reducing access to timely emergency care; and

**WHEREAS** the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario reported in March 2023 that ER wait times were increasing significantly with the longest wait times recorded in over 15 years and that provincial funding was \$21.3 billion short to maintain current health programs through 2028; and

**WHEREAS** according to the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), Ontario has had the lowest per capita hospital expenditure in Canada since 2018; and

**WHEREAS** according to the OHA, approximately 4,200 alternate level care (ALC) patients remain in acute beds (40% awaiting long term care), worsening ER delays; and

**WHEREAS** Canadian ER researchers have highlighted that between 8,000 and 15,000 Canadians die prematurely as a result of ER overcrowding; and

**WHEREAS** reports of patients dying in crowded ERs across Canada are increasing, such as 16-year-old Finlay van der Werken who waited over 8 hours in an Oakville ER without being seen by a physician and tragically passed away on February 9, 2024 from pneumonia that developed into sepsis; and

**WHEREAS** ER delays are contributing to excessive ambulance offload times, adding undue strain on response capacity of municipal paramedic services across Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government has taken important steps to improve health care in Ontario, however additional funding and staffing resources for hospitals to reduce ER wait times and increase capacity to provide timely access to care for all patients in ER's remains critical; and

**WHEREAS** despite growing concerns regarding staffing shortages in and closures of ERs across Ontario, as well as failure to meet federal standards such as the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale, the Provincial Government continues to receive full contributions of Canada Health Transfers from the federal government.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Provincial Ministry of Health to take immediate action to reduce ER wait times with consideration for the importance of enhanced ER triage protocols and increased funding to strengthen emergency readiness;

**AND THAT** the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Provincial Ministry of Health to introduce Finlay's Law to ensure that no child in Ontario is left without timely emergency medical care in hospitals by:

- Setting legal maximum ER wait times for children under 18 (e.g., physician assessment within 2 hours, admission within 8 hours).
- Mandating safe pediatric nurse-to-patient and physician-to-patient ratios in emergency settings.
- Establish independent oversight to audit hospitals, investigate pediatric ER deaths, and enforce compliance.
- Mandate public, independent, and timely (within 1 year) inquiry by the Chief Coroner of Ontario of every pediatric death in an ER waiting area.
- Fund better pediatric emergency readiness, including staffing, training and infrastructure

**AND THAT** the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Federal Ministry of Health to enforce the principles and requirements of the Canada Health Act through its spending power of Canada Health Transfers to Ontario by:

- monitoring compliance to national health standards, such as Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) in ERs;
- and establishing and ensuring compliance with a new sepsis care

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Federal Minister of Health, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

**Carried.**

Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Marcus Ryan  
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc.  
Hon. Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health  
Ontario Medical Association  
Ontario Hospital Association  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Big City Mayors  
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May 28, 2026

Hon. Graham McGregor  
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 56 Wellesley St W  
Toronto, ON M7A 2E7

Sent via email to: [graham.mcgregor@ontario.ca](mailto:graham.mcgregor@ontario.ca)

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**Subject: Town of Orangeville resolution re: Request to the Province to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties**

Dear Minister McGregor,

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville requests your consideration and support for the following resolution that was passed at the May 25, 2026 meeting of the Council of the Town of Orangeville.

Resolution Number: 2026-193

Moved by Councillor Sherwood

Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

Whereas amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

Whereas the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the *Home-owner Protection Act, 2024* to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

Whereas municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

Whereas the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas the Heritage Orangeville Committee comprises of a handful of dedicated volunteers who are not able to review the current non-designated register containing 454 properties on or before the deadline of January 1, 2027; and

Whereas many municipalities, including the Town of Orangeville, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake the evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

Whereas Heritage Orangeville Committee, heritage consultants or staff members would need to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed non-designated properties, contact owners of such properties, determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

Whereas the above noted work involving 454 listed properties in the Town of Orangeville is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by January 1, 2027 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

Whereas the Heritage Orangeville Committee, at its meeting of March 19, 2026, discussed and supported advocating to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

Now therefore be it resolved that The Council of the Town of Orangeville respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on the municipal heritage non-designated register; and

That the Town Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipal Councils across the province, and the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association.

Carried

If you have any questions, please contact [clerk@orangeville.ca](mailto:clerk@orangeville.ca).

Sincerely,  
Ishita Soneji  
Council Co-ordinator/Assistant Clerk  
Corporate Services  
Town of Orangeville

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, via email  
Hon. Syliva Jones, Members of Provincial Parliament, via email  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), via email  
Community Heritage Ontario, via email  
All Ontario Municipalities, via email





26-70 Moved by: Donna Clark  
THAT the Library Board meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Seconded by: Storme Van Rassel

Carried: Leslie Larocque

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Secretary

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Chairperson



The Corporation of the  
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MOVED BY:

- Jason Cote  
 Marc Lepine  
 Ray Maltais  
 Bert McDowell

SECONDED BY:

- Jason Cote  
 Marc Lepine  
 Ray Maltais  
 Bert McDowell

RESOLUTION # 26 – 061

Date: April 13, 2026

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) provide policing services to both organized municipalities and unorganized territories across the Province of Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** organized municipalities receiving OPP policing services are billed under the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model, which includes a base service cost and additional costs related to calls for service;

**AND WHEREAS** unorganized townships and territories contribute to policing costs through provincial taxation mechanisms and pay only a base rate while receiving OPP policing services;

**AND WHEREAS** residents of unorganized territories receive comparable OPP policing services to those provided in organized municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** recent increases in OPP policing costs have placed a growing and disproportionate financial burden on organized municipalities and their taxpayers;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities have limited revenue tools and must rely primarily on property taxation to fund essential services such as policing;

**AND WHEREAS** the current funding structure creates an inequitable situation in which organized municipalities are required to subsidize a larger share of policing costs while similar services are provided in unorganized territories at a significantly lower contribution level;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin calls upon the Province of Ontario to conduct an immediate review of the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model and the policing funding structure for unorganized territories



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**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province be requested to implement a fair and equitable funding model that ensures all communities receiving OPP policing services contribute appropriately to the cost of those services;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province be requested to consult with municipalities, particularly those in Northern Ontario, regarding the financial impacts of OPP policing costs and the current inequities in the system;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Minister of the Solicitor General, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and neighbouring municipalities for their support.

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CAO/Clerk – Administrator/Treasurer  
Holly Zahorodny

I DECLARE THIS RESOLUTION

- Carried  
 Defeated  
 Deferred

  
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Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
	For	Against
V. Gorham	—	—
J. Cote	—	—
M. Lepine	—	—
R. Maltais	—	—
B. McDowell	—	—

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# The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: Councillor Geary

NO 64-26

SECONDED BY: Councillor Krystoff

DATE: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are required to maintain a police service or detachment board; and

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

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has asserted that the fiscal framework that enables municipalities to provide critical policing and public safety services is broken, and AMO requests an urgent update to the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship; and

WHEREAS double-digit increases in municipal annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) budgets are unsustainable, especially as Ontario municipal police services tackle provincial responsibilities, including mental health, addictions, and homelessness, which place police resources under enormous financial strain; and

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

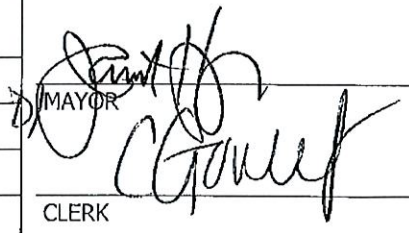
WHEREAS the costs of other measures, such as providing provincial court security, are rising and are not part of providing core, adequate, and effective municipal policing; and

WHEREAS these developments especially negatively impact rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake hereby requests that the Province provide financial assistance to municipalities to offset all additional costs directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Act, not general increases to police budgets; and

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

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor-General of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Police Governance Ontario (PGO), and all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement.

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	<b>GEARY, Debra</b>				
	<b>HAGER, Janet</b>				
	<b>KRISTOFF, Jamie</b>				
	<b>MOTA, Fred</b>				
* General Nature Thereof:					

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**Sent:** June 1, 2026 7:25 AM

**Subject: FONOM Advocacy Day at Queen's Park**

Good morning

Today, FONOM representatives are at Queen's Park meeting with Ministers, Premier Ford's staff, Opposition Leaders, and Critics to advance the priorities identified by our members during the 2026 FONOM Conference and Annual General Meeting in Timmins.

Throughout 14 meetings, we are discussing issues that matter most to Northern Ontario municipalities, including:

- Highway 11 and 17 safety and modernization
- A Northern Ontario Policing Grant
- Mental health and addictions supports and crisis response
- Housing and infrastructure funding
- Workforce challenges and economic development
- Energy and resource development opportunities
- Extended Producer Responsibility and landfill diversion initiatives

These meetings provide an important opportunity to ensure the voices of Northern Ontario municipalities are heard and considered as provincial policies and programs are developed.

We appreciate the time and attention provided by provincial leaders and look forward to continuing to work collaboratively to improve the economic and social quality of life for all Northerners and help ensure a strong future for our communities and youth.

We will be sharing updates and photos from Queen's Park throughout the day on FONOM's social media channels.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Sincerely,

Dave Plourde

President

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain

Executive Director

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# Ontario municipal councillors to face stiffer ethics penalties

Allison Jones and Liam Casey, The Canadian Press

May 28, 2026 10:44 AM



PC MPP Rob Flack attends Question Period at Queen's Park in Toronto on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Cole Burston

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TORONTO — Ontario municipal councillors could soon be removed from office for violating a code of conduct under a provincial bill that passed Tuesday, though Premier Doug Ford said he has reservations about the new law.

Municipalities, advocates, and the opposition have long called for stronger penalties for councillors who break the rules, including workplace harassment.

See: [Integrity commissioner finds former Callander mayor and councillor engaged in workplace harassment](#)

Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Rob Flack said he hopes to have the new rules in place ahead of the October municipal elections.

The new law allows the provincial government to create a standard municipal code of conduct, so all 444 municipalities are adhering to the same rules, with penalties up to removing and disqualifying a member from office if they are in serious violation of the code.

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However, that could only happen if the municipal integrity commissioner recommends it, if Ontario's integrity commissioner agrees, and if councillors, except for the member in question, unanimously agree to it in a vote.

Politicians on all sides said they made compromises as they largely worked together to hash out the bill.

"It has to be a lot of steps because it has to be a difficult decision to kick anybody (out) that's been elected publicly," Flack said.

"So that is why we've made it this way. We're not saying it's absolutely perfect, but it's a great start. We've got a municipal code of conduct; we never had one. It's consistent across 444 municipalities. Let's celebrate the fact that we got it."

Ford admitted he had reservations about the bill, primarily because he worried one political group would target another councillor based on their beliefs.

"We passed it through, and I obviously voted on it. I agreed with all parties," he said.

"So hopefully it's all going to work out, and they won't take advantage of this and try to attack an opponent, because it happens."

See: [City councillor under fire 'will not step down'](#)

Emily McIntosh, the founder of advocacy group Women of Ontario Say No, said the new law is a great first step to better protect women in municipal politics.

"The message is clear: if you're running in this next municipal election, egregious acts of harassment and violence towards your colleagues, towards staff, towards members of the community will not be tolerated."

"This is a big day for the women of Ontario. We're saying yes today, and for the people of Ontario, this is extremely monumental."

The vote was near unanimous, with independent legislator Bobbi Ann Brady the sole vote against. But politicians on all sides said they made compromises on the bill.

Liberal municipal affairs critic Stephen Blais spearheaded a similar private member's bill years ago and says the new law will make a difference, but should be strengthened to give council more options on how to deal with problematic councillors.

Blais credited women who came forward with allegations of harassment by then-Ottawa city councillor Rick Chiarelli in 2019. The council docked Chiarelli's pay after multiple integrity reports found he had harassed several women over several years. But there was no mechanism for any councillor's removal.

"The credit goes to the women in Ottawa who came forward to tell their stories," Blais said. He would like the government to go further, though.

"Our concern around the unanimous provisions of voting to remove someone from council, that is a very high bar, probably too high," he said.

"It also doesn't give council the option to do a lesser penalty."

The Liberals would like to see the process shift to the courts for a judicial review, Blais said.

NDP Leader Marit Stiles said the bill was not about partisanship.

"This is about making sure that every woman, no matter where she is, whether she's working for a city, a municipality, a province, whichever, that municipal councillors will be held to account just like everybody else," Stiles said.

This report by The Canadian Press was first published May 26, 2026.

Allison Jones and Liam Casey, The Canadian Press

## Comments (7)

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This is just gaslighting the people!! Trying to convince the people the government is on the peoples side!! Well guess what? Get ready for the ol' we've investigated ourselves and have cleared ourselves of any wrongdoings routine! LoL

D [DamienM](#) May 28, 2026 11:10 AM

So, basically almost everyone on the council in North Bay could have, or would be seeing stiffer penalties in a new council. Cushy jobs with little effort afforded to the community will no longer be worth it for them. Even in Callander.

Good news for North Bay residents. This council had got away with so much!

MB [Mrs. Bartolucci](#) May 28, 2026 11:26 AM

Sad day when integrity has to be legislated but here we are, lord knows this city could have used it on multiple occasions, right Peter.....

RR [Retired Railroader](#) Verified May 28, 2026 11:40 AM

While they are at it they should put a law in place for recalls. I am pretty sure that if we had that law in place now at least one member of the North Bay council would have been recalled.

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D [D M](#) May 28, 2026 12:10 PM

Hmmm! Given our city council's totally unethical behaviour we would be in bi-election state on a continual basis for the 4 year election cycle



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May 29, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 26, 2026 the following resolution seeking support for sustainable funding for Public Health Units was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO.**    2026-244  
**DATE:**                    May 26, 2026  
**MOVED BY:**            Councillor Roberts  
**SECONDED BY:**        Councillor Nieman

**WHEREAS** Ontario public health units and agencies provide a vital service to Ontarians that keeps people healthy, out of hospitals and out of the acute care system;

**WHEREAS** rural-urban equity in Ontario’s public healthcare delivery is essential for a thriving provincial economy that keeps people at work and contributing;

**WHEREAS** Ontario’s public health units & agencies sector has received a mere 1% in its annual budget increase from Queen’s Park since 2018, a sum significantly below inflation and real-world cost increases;

**WHEREAS** public health faces steadily increasing demands, such as a 231% increase in respiratory outbreaks supported in Ontario’s long-term care homes, hospitals, and retirement homes since 2018, as well as a 637% increase in Infection Prevention & Control complaints follow-ups;

**WHEREAS** according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), municipalities across Ontario spend close to \$4 billion on health despite receiving less than \$2 billion in provincial grants, and Canada’s Constitution Act 1867 clearly asserts provincial responsibility for health;

**WHEREAS** Ontario consistently ranks at the bottom for provincial health spending per capita, at \$876 below the average of other provinces using 2022-2023 data;

**WHEREAS** 60% of Ontario’s hospitals are overwhelmed and in dire operating deficits, yet the Canadian Public Health Association asserts that investment in Ontario public health’s preventative and health promotion initiatives delivers a 4:1 return on investment, for example, for every dollar spent on upstream public health vaccine immunization of children, \$16 in downstream hospital and primary health care costs are saved;

**WHEREAS** municipalities are being asked to shoulder an escalating percentage of public health unit costs while also asked to solve complex social determinates of health such as rural homelessness and food insecurity but with limited revenue tools;

**WHEREAS** the province and federal governments continue to collect significant revenue from local/municipal property transactions through the Land Transfer Tax and Goods & Services Tax;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward requests:

1. **THAT** the Provincial Government redistribute a portion of the Land Transfer Tax to municipalities to address public health funding gaps and the rising % share of municipal contributions to public health units;
2. **THAT** when the province announces its new Ontario Public Health Standards, it also commits to minimum annual funding increases tied to Ontario's consumer price inflation, currently holding at 2.4%;
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte Member of Parliament, Chris Malette, and Member of Provincial Parliament, Tyler Allsop; and
4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Nieman

# ESCALATING THREATS TO MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS WORKERS

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**Municipal public works professionals have always worked in challenging environments. From overnight snowstorms to emergency response situations, they are the people who ensure roads remain passable, infrastructure stays operational, and communities continue to function.**

But across Ontario, a new and troubling challenge is emerging—one that has nothing to do with weather or equipment.

Municipalities are reporting a significant increase in harassment, threats, and dangerous interference from members of the public directed at public works staff and subcontractors, particularly during winter maintenance operations. What was once the occasional frustrated complaint—often dismissed as “part of the job”—has evolved into a serious and growing safety risk.

AORS has heard directly from members across the province about incidents that go far beyond verbal frustration. These include objects being thrown at active equipment, individuals climbing onto snowplows, residents blocking operations during active storms, and threats of violence against operators. In some cases, workers have been confronted and verbally attacked in public spaces, even while off duty.

These are not isolated events. They represent a pattern that is becoming increasingly common in municipalities of all sizes—rural, urban, and everything in between.

The consequences are significant.

When a plow is delayed because an operator is being harassed or physically obstructed, it doesn't just affect one street. It can impact emergency vehicles trying to respond to calls, delay school transportation, and compromise overall road safety during already hazardous conditions. In more severe cases, workers and subcontractors have been forced to stop work altogether due to unsafe conditions, disrupting service delivery at critical times.

This issue has evolved beyond a workplace concern—it is a public safety issue.

Municipal public works professionals are frontline workers during significant weather events. They are responsible for ensuring that ambulances, fire services,

and police can access the communities they serve. Yet, unlike other emergency responders, they do not currently benefit from the same level of legislative protection when faced with interference or threats from the public.

AORS has taken a strong and proactive role in advocating for change.

Over recent months, AORS has engaged directly with provincial leaders, including the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and the Solicitor General, to raise awareness of the issue and highlight the urgent need for action. Through formal letters, media outreach, and stakeholder engagement, AORS is working to ensure the experiences of municipal workers are understood and addressed at the provincial level.

A key focus of this advocacy is closing the gap between existing legislation and the realities faced by workers on the ground. While Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act provides important protections, it does not adequately address hazards created by public interference. Similarly, enforcement responses can be inconsistent, with some municipalities reporting limited support unless a situation escalates to physical assault.

To support evidence-based decision-making, AORS has also launched a province-wide survey to gather data directly from municipal staff and leaders. This initiative aims to quantify the frequency and severity of incidents, understand regional differences, and identify barriers to reporting. Input from frontline workers will play a critical role in shaping future policy recommendations.

At the same time, AORS is encouraging municipalities to take action locally by passing council resolutions in support of stronger provincial protections. This coordinated approach helps demonstrate that the issue is widespread and requires a unified response.

AORS is calling on the Province of Ontario to take several key steps.

First, there must be formal recognition that municipal public works workers and their subcontractors are essential service providers during declared significant weather events. With that recognition should come enhanced protections, including treating interference with municipal operations with the same level of seriousness as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.

Second, the Province should introduce clear offences and penalties for harassment, threats, and obstruction of municipal workers performing their duties. Establishing consistent consequences would serve as both a deterrent and a tool for enforcement.

Third, stronger direction is needed for police services to ensure timely and appropriate responses to these incidents. Municipalities should not be left to manage situations that pose real risks to worker safety and public safety.

Finally, AORS is encouraging consideration of additional measures—such as minimum following distances for snowplows—to improve safety for both operators and the travelling public.

At its core, this issue is about respect, safety, and the ability to deliver essential services without fear.

Municipal public works professionals take pride in serving their communities, often working long hours in difficult conditions to keep others safe. They should not have to navigate threats, harassment, or dangerous interference while doing so.

The path forward requires collaboration between municipalities, the Province, and enforcement partners. With the right legislative tools, clear expectations, and strong enforcement, Ontario can take meaningful steps to protect the workers who keep our communities moving—especially when it matters most.

AORS will continue to advocate on behalf of its members and the broader municipal sector to ensure their voices are heard and their safety is prioritized.

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and Housing**

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June 1, 2026

234-2026-1746

On May 25, 2026, our government introduced the proposed [Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026](#) (Bill 119). Through this legislation, we are proposing new tools to address zoning by-law contraventions which respond to recommendations and requests from municipal leaders. The proposed *Planning Act* changes, if passed, would enable municipalities to use an administrative monetary penalty (AMP) system for zoning by-law contraventions which relate to land uses that are not permitted.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed changes. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting [026-0558](#) Proposed Planning Act Changes (Schedule 7 of Bill 119 - *Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026* ) from May 26, 2026, to June 25, 2026. The government invites you to review the [Environmental Registry of Ontario and Regulatory Registry of Ontario](#) links provided above and share any feedback you may have.

If you have any questions, please reach out to my Director of Stakeholder Relations, Caucus Affairs and Public Appointments, Tanner Zelenko at [tanner.zelenko@ontario.ca](mailto:tanner.zelenko@ontario.ca).

I look forward to continued collaboration with you to address these and other important issues facing our communities.

Sincerely,

- Hon. Robert J. Flack
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- c. The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff Minister's Office
- Matthew Rae, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Laura Smith, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
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- Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
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# Calvin Fire Department

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Submitted for Council Meeting: June for the month of May 2026

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## Department Volunteer Status

# Active Personnel	# Resignations since last report to Council	New applicant(s) (application attached for Council approval) Name(s):
15	0	0
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# Incidents Attended -

The month of April at the time of this report – 4 calls, 1 medical, 3 fire

# What we have been up to –

Each Thursday night meetings from 7-9 consist of a brief meeting and then crews participate in a 2-hour training session on various topics related to Fire Fighter 1&2 with skills testing to evaluate their understanding of each skill.

Scheduling for Certification testing delayed looking at June/July now.

We have been back going to residences with fire prevention and education handouts

We have been focusing on training, getting up to the training grounds to do hands-on training with the nice weather, getting out of the classroom.

Spending more time, cleaning up the training grounds, organizing, and building some new training props.

We are scheduled to go train in the OFM MLFTU - (Mobile Live Fire Training unit) which is free of charge to the municipality.

# Department Training -

Course/Training Name	Who is required to complete (all, specific role etc.)	# of Active Volunteers who have completed	Comments re training plan this calendar year to meet requirements (method of delivery/where/when)
First Aid and CPR/ BLS	All firefighters are required to do recertification every 3 years	15	All up to date.
Fire Fighter 1&2 skills training and testing	All firefighters are required by July 2026	10	In-house training following the NFPA IFST manual, NFPA Skills sheets and vector solutions online training We have now added another means of training through the Ben Hirst perp testing booklets; this allows the members to take practice tests on the information they have been studying and track their progress. Each remaining member will be tested by the AS&E in May for their final exam.

# Other Training Provided Since Last Report to Council

Specific Training Delivered	Delivery Date	Method of Delivery and Provider (i.e. Chief, FMO etc.)	Number of personnel who completed the training	Comments
NFPA 1001 Training	May regular training nights	Training officer, Deputy Chief, Chief	13	Group Training sessions held each Thursday Targeting JPR's – the month of may was a mix of drivers training and fire ground operations relating to roof vertical ventilation. We have utilized our burn unit to also hold a ventilation prop allowing the crews to train coordinated interior search along with vertical ventilation.
Vector Solutions online Training	Open to Train on FF own time	Online via Vector solutions Training Portal	13	Crews continue to complete FF1 and 2 related modules online, at home, furthering their education towards completing their testing. NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1 and 2 can take over 400 hours to complete.

# Meetings attended by Chief/Deputy Chief

Mutual Aid Meetings (running table – latest meeting first)

Meeting Date	Attended by or indicate "not attended"	Meeting Highlights	Actions Necessary, this Dept	Comments
May 27 <sup>th</sup> 2026	Attended	Round Table- Meeting Highlights – North bay Hazmat team	Attended	Held In Powassan 19:30

# Other Meetings/Conferences Attended

Meeting Date	Meeting Name	Attended by:	Comments: such as purpose, benefit etc.
none			
June 10 2026	Forest fire updates MNR	Fire Chief, CAO, Mayor	Discussions on MNR response letter.

# Public Education/Outreach Plan -2025 -Fire Prevention

Event/Activity Name	Date to be completed	Lead (i.e. Chief, Deputy etc.)	Municipal Support Required Y/N If Y, name it	*Results: (once complete)
Fire Prevention packages	ongoing	FPO/chief	Y – Print outs	On going
Facebook Updating	Monthly	PIO Liam Maxwell	N	Updating residents on Fire Safety, current situations/road closures. On going

# Reports Due to Various Ministries in 2025 (running table)

Report Name	Due to	*Due by date & Frequency	Status
Standard Incident Report OFM	OFM	March 30, 2025 Annual	Up to date
SIR reporting per call	OFM	Per call	Up to date
CAS MTO submissions	MTO	Per call	Up to date

  
 Submitted by Fire Chief

Jordan Whalley

  
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I have received, reviewed and approve of this report submission

Donna Maitland, CAO



# Calvin Fire Department

1238 Peddlers Dr Calvin Township, Ontario 705-744-2291

Submitted for Council Meeting: May for the month of April 2026

## Department Volunteer Status

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# Incidents Attended -

The month of April at the time of this report – 0 calls

## What we have been up to –

Each Thursday night meetings from 7-9 consist of a brief meeting and then crews participate in a 2-hour training session on various topics related to Fire Fighter 1&2 with skills testing to evaluate their understanding of each skill.

We have scheduled the remaining members to be tested for their Fire fighter 1,2 and hazmat in May.

CFD has been into the Samuel De Champlain Park to perform Fire code compliance inspections on their Buildings.

We have been focusing on wild land fire equipment, organization, maintenance, and training.

Public education days to start back up with the nicer weather!

The Public Education team is also working hard to get out in the community and be more involved with not only our community but our neighbors as well.

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Vector Solutions online Training	Open to Train on FF own time	Online via Vector solutions Training Portal	13	Crews continue to complete FF1 and 2 related modules online, at home, furthering their education towards completing their testing. NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1 and 2 can take over 400 hours to complete.

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May 27 <sup>th</sup> 2026	To be attended by Fire Chief	Round Table, no details yet.	Attendance.	Held In Powassan 19:30

# Other Meetings/Conferences Attended

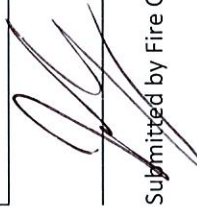
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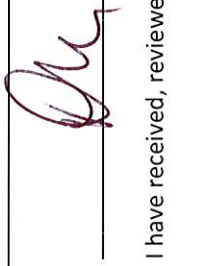
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Fire Prevention packages	ongoing	FPO/chief	Y – Print outs	On going- however the month of march and April was spent with our Public ed team on Fridays going to businesses in the area to do Fire inspections to ensure compliance and update them of new laws.
Facebook Updating	Monthly	PIO Liam Maxwell	N	Updating residents on Fire Safety, current situations/road closures. On going

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 Donna Maitland, CAO

# Ministry won't investigate Laurentian Ski Hill sale to City



[Jeff Turl](#)  
about 20 hours ago



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The City and the Conservation Authority are in the clear regarding the controversial April sale of the Laurentian Ski Hill and its assets.

The two agreed on the \$1.4 million sale just three weeks before the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks directed conservation authorities not to sell assets or make significant financial decisions to ensure a stable transition to the new regional structure.

Read the minister's temporary directions to conservation authorities [here](#).

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See: [Deal done: City to take ownership of Laurentian Ski Hill lands](#)

It raised eyebrows, not just because of the low sales price, but because a professional appraisal was never conducted on whether the price reflects the value of the land, infrastructure, and interpretive centre. The lack of appraisal even left some Conservation Authority board members shocked.

Calvin Township, which has a representative on the board, even raised concerns about transparency and consultation following the deal.

See: [Calvin Township calls for more transparency after \\$1.4 million Laurentian Ski Hill land sale](#)

Calvin's mayor, Richard Gould's report, dated April 9, focused on what the Township describes as a "lack of consultation with member municipalities that help fund the Conservation Authority."

"The sale of such an important asset, especially one that houses the administrative offices of NBMCA, was made without adequate consultation with the municipalities that are financially involved," the report states.

But a Ministry spokesman tells BayToday that since the deal was struck before the Minister's directive, it would not be investigating the sale.

"The direction is effective from May 1, 2026 and applies to decisions related to governance, organizational or staffing changes; the acquisition and disposition of lands; significant capital transactions; and the provision or acquisition of goods or services," said Gary Wheeler in an email.

"If a conservation authority's decision was made before May 1<sup>st</sup>, the transaction may still proceed, including for the transaction between North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority and the Municipality of North Bay."

From May 1 until the transition date, conservation authorities are required to obtain authorization from the CEO of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency before making new decisions related to the actions named in the directive.

Mayor Peter Chirico had earlier told BayToday that he wasn't worried the deal could unravel.

"It (Minister's Directive) doesn't affect it," said Chirico. "It's been completed prior to the directions from Ontario."

He denied that the deal was struck to beat the directive.

"No, not at all. We've been working on this as a board for probably going on two years. So, no, it's not an end run. It wasn't done in haste. We were planning on this, and we've been working on it for the last two years. As far as we're concerned, it's all good."

## Comments (9)

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GB [G ---- B](#) about 19 hours ago

As if anyone would ever believe Peter Chirico Hahahaha

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Cue the FOI Fanatics...

MB [Mrs. Bartolucci](#) about 15 hours ago

More like cue the people who rightfully don't trust sticky fingers Pete.

T [ThisYearsMan](#) Verified about 18 hours ago



## Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2026

### 19. Notice of Motion – Deputy Mayor Hull – Affirming Outdoor Education as an Essential Part of Public Education in Ontario

Deputy Mayor Hull explained the importance of outdoor education and how this motion is in response to the closure of the Toronto District School Board outdoor education centre. He explained that he is asking for the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department to be mindful of outdoor nature-related opportunities for citizens; he is not asking for a formal report.

Discussion included staff evaluation and making a change to the motion to recognize the work staff currently undertake regarding outdoor opportunities.

#### R-151-2026

It was **Moved** by C. Hull, **Seconded** by J. Kirkland and **Carried**

**Whereas** outdoor and experiential education provides students with critical opportunities to improve mental health, physical well-being, environmental literacy, teamwork, leadership, resilience, and academic engagement;

**And whereas** access to nature and outdoor learning opportunities should not depend on a family's income, geography, or ability to afford private camps, cottages, or outdoor recreation;

**And whereas** many students, especially those living in urban communities, rely on publicly funded school programs as their primary opportunity to experience forests, trails, waterways, dark skies, overnight camping, and land-based learning;

**And whereas** closures of Outdoor Education Centres risk creating long-term negative consequences for student wellness, environmental stewardship, and equitable access to experiential learning opportunities;

**And whereas** knowledgeable and experienced outdoor education staff are essential to delivering safe, inclusive, and curriculum-based learning experiences;

**And whereas** municipalities that benefit from tourism connected to parks, trails, and natural spaces depend on environmentally responsible stewardship by visitors.

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requests the Province of Ontario to:

1. Recognize outdoor education as an essential educational service and commit to equitable access for all Ontario students, and
2. Halt the closure of outdoor education centres and restore stable funding for programming across Ontario;

**And that** the Town's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department continues to evaluate how it can increase nature-related educational opportunities for citizens of all ages and abilities;

**And further that** this motion be forwarded to the Bluewater District School Board Trustees, MPP Paul Vickers, the Ontario Minister of Education MPP Paul Calandra, AMO, ROMA, The Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario, and all other municipalities across Ontario.



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**THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN**  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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To: Mayor and Council  
Subject: Roads/Landfill/Recreation/Cemetery-Report  
Author: Ann Carr, Public Works Superintendent  
Date: June 09, 2026  
Report No.: PWS-2026-13

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**Purpose:**

To provide Council information regarding Roads, Landfill and Recreation activities.

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**Public Works:**

- Street Sweeping has been completed sand piles removed.
- Grading and calcium application has begun and will be completed June 10<sup>th</sup> pending on weather.
- Been working with the Fire Department to establish a training area at the landfill better suited to the needs of the Fire Department
- 4 entrances to establish as well as cross culvert work to do.
- Asbestos Training has been completed across all departments
- 2 wind events in the month of May for emergency response.
- Attending the Public Works Trade Show in Petawawa on June 04<sup>th</sup>. Free event.
- Pothole repair
- Fixed Parking Lot of holes and deviations at Main Office and Fire Hall

**Landfill and Recycling:**


- Clear Bag education has begun at the landfill.
- Clear Bag Education will be added to the June newsletter mail out as well.
- Attendants have been cleaning loose debris around landfill.


**Recreation:**

- Grass cutting has begun
- Gardens have been cleaned out and flourishing
- Ball field has been prepared for use
- Cemetery was cleaned up and grass cut in preparation for Mother's Day
- Have started burials again at the cemetery
- Stained the boardwalk platform around playground to preserve the wood. Require more stain for the benches and sides.
- Hall has been rented often and cleaned for next use. Successful events have been held.
- Hall due for inspection

**Administrative**

- By-Laws for Speed and Parking Completed, Road Classifications By-Law Completed, User Fees By-Law presented, Recreational By-Law Completed, Current Replacement Values Completed and sent to CAO.
- All culverts in the municipality require condition assessment to be completed in house. GPS locations, as well as inspection will be implemented into the asset management plan.

Respectfully yours,  
Ann Carr   
Public Works Superintendent

I am in receipt of this report.  
Donna Maitland  
CAO, Clerk Treasurer 

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**ADMINISTRATIVE  
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May 28, 2026

To whom it May Concern:

**RE: Resolution – support Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Resolution No.2026-02 - Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant**

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution #15, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Hull

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

**Carried**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake supports the resolution from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant

WHEREAS Municipalities across Northern Ontario face disproportionately high policing costs due to low population densities, geographic isolation, and limited municipal tax bases;

AND WHEREAS many Northern communities rely on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for policing services, while others operate municipal police services that are also experiencing significant cost pressures;

AND WHEREAS recent increases in policing costs have placed unsustainable pressure on municipal budgets, forcing communities to make difficult decisions between maintaining public safety and funding essential municipal services such as infrastructure, roads, water systems, and recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities provide essential services across a vast geographic region while supporting key sectors of Ontario's economy, including mining, forestry, transportation, and energy;

AND WHEREAS municipalities require predictable and equitable provincial support to ensure policing costs remain sustainable and communities remain safe;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities call on the Government of Ontario to establish a \$100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years, to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services;

AND THAT the grant include a base funding allocation for all municipalities, with additional funding distributed based on population to ensure equitable support across communities of varying sizes;

AND THAT the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipal leaders, including FONOM and NOMA, to design and implement a sustainable funding framework that recognizes the unique economic and geographic realities of Northern Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,



**Crystal Labbe**  
**CAO/ Clerk Treasurer**

**Encl.**

**cc:** Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General  
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)

**10.**  
**AGENCIES,**  
**BOARDS,**  
**COMMITTEES**

# Municipalities seeking to leave Cassellholme say time is running out ahead of election day

[William Konken](#)

May 29, 2026 6:00 PM



1 / 2 Photo captured during a Cassellholme board meeting on May 28, 2026, Don Gracie of CG Group, representing Mattawa, Calvin, Papineau-Cameron and Mattawan, conducts a presentation. | William Konken/BayToday

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A consultant representing four municipalities seeking to leave Cassellholme urged the board this week to revive a years-old exit agreement before municipal elections this fall.

Cassellholme is a North Bay-based long-term care home governed by a board of management made up of the city and surrounding municipalities, with operations funded through municipal levies and provincial funding.

During a presentation to the Cassellholme Board of Management, Don Gracie of CG Group, a public affairs firm, said the framework for the departure of Mattawa, Calvin, Papineau-Cameron and Mattawan had already been negotiated and now needs to be finalized.

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“What we are looking for from the board of management is agreement, at least in principle, that the four municipalities I represent will be allowed to exit the board of management on the terms and conditions to which everyone agreed in 2018,” Gracie told the board over Zoom.

See: [Four municipalities move to appoint representative in effort to leave Cassellholme](#)

The dispute has simmered for years as some smaller municipalities seek to leave Cassellholme’s operating levy. Mattawa Mayor Raymond Belanger recently told *BayToday* they want to redirect that funding toward the Algonquin Nursing Home in Mattawa while continuing to pay their share of Cassellholme’s redevelopment capital costs.

Gracie told the board his firm had previously worked with Cassellholme on redevelopment approvals and discussions with the province.

“The ministry would need assurances that the financial stability and viability of Cassellholme would not be compromised by the exiting of the four municipalities,” Gracie said.

He added the Ministry of Long-Term Care “would require a legally binding tripartite agreement” involving the municipalities and the board before making regulatory changes.

Gracie said the municipalities hope to settle the matter before the upcoming elections.

“Time is clearly of the essence,” he said. “It’s in everyone’s interest, if at all possible, to have this nailed down, done and dusted before the municipal elections this fall.”

In response, board chair Dave Mendicino said Cassellholme does not currently have authority in place to proceed with an exit arrangement.

Mendicino pointed to a [Jan. 24, 2019, resolution](#) in which the board unanimously supported “the principles of an exit” for municipalities seeking to leave Cassellholme.

That motion included provisions allowing municipalities to pay their share of redevelopment costs over 25 years or through an upfront payment while continuing to support another long-term care home. The resolution also recommended that South Algonquin be relieved of redevelopment capital contributions.

However, Mendicino argued a later [motion passed on Nov. 25, 2021](#)—which rescinded provisions related to South Algonquin’s capital contributions—also affected the broader exit framework approved in 2019.

“I just want to make clear that on November 25, 2021, that motion that included both those items was rescinded,” Mendicino said during the meeting.

“When they rescinded the one, you can’t just rescind half the motion.”

Mendicino told Gracie there is currently “no authority in place right now from Cassellholme perspective” for any municipal exit.

“I will state to you that we are on it,” Mendicino said.

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