



# Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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## Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

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### Notice of Motion

RE: Cell Towers and their Associated Maintenance

#06-05-2025

Moved by Aman Sohrab

Seconded by Laurie (Smokey) Golden

Whereas the Municipality of Northern Peninsula experienced several power outages in the fall of 2024;

Whereas this resulted in loss of cellular services that was caused by a faulty generator on the cell tower site and, the entire Northern Bruce Peninsula had no cellular and/or communication services; and

Whereas intermittent or complete lack of cellular services and maintenance of current cellular infrastructure in rural communities creates a significant barrier to access to emergency services, negatively affects emergency response time, and increase public safety risk;

Therefore, it is resolved that Canada and the Province of Ontario set targets to close gaps in cellular service in rural communities and mandate service providers in partnership with all levels of government to develop a 48-hour maximum maintenance period for repairing of cellular infrastructure;

Further that a copy of this motion be sent to the Federal Department of innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), Municipalities throughout Ontario, MP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Alex Ruff and MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

Signed

Councillor Todd Dowd



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### Notice of Motion

RE: Proposed Mandate that all new cars and trucks sold in Canada be equipped with a tow hook

#06-06-2025

Moved by Rod Anderson

Seconded by Aman Sohrab

Whereas following a major snowstorm throughout the Municipality of Northern Peninsula during the week of January 27th, 2025, several abandoned vehicles were left on municipal roads causing many problems with road clearing procedures; and

Whereas these abandoned vehicles had no means of towing, due to the lack of a tow hook and area tow trucks were busy with the volume of calls and/or road closures;

And further be it resolved that the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula sees that there is merit, to having tow hooks installed on new vehicles throughout the Province of Ontario; and

Further that a copy of this motion be sent to the Automobile Manufacturing Companies in Ontario, Municipalities throughout Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, Canadian Towing Association and MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

Signed

  
Councillor Todd Dowd



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February 13, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
 Office of the Prime Minister  
 80 Wellington Street  
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

EMAIL: [justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Prime Minister,

**RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

Please be advised that at its meeting of January 28, 2025, Council of the Town of Niagara on-the-Lake adopted the following resolution:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Sincerely,



Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk

c.c. Ontario Minister of Finance Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy - [Minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.fin@ontario.ca)  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Paul Calandra - [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities - [Info@fcm.ca](mailto:Info@fcm.ca)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario - [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
All local Members of Parliament (MPs)  
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)  
All 444 Municipalities of Ontario



**From:** [Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Tillsonburg Town Council Decision Letter February 10, 2025 - Request for the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding  
**Date:** February 18, 2025 3:36:39 PM  
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Hello,

At the February 10, 2025, meeting of Tillsonburg Town Council, a resolution was passed requesting the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding. Please see below for your review:

**Resolution # 2025-059**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Beres

**Seconded By:** Councillor Spencer

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Tillsonburg Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That Tillsonburg Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office, the Premier of Ontario's Office, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

**Carried**

Regards,

**Amelia Jaggard**

Deputy Clerk

Town of Tillsonburg

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# Town of Kearney

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2025 - 45

Date: February 6, 2025

**MOVED BY:**

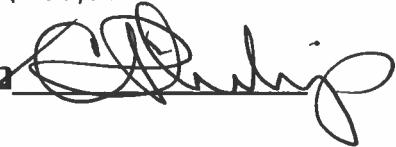
**SECONDED BY:**

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives Correspondence list for Information from February 6, 2025;

**AND FURTHER** that Council directs staff to send letters of support regarding the County of Frontenac's Resolution regarding increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000

CARRIED  

DEFEATED  \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded Vote Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded Vote:	For	Opposed
Beaucage, Keven	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pateman, Heather	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philip, Cheryl – Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharer, Jill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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**Sent Via Email**

15 January 2025

Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Rural Ontario Municipalities of Ontario (ROMA)  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Frontenac County Council Meeting – January 15, 2025 – Motion to support increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000**

Please be advised that the Council of the County of Frontenac, at its regular meeting held January 15, 2025, passed the following resolution, being Motions, Notice of Which has Been Given, clause a):

**Motions, Notice of Which has Been Given**

**a) Motion to support increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000**

Motion #: 47-25	Moved By:	Councillor Greenwood-Speers
	Seconded By:	Councillor Gowdy

**Be It Resolved That** the Council of the County of Frontenac hereby support the motion from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000; and,

**And Further That** Council a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

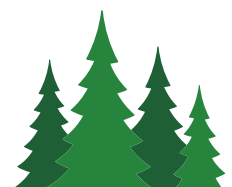
**Carried**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-548-9400, ext. 302 or via email at [jamini@frontenacounty.ca](mailto:jamini@frontenacounty.ca).

Yours Truly,

Jannette Amini, Dipl.M.M., M.A. CMO  
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY**  
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**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:**

- \_\_\_\_\_  Louanne Caza  
 \_\_\_\_\_  Elaine Fic  
 \_\_\_\_\_  Annie Keft  
 \_\_\_\_\_  Francine Plante  
 \_\_\_\_\_  Mayor Culhane

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:**

- \_\_\_\_\_  Louanne Caza  
 \_\_\_\_\_  Elaine Fic  
 \_\_\_\_\_  Annie Keft  
 \_\_\_\_\_  Francine Plante  
 \_\_\_\_\_  Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION #

47/2025

DATE : February 18, 2025

**WHEREAS** Ontario is facing a significant affordable housing crisis, with many residents struggling to secure safe and affordable living accommodations;

**AND WHEREAS** the crisis of homelessness in Ontario continues to affect thousands of individuals and families, necessitating urgent and effective housing solutions;

**AND WHEREAS** the current Ontario Building Code contains regulations that may inadvertently hinder the development of affordable housing by imposing excessive costs and barriers on individuals and developers;

**AND WHEREAS** current building code regulations may restrict the development of innovative housing solutions designed to address the needs of homeless individuals and families;

**AND WHEREAS** an increase in affordable housing units is essential to promote economic stability, community well-being, and social equity within Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** providing pre-approved affordable housing plans can streamline the construction process, reduce costs, and facilitate quicker access to housing for those in need;

**THAT** the Council of the Township of McGarry hereby calls on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals, including:

1. **Standardized Designs:** Creating a set of pre-approved housing designs that meet safety and quality standards while being cost-effective and quick to construct.
2. **Flexible Design Standards:** Allowing for innovative building designs and materials that meet affordability criteria while ensuring safety and livability.
3. **Community Integration:** Ensuring that these housing designs can be integrated into existing neighborhoods in a way that respects community character and promotes acceptance.
4. **Support for Diverse Models** Including options for various types of housing, such as tiny homes, modular units, and converted shipping containers, to cater to different needs and preferences.

**AND FURTHER** the Council of the Township of McGarry encourages the Ontario government to engage with stakeholders, including architects, housing advocates, and service providers, to develop these pre-approved plans that effectively address the needs of low income and homeless individuals;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be provided to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Micheal Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

Recorded vote requested by \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:

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



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 - 018

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: February 18, 2025

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

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MOVED BY:

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SECONDED BY:

*[Signature]*

CARRIED: ✓ DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_ Postponed to: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas United States President Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective March 12, 2025; and  
 Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and  
 Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and  
 Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and  
 Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 to \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and  
 Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and  
 Whereas municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;  
 Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and  
 That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and  
 That Council call on the federal and provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and  
 That this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

*[Signature]*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Jamie McGarvey



February 20, 2025

*Sent by email*
**See Distribution List on page 5**
**Re: Driver Training and Examinations Auditor General Report**


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The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of January 15, 2025 was approved by Council on January 22, 2025, pursuant to Council Resolution C027-2025:

**CW009-2025**
**Whereas:**

- It is a relief that Premier Ford was unharmed in the accident on the 401 in Pickering involving a reckless driver (age 18) from Oshawa on January 8, 2025 (Source: <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-premier-doug-ford-uninjured-in-highway-401-collision-says-his-office-1.7168982>)
- In addition to tragic loss of life and injury, vehicle collisions cause higher auto-insurance rates, unwanted congestion, lost productivity, and significant costs associated with emergency response (police, fire, paramedics, hospital emergency rooms and healthcare);
- According to the OPP, there were more car collision-related deaths (**568**) on Ontario highways in 2023 than in any year since 2007, making it **the deadliest year in over 15 years** and "...it's so critically important that we understand the rules of the road and we share the road safely, responsibly and understand the consequences for making a bad decision can be deadly." (Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/opp-number-fatalities-last-year-deadly-year-1.7204528>);
- That same year 26,425 were injured in vehicle collisions according to the MTO Preliminary 2023 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report (Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-07/mto-orsar-preliminary2023-en.pdf>)
- As of Thanksgiving 2024, the OPP notes that **296** drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists died in car collisions, and the vast majority of those road incidents were preventable and attributed to poor and careless actions and behaviours (Source: <https://barrie.ctvnews.ca/nearly-300-people-missing-from-thanksgiving-tables-opp-1.7070787>), one-fifth involving a transport truck (as at July 2024 Source: <https://www.baytoday.ca/local-news/one-fifth-of-fatal-collisions-in-2024-involve-transport-trucks-9177343>)

- 2024 is the most dangerous year for pedestrians and cyclists who have been particularly at risk this year, with fatalities in these two road user classes up 100 per cent and 82 per cent respectively over this time last year (Source: <https://www.mondaq.com/canada/rail-road-cycling/1565790/how-2024-has-quickly-become-the-deadliest-year-for-cyclists-and-pedestrians>);
- By far, the most common type of conviction of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) and cause for fatalities was speeding, representing 60.4% of all HTA convictions (Source: <https://www.g1.ca/driving-statistics/>);
- Peel Region had 25 fatalities due to car collisions - 13 in Brampton and 12 in Mississauga;
- The most dangerous places to drive in Ontario are Brantford (0.7/5), Kingston (0.7/5), Burlington (0.8/5) and Brampton (1.1/5), which impacts road safety and insurance affordability for everyone in these communities (Source: <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/top-10-safest-and-most-dangerous-cities-to-drive-in-ontario-in-2024-889054846.html>);
- From January to September 2024 the following traffic violation charges have been made by Peel Police:
  - 632 careless driving charges (345 in Brampton, a 25% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
  - 559 cellphone use while driving charges (125 in Brampton, a 29% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
  - 6,367 speeding charges (830 in Brampton, a 117% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023)
  - 1,992 “Fail to Stop” at a stop sign charges (874 in Brampton, a 74% increase compared to Jan-Sep 2023);
- To mitigate speeding drivers, The City of Brampton has made historic investments in ASE cameras, an ASE processing centre, speed bumps, road diets, lower speed limits, police enforcement and other traffic calming measures, however like all municipalities, lacks jurisdiction over driver training and examinations, an area requiring urgent reform under the Provincial Government;
- Under the HTA, the Ministry of Transportation (Ministry) is responsible for protecting the public by restricting the privilege of driving to those who demonstrate that they have the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to drive safely;

- Ensuring that drivers receive appropriate and effective training and testing before they get a driver's licence is a crucial step in keeping Ontario's roads safe;
- The Auditor General (AG) conducted a value for money audit (AG Report) which includes 18 recommendations (***summary attached to this motion***) for the Provincial Government Ministry, published in December 2023 and concludes by highlighting:

“Our audit concluded that the Ministry of Transportation did not have effective evidence-based driver examination programs to evaluate and test novice drivers thoroughly and consistently. The Ministry did not provide effective oversight of novice driver training and driver examination service providers to ensure desired service outcomes with due regard to economy. Ministry oversight of driving schools and instructors was limited. It does not regulate driver training services outside of the optional Beginner Driver Education program, curbing its ability to identify and/or deter substandard training practices within the industry. In addition, the Ministry's monitoring programs were not designed to proactively identify drivers with repeat suspensions or high-risk medical conditions, impeding the effectiveness of these programs to maximize road safety in Ontario. (Source Page 4:

[https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR\\_drivertraining\\_en23.pdf](https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_drivertraining_en23.pdf));

- In March 2024, CBC Marketplace broke an investigative story “Driving schools selling shortcuts to insurance discounts and faster road tests” where schools submit false information to government saying drivers completed 40 hours of training, consistent with concerning findings in the AG Report (Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/marketplace-driving-schools-education-fee-1.7134557>); and
- The provincial government has not provided a substantial update on any action taken regarding the recommendations in the AG Report to improve driver training and examination for safer drivers and improve safety on our roads.

**Therefore be it resolved that:**

1. The City Brampton endorse the Auditor General Value-for-Money Audit Driver Training and Examination Report (AG Report) - its findings and 18 recommendations to ensure that we have safe and qualified drivers on our roads; and
2. The City of Brampton share this motion and endorsement with the Premier, Minister of Transportation, all local MPPs, and the leaders of the official opposition and third party; and

3. The City of Brampton request a formal update from the provincial government and meeting with the Minister of Transportation regarding any action taken to date based on the recommendations described in the AG Report, particularly those that prioritize improved driver training and examination for safer drivers on our roads; and
4. The City of Brampton forward this motion and attachment to any cities or towns listed in the AG Report and the top dangerous cities in Ontario, encouraging them to pass a similar motion; and CC them in the follow-up correspondence to the province; and
5. The City of Brampton forward this motion, attachment, and follow-up correspondence to the Region of Peel, Peel Police, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Driving Instructors Association, and Young Drivers of Canada.
6. Staff report back with data to identify road safety hotspots with the intention to use the data strategically with Peel Police to improve Brampton's status as a safe city to drive.
7. Staff report back on bylaw enforcement tactics regarding driving instructors as referenced on page 22 of the AG Report: "In some municipalities, such as Brampton, municipal bylaw officers patrolled test routes and issued fines to driving instructors who lingered around exam routes".

A summary of recommendations in the Auditor General Value-for-Money Audit Driver Training and Examination Report is attached.

By copy of this correspondence to Robert Higgs, Director, Enforcement and By-law Services, Legislative Services, and Shane Loftus, Director, Road Maintenance and Operations, Public Works and Engineering, they are requested to carry out the directions outlined in clauses 6 and 7. Item **RM 5/2025** has been added to the Referred Matters List for the report requested.

Yours truly,

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**MOTION: SAFER DRIVERS = SAFER ROADS, a call for the Provincial Government to act****Moved by: Santos****ATTACHMENT: Summary of recommendations published by the Auditor General Value – “Value-for-Money Audit: Driver Training and Examination” December 2023***NOTE: The following list of recommendations have been copied directly from the report.***Issue and Recommendations (Pg16-38)**[https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR\\_drivertraining\\_en23.pdf](https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_drivertraining_en23.pdf):**4.1 Driver Examinations****4.1.1 Novice Drivers from Urban Areas Who Took Road Tests at Rural or Suburban Drive Test Centres Were Involved in More Collisions**

1. So that driver examinations effectively assess whether novice drivers are sufficiently prepared to drive safely on Ontario’s roads, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
  - assess the impact on road safety of novice drivers from urban areas taking their road tests at rural and suburban DriveTest Centres; and
  - based on that assessment, identify and put in place reasonable restrictions that prohibit urban novice drivers from taking their road test at a DriveTest Centre outside of where they live, work or study.

**4.1.2 Ministry Reduced the Requirements for the G (Highway) Road Test Without a Full Review and Formal Evaluation of Road Safety Impacts**

2. To understand the full impact of the reduced G (highway) road test and make evidence-based decisions about the reduced test, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
  - conduct a thorough policy analysis of the impact of the reduced G (highway) road test, including the impact related to drivers from countries with no reciprocal driver’s licence exchange agreement with Ontario;
  - track and compare the collision rates of drivers who pass the reduced G (highway) road test to those who passed the full G (highway) road test over a sufficient period of time to determine if it increases road safety risk; and
  - based on these analyses, determine whether it is appropriate to continue to use the reduced G (highway) road test.

**4.1.3 Novice Drivers Can Repeat the Knowledge Test as Many Times as Necessary in One Sitting to Pass**

3. To encourage novice drivers to study the rules of the road more effectively prior to attempting the G1 knowledge test, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation review best practices in other jurisdictions, such as Quebec and British Columbia, and determine whether it should introduce a wait period before an individual can retake the test or limit the number of tests that can be taken in a single day.

**4.2 Driver Training****4.2.1 Drivers Allowed to Shorten Their G1 Supervised Driving Period Were Involved in More Collisions**

4. So that novice drivers are better prepared to drive safely on Ontario’s roads, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
  - review and identify opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of the Beginner Driver Education program (program) for novice drivers, including the sufficiency of the existing minimum number of driving practice hours;
  - based on leading practices in other jurisdictions, reassess the time discount provision that allows novice drivers to shorten the supervised driving period after the completion of the program;

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- based on its review of these areas, implement necessary changes to improve the program; and subsequent to making changes to the program, determine whether all novice drivers should be required to complete the program.

*4.2.2 Ministry Provided Limited Guidance Regarding Necessary Driving Practices for New Drivers Compared to Other Jurisdictions*

5. So that novice drivers are well prepared to drive safely on Ontario roads, and to protect the integrity of the Ministry's driver examination process, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- review the types of driver training services available in the marketplace (including the practice of route training) and assess their impact on novice drivers and on the integrity of the driver examination process;
  - based on that assessment, propose regulatory changes to prohibit driver training services that compromise the Ministry's ability to assess the driving skills of novice drivers through the Ministry examination process; and
  - implement monitoring and enforcement tools to deter prohibited driver training services.

*4.2.3 Unregulated Driver Training Services May Undermine the Integrity of Driver Examinations**4.2.4 Weak Oversight of Beginner Driver Education Driving Schools*

6. To strengthen the oversight of driving schools, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- develop and implement a formal policy to require timely on-site follow-ups at driving schools where audits identified either serious or a high number of compliance violations to assess if the violations have been resolved;
  - develop and implement a strategy for routinely conducting cost-effective mystery shops on driving schools that it identifies as high-risk; and
  - regularly document and assess progress reported through follow-ups with driving schools to direct the Ministry's future oversight and enforcement actions.

**4.3 Graduated Licensing System May Not Adequately Prepare Less-Experienced Drivers from Other Countries to Drive in Ontario**

7. To better prepare novice drivers from other countries for driving in Ontario, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- research whether drivers from other countries have unique challenges that may contribute to their involvement in a higher proportion of collisions;
  - reassess the impact of waiving the 12-month wait period between the G1 (knowledge) and G2 (city) road test; and
  - based on the results of Ministry research and reassessment, make necessary changes to the training and examination programs.

**4.4 Monitoring High-Risk Licensed Drivers***4.4.1 Ministry Rarely Requires Drivers with Repeat Driving Suspensions to Take Retraining Courses*

8. To encourage road safety and provide early remedial measures for drivers with a history of repeat driving offences and suspensions, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- routinely identify drivers with a record of repeat driving offences and suspensions who Ministry data indicates are at increased likelihood to cause a collision; and
  - expand the criteria for requiring drivers to complete remediation and retraining to include these drivers.

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*4.4.2 Elderly Drivers' Ability to Drive Safely Not Effectively Assessed*

9. To enhance road safety for the growing number of elderly drivers, we recommend the Ministry of Transportation review and adopt best practices from other jurisdictions, such as:
- re-examining elderly drivers' driving skills; and
  - requiring regular medical assessments for all Drivers 80 and older.

*4.4.3 Reporting of Drivers Who May Be Medically Unfit to Drive Could Be Improved*

10. For more complete and timely identification, assessment and suspension of drivers with high medical risks, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation periodically conduct educational and outreach initiatives to increase awareness among doctors, nurses and optometrists to report patients for medical assessment.

*4.4.4 Supporting Evidence for Ministry's Medical Suspension Decisions Not Always Complete*

11. To help ensure that decisions to suspend driver's licences are based on all medically relevant information, and that the suspension decisions are consistent and adequately supported, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- redesign the forms doctors use to provide condition-specific medical information to the Ministry to include all necessary information, such as test or treatment results;
  - require medical assessors to consistently document their rationale for decisions related to complex driving suspensions and reinstatements; and
  - implement a quality-assurance process to routinely review the completeness and appropriateness of medical assessments.

**4.5 Driver Examination Services Contract Management and Oversight***4.5.1 Ministry's Contract Administration Was Ineffective, and Failed to Improve Driver Examination Services for Ontarians*

12. To better motivate the service provider to improve service rather than incur penalties, and to hold the service provider accountable for contract deliverables, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:
- design and implement performance measures that incorporate effective penalties for performance failures, including delays in contract deliverables;
  - collect an upfront contingency deposit for performance penalties based on historical records; and
  - design and implement incentives (in addition to penalties) to promote compliance and appropriate responses from the service provider.

13. To promote effective contract management and relations between the Ministry of Transportation and its service provider, and to avoid undermining the contractual position of the Ministry, we recommend that the Ministry ensure that communications with contractors use appropriate contract channels.

*4.5.2 Ministry's Compliance Audits of Driver Examination Services Were Inconsistent and Incomplete*

14. To better monitor and report on the driver examination service provider's compliance and performance, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation strengthen its audit function by implementing a program of risk-based audits to examine all key operational processes of driver examination services, including road tests.

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*4.5.3 Ministry Paid Additional Funds to Maintain Service Levels That Were the Responsibility of the Service Provider*

15. To provide for better accountability of funds provided to third parties for driver examination services to Ontarians, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- administer contracts such that risks and costs are allocated between the parties in accordance with contractual terms; and
- conduct thorough reviews on all relief, subsidization or reimbursement requests from service providers and render decisions that are consistent with the Ministry's contractual obligations.

*4.5.4 Ministry Awarded New Contract to the Service Provider Despite Poor Performance and Issues of Concern*

16. To provide for more effective oversight of driver examination service providers, and to provide Ontarians with better quality of service, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- ensure adequate lead time to comply with government policies on procurement when contracting with a service provider;
- consider past performance in negotiating future contracts;
- compare its experience relative to other Canadian provinces to identify best practices in structuring driver examination services; and
- use independent research to immediately evaluate the costs and benefits of various options for an examination service delivery partnership.

**4.6 Ministry Overrode Its Own Proof of Identification Requirements When Issuing Driver's Licences**

17. To better prevent fraud and identify theft, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- develop internal guidelines and formal procedures to evaluate and document the extenuating circumstances for ID escalations;
- educate Serco and ServiceOntario staff on these guidelines and procedures; and
- put in place a process to monitor that these guidelines and procedures are followed.

**4.7 Ministry Did Not Incorporate Key Safety Data When Determining the Effectiveness of Its Road Safety Programs**

18. To measure the effectiveness of its driver training and examination programs on a timely basis, we recommend that the Ministry of Transportation:

- expand the use of business intelligence tools to conduct additional analytics that leverage data from related information systems, linking driver information to the driver examination, collisions and driver medical databases;
- establish a comprehensive set of road safety indicators, including those related to collision rates, based on the objectives of its driver training and examination programs; and
- monitor its driver training and examination programs using these indicators, and report on the results annually.



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February 20, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email

**Re: Ontario Deposit Return Program**

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, February 10, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0025 regarding Support for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding Ontario Deposit Return Program.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0025.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Lawr'.

Melissa Lawr, AMP  
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- cc. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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All Municipalities in Ontario





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**Resolution No.:** 2025-0025

**Title:** Ontario Deposit Return Program

**Date:** February 10, 2025

**Moved by:** Councillor C. Somerville

**Seconded by:** Councillor J. Fogal

Item No. 12.1

WHEREAS the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS ON September 20, 2024 the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury issued a letter endorsing the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills has always shown a leadership role in environmental matters including, passing in 2005, asking the province to create a deposit and return system for wine and liquor bottles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024, by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); MPP Ted Arnott; Leaders of the Opposition Parties; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Mayor Ann Lawlor

September 20, 2024

**BY E-MAIL**

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Dear Minister Khanjin:

### **Ontario Deposit Return Program**

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

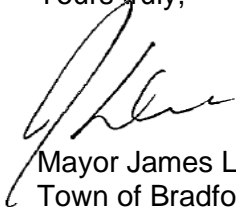
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,



Mayor James Leduc  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe  
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic  
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities



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February 18, 2025

## **Re: Proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian Goods**

Please note at their Regular Meeting held February 18, 2025, the Township of Val Rita-Harty Council passed the following resolution: 25-008

Moved by Councillor Roger Lachance  
Second by Councillor Alain Tremblay

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and.

Whereas municipalities have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.



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Therefore, be it resolved that, the Township of Val Rita-Harty supports the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

Be it further resolved that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers.
- All local MPs and MPPs
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

**CARRIED**

**Vickie Boudreau**  
Clerk/Treasurer



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February 5, 2025

The Honourable Sylvia Jones,  
Minister of Health  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**RE: Paid-Plasma-Free Zone**

Dear Hon. Sylvia Jones,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 5th, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Toronto.

**Resolution No: 2025-02-05-08**  
**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 City of Toronto's resolution Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone.

**And further that** this resolution be forwarded to Canadian Blood Services, Minister of Health, MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Ontario."

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



**John D. Elvidge**  
City Clerk

City Clerk's Office

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**In reply please quote:**  
**Ref.: 24-MM23.1**

(Sent by Email)

December 20, 2024

**ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:**

**Subject: Member Motion Item 23.1**  
**Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise,**  
**seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted [Item MM23.1](#) and in doing so, has forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and requested that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Yours sincerely,

*Niko Markakis*, for

for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/mp

**Attachment**

**Sent to: All Ontario Municipalities**  
**Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Blood Services**  
**Chief Executive Officer, Grifols Canada**

c. **City Manager**

## City Council

### Member Motions - Meeting 23

<b>MM23.1</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Adopted</b>		<b>Ward: All</b>
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### **Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo**

#### **City Council Decision**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City.
2. City Council forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

#### **Summary**

In the City of Toronto, we uphold the principle of voluntary blood and plasma donation, acknowledging its vital importance as a public good. Our commitment derives from the lessons of Canada's tainted blood crisis, which tragically claimed approximately 8,000 lives. The subsequent Royal Krever Commission urged a fully voluntary, non-payment oriented blood and plasma donation system.

Within our Ontario healthcare system, we perceive blood donations as a priceless public resource, underscoring the need to safeguard the integrity of the public, voluntary donor system.

The Voluntary Blood Donations Act of Ontario strengthens this stance, legislating against the payment of donors and prohibiting donors from receiving financial compensation for their blood or plasma.

Canada Blood Services plans to open five paid plasma clinics, including one in Toronto, by 2025. This issue needs immediate attention and action. The public health community has raised concerns about Grifols Pharmaceuticals' plans to open a Toronto clinic. It's vital we protect vulnerable residents from exploitation by for-profit plasma collection companies offering cash for blood-plasma, a predatory practice.

In bringing this motion forward, we strive to reinforce the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation, protecting both the integrity of Canada's public blood system and the dignity of blood donors.

**Background Information (City Council)**

**Member Motion MM23.1**

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-249600.pdf>

**Attachment 1 - Resolution to Declare the City of Hamilton a "No Paid Plasma Zone"**

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-250144.pdf>





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

**Agenda Number:** 16.5.  
**Resolution Number** 25-029  
**Title:** Response to Tariff Threats - Support Canadian Business and Consumers  
**Date:** Friday, February 21, 2025

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**Moved by:** Councillor Manners  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Barton

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago (The Archipelago) is a Canadian government entity; and

**WHEREAS** The Archipelago is committed to fiscal responsibility and prudent management of financial and organizational resources, information databases, and the protection of taxpayer information; and

**WHEREAS** The Archipelago developed 'guiding principles' for its broadband connectivity project that included 'Canadian solutions first, North American second' in the acquisition of technology and services; and

**WHEREAS** The Archipelago's projected capital program for 2025 is \$1.5 million; and

**WHEREAS** all Canadian municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

**WHEREAS** United States President, Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective March 12, 2025; and

**WHEREAS** predatory tariffs by the US government affect all our residents, businesses, and institutions within The Archipelago, the Province of Ontario, and Canada; and

**WHEREAS** federal, provincial, and municipal leaders are encouraging Canadians to 'buy Canadian'; and

**WHEREAS** The Archipelago supports Team Canada efforts to stop US tariffs on Canadian goods and services.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The Archipelago adopts the following actions:

1. That staff ensure that all municipal data resides within Canada for security and sovereignty interests; and
2. That The Archipelago supports the federal and provincial call to action “Canadian business first” policy in its procurement of capital and infrastructure programs; and
3. That The Archipelago promotes the policy of “Buy Canadian” to encourage the purchase of Canadian goods and services and to support local business in The Archipelago and Parry Sound District; and
4. That all travel to the US for municipal advocacy requires the adoption of a formal position on US tariffs by The Archipelago; and
5. That Staff prepare a Council tariff position and policy for Council approval.
6. That The Archipelago participate in the Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce survey of businesses on the impact of tariffs and support, where possible, actions that follow.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, MP Scott Aitchison – Parry Sound Muskoka, MPP Graydon Smith – Parry Sound Muskoka, Mayors of Parry Sound District Municipalities, Chief Adam Pawis - Shawanaga First Nation, Chief Warren Tabobondung - Wasauksing First Nation, Chief M. Wayne McQuabbie - Henvey Inlet First Nation, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Ontario municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and community associations in The Archipelago.

**Carried**

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Monday, January 20, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
 Premier of Ontario  
 Premier's Office, Legislative Building, Room 281  
 Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1  
[Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria  
 Minister of Transportation  
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 Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8  
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RE: Support for an Ontario-wide licencing framework for rideshare companies

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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the January 13, 2025, Goderich Town Council meeting:

**Moved By:** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded By:** Deputy Mayor Noel

**Whereas** Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel;

**And Whereas**, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

**And Whereas**, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved that** the Town of Goderich Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

**Be It Further Resolved that** the Town of Goderich Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County of Huron; and all six neighbouring Huron County lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

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**CARRIED**

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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Enclosed:

1. Policy Note – Expanding Transportation Options in Ontario
2. Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus Letter of Support

cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs [minister.mra@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mra@ontario.ca)  
The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) [amopresident@amo.on.ca](mailto:amopresident@amo.on.ca)  
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Meredith Staveley-Watson, Manager of Government Relations, EOWC [info@eowc.org](mailto:info@eowc.org)  
The Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, [info@eowc.org](mailto:info@eowc.org)  
The County of Huron and all neighbouring Huron County lower-tier municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

October 24, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
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The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria  
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**Re: Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus support for an Ontario-wide  
licensing framework for rideshare companies**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the [Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus \(EOWC\)](#), representing 103 rural and small urban municipalities across Eastern Ontario, I am writing to request that the Ontario Government strongly consider adopting a province-wide licensing framework for rideshare companies.

Municipalities across Eastern Ontario, including the County of Northumberland and Township of Russell, have been advocating for a provincial licensing framework for rideshare companies that would align Ontario with Quebec and British Columbia. Ridesharing provides a vital transportation option in communities across Ontario, but much of the province is still underserved by ridesharing services.

In many parts of the province, ridesharing is unregulated or regulated in a 'patchwork' manner. Since 2016, dozens of municipalities across Ontario have developed unique bylaws to regulate ridesharing. These bylaws cover topics such as licensing scheme, insurance requirements, driver screening standards, vehicle requirements, and fee / payment schedules.

The benefits of an Ontario-wide licensing framework of rideshare companies include:

- **Supports economic development** - As Ontario continues to attract investments in areas such as electronic vehicle (EV) manufacturing, communities across the province will need additional transportation options. Ridesharing helps people get around growing communities while also providing part-time flexible job opportunities.
- **Connects communities** - The current patchwork regulatory structure does not reflect the reality of regional transportation, which does not stop at municipal borders. Similar to the One Fare approach of the government, a provincial regulatory framework would allow people to use ridesharing to move seamlessly between communities in the province.
- **Helps reduce impaired driving** - Research shows that the presence of ridesharing in a community can help reduce impaired driving. In many rural communities, transportation options are often sparse or unavailable late at night, which can lead some individuals to choose to drive impaired. A provincial regulatory framework would allow ridesharing to expand more easily into these communities and provide people with a safe ride option.
- **Enables innovative approaches to transit** – As one example of innovative partnerships, the Town of Innisfil and Uber Canada co-designed a custom transit solution, named Innisfil Transit. With a touch of a button, residents are offered flat fare rides to popular destinations, such as the train station, the recreation complex, or the Innisfil Employment Area. Since the launch of Innisfil Transit, thousands of residents have taken trips to connect with the commuter rail station, get to work, go out with friends, or visit their doctor.

Premier Ford and Minister Sakaria, we thank you for your consideration of this important issue. As always, the EOWC remains a trusted partner and welcomes continued collaboration and opportunities for open dialogue on behalf of our member municipalities.

Sincerely,



Peter Emon  
Chair, 2024  
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
[Info@eowc.org](mailto:Info@eowc.org)

CC: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
[minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs  
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## **Policy Note - Expanding Transportation Options in Ontario**

The purpose of this note is to outline the current challenges with respect to the regulation of ridesharing in Ontario and the benefits to the province that could be unlocked through a provincial regulatory framework.

[Context](#)

[Current Challenges](#)

[Municipal Interest in Ontario](#)

[Benefits of Provincial Approach](#)

[Jurisdictional Scan](#)

### **Context**

- Since 2016, dozens of municipalities across Ontario have developed unique bylaws to regulate ridesharing.
- These bylaws cover topics such as licensing scheme, insurance requirements, driver screening standards, vehicle requirements, and fee / payment schedules.
- Currently, there are several ridesharing companies operational in Ontario, including Lyft, U-Ride, Uber and others.
- Ridesharing provides a vital transportation option in communities across the province, but much of the province is still underserved by ridesharing services.

### **Current Challenges**

The current regulatory structure has significant policy challenges that impacts the province's transportation system and economic growth. Challenges include:

- **Patchwork regulatory framework** - As the province recently demonstrated through its [One Fare](#) announcement, transportation does not stop at municipal boundaries and is increasingly regional. The regulation of ridesharing has become a patchwork regulatory system where a driver can pick up in one municipality but may not be able to pick up in the neighbouring municipality, leading to deadheading.
- **Increasing red tape** - For ridesharing companies that wish to expand in Ontario at the moment, they have to go to individual municipalities and develop bespoke compliance systems. This increases red tape and the cost of doing business in Ontario. It severely limits the ability of ridesharing companies to scale across rural Ontario.
- **Lack of rural transportation options** - Many rural municipalities in Ontario are significantly growing as a result of the Government's investment in housing and infrastructure, yet they lack sufficient transportation options for their residents. Even when options exist, they are often only available at limited times of the day.



### **Municipal Interest in Ontario**

Due to the lack of rural transportation options and the benefits of ridesharing services, over the past months, several municipalities that do not currently have ridesharing services have expressed interest in bringing ridesharing to their communities. These include:

- **Municipality of Brighton** - Northumberland-Peterborough South
- **Township of Russell** - Glengarry-Prescott-Russell
- **City of Pembroke** - Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke
- **Township of Southgate** - Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
- **Town of St. Mary's** - Perth-Wellington

Some of these communities, including Brighton, ON have already passed resolutions (see [Appendix A](#) for full resolution) declaring “support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level”.

### **Benefits of Provincial Approach**

A provincial approach to the regulation of ridesharing would have considerable benefits to the Ontario economy and the people of Ontario. These benefits include:

- **Supports economic development** - As Ontario continues to attract investments in areas such as EV manufacturing, communities across the province will need additional transportation options. Ridesharing helps people get around growing communities while also providing part-time flexible work opportunities.
- **Connects communities** - The current patchwork regulatory structure does not reflect the reality of regional transportation, which does not stop at municipal borders. Similar to the One Fare approach of the government, a provincial regulatory framework would allow people to use ridesharing to move seamlessly between communities in the province.
- **Helps reduce impaired driving** - Research shows that the presence of ridesharing in a community can help reduce impaired driving, which is why Uber is a proud partner of MADD Canada. In many rural communities, transportation options are often sparse or unavailable late at night, which can lead some to drive impaired. A provincial regulatory framework would allow ridesharing to expand more easily into these communities and provide citizens with a good reason not to drink and drive.
- **Enables innovative approaches to transit** - Uber and the Town of Innisfil co-designed a custom transit solution, named Innisfil Transit. With a touch of a button, residents are offered flat fare rides to popular destinations, such as the train station, the recreation complex, or the Innisfil Employment Area. Since the launch of Innisfil Transit, thousands of residents have taken trips to connect with the commuter rail station, get to work, go out with friends, or visit their doctor.
- **Connectivity to higher order transit** - As Metrolinx builds out the GO RER expansion and the Ontario Northlander resumes services, more Ontarians and visitors to our

province will use these services to connect with communities. Ridesharing would help boost the success of these services by serving as a “first-mile / last-mile” solution in communities across the RER and Northlander corridors.

### **Jurisdictional Scan**

The majority of other provinces in Canada have adapted a provincial model to the regulation of ridesharing. Some examples of provincial models include:

<b>Province</b>	<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Website / More Information</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	<a href="#">Transportation Network Company Regulations</a>	<a href="#">Transportation Network Companies (Ride-sharing Service) - Digital Government and Service NL</a>
Quebec	<a href="#">Bill 17, An Act respecting remunerated passenger transportation by automobile - National Assembly of Québec</a>	<a href="#">Authorized drivers or drivers of a vehicle comparable to a taxi - SAAQ</a>
Alberta	<a href="#">Transportation Network Companies Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Ride-for-hire services   Alberta.ca</a>
Saskatchewan	<a href="#">Vehicles for Hire Act</a> <a href="#">Vehicles for Hire Regulations</a>	<a href="#">Ridesharing services - SGI</a>

**Appendix A: Municipality of Brighton Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Brighton faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community;

WHEREAS rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel;

WHEREAS, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

WHEREAS, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Brighton Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Brighton Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament for Northumberland-Peterborough South; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County of Northumberland; and all six neighbouring Northumberland lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA**

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**Item 14(a)**

**Date: February 19, 2025**

**29-02-2025**

Moved by Katie Grigg

Seconded by *Crystal Fede*

WHEREAS speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving are among the leading causes of driving related collisions, injuries, and fatalities in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS municipalities are called upon to modify driver behaviour through expensive infrastructure and even more expensive policing; and,

WHEREAS infrastructure and policing are inherently limited in their effectiveness at reducing speed and distracted driving, and entirely ineffective at reducing impaired driving;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zorra Township calls on the Provincial and Federal governments to do everything in their power to limit speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, and thereby reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities in our communities;

THAT the Township of Zorra specifically requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

AND THAT Zorra Township Staff work with Oxford County and all Oxford municipalities on the feasibility of implementing a long term Vision Zero Policy and the Good Roads Rural Road Safety strategy across all of Oxford; and,

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs, Ontario Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Ontario Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Oxford police services boards, Safe and Well Oxford, Good Roads, and all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried

Defeated

Recorded Vote

Deferred

**Recorded Vote:**

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Ryan		
Councillor Stewart		
Councillor Grigg		
Councillor Mitchell		
Councillor Finch		

  
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Mayor



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February 25, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

At the regular meeting of Woodstock City Council held on February 20, 2025, the following resolution was passed:

“Whereas speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving are among the leading causes of driving related collisions, injuries, and fatalities in Ontario; and,

Whereas municipalities are called upon to modify driver behaviour through expensive infrastructure and even more expensive policing; and,

Whereas infrastructure and policing are inherently limited in their effectiveness at reducing speed and distracted driving, and entirely ineffective at reducing impaired driving;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Woodstock calls on the Provincial and Federal governments to do everything in their power to limit speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, and thereby reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities in our communities; and,

That the City of Woodstock specifically requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and,

That City of Woodstock Staff work with Oxford County and all Oxford municipalities on the feasibility of implementing a long term Vision Zero Policy and the Good Roads Rural Road Safety strategy across all of Oxford; and,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs, Ontario Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Ontario Minister of Health; and,

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Oxford police services boards, Safe

and Well Oxford, Good Roads, and all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.”

Yours Truly,

Jeff Bunn  
Manager, Legislative Services/ Deputy City Clerk  
City of Woodstock

Cc.

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The Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure - [kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org](mailto:kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org)

The Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture - [minister.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.omafra@ontario.ca)

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And all municipalities in Ontario



# Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**February 25, 2025**

Right Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada)  
 Hon. Melanie Joly, (Minister of Foreign Affairs),  
 Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith (Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities),  
 Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario and Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party),  
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 John Beddows (Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus),  
 All regional Members of Canadian Parliament,  
 All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament,  
 All of Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus 'Canadian and Ontario Governments Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs'**

At a meeting held on February 19, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-02-19-134, adopting the below recommendation:

**Moved by:** Councillor Scott Jibb

**Seconded by:** Councillor John Logel

**"That** County Council support the correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) regarding 'Canadian and Ontario Governments Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs', and direct staff to send a copy of the resolution to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada),
- Hon. Melanie Joly (Minister of Foreign Affairs),
- Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith (Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities),





**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**

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- Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario and Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party),
- Marit Stiles (Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party),
- Bonnie Crombie (Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party),
- Mike Schreiner (Leader of the Ontario Green Party),
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- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament,
- All of Ontario's municipalities.

**Council Resolution # 2025-02-19-134**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Mather".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County



# Council Resolution

Moved By S. Poph  
 Seconded By J. Lejal

Agenda Item 8.a      Resolution Number  
 2025-02-19- 134

Council Date: February 19, 2025

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Recorded Vote Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor's Name

Carried   
 Warden's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warden's Signature

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**Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs**

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**Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville**  
**Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County**

**Whereas** the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

**Whereas** Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

**Whereas** the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

**Whereas** trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

**Whereas** according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

**Whereas** Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

**Whereas** municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

**Whereas** there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus** supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities' social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

**Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:**

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
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- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
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- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

**Carried**



**Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC**

**February 10, 2025**



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February 26, 2025

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

EMAIL: [Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Requests the Province of Ontario Reconsider the Amendment of  
Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act**

Please be advised that at its meeting of February 25, 2025, Council of the Town of Niagara on-the-Lake adopted the following resolution:

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council endorses the resolution from the Municipality of South Huron requesting the Province reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Minister Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and MPP Thompson.
3. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grant Bivol', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk

c.c. Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Hon. Michael Ford - [Michael.Ford@ontario.ca](mailto:Michael.Ford@ontario.ca)  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Paul Calandra - [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario - [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)  
MPP Thompson - [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)  
All 444 Municipalities of Ontario



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Matthew Trennum  
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February 24, 2025

***SENT ELECTRONICALLY***

**Re: Protecting Hamilton's Economy and Jobs: Strengthening Local Procurement and Resilience Amid U.S. Tariff Threats – REVISED**

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, passed the following resolution:

Item 10.5 of the General Issues Committee Minutes GIC 25-002:

**10.5 Protecting Hamilton's Economy and Jobs: Strengthening Local Procurement and Resilience Amid U.S. Tariff Threats – REVISED**

WHEREAS, the United States government, under President Donald Trump, had announced the imposition of 25% tariffs on Canadian goods effective February 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, the potential threat of tariffs on Hamilton's key industries poses significant risk to local businesses, workers, and the overall economic stability of our community;

WHEREAS, these tariffs could potentially reduce the city's GDP by up to \$1.1 billion, impacting key sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and the automotive industry;

WHEREAS, Hamilton's manufacturing sector employs over 28,000 workers locally and over 48,000 within the broader Hamilton CMA, and plays a critical role in the city's economic stability;

WHEREAS, the potential decline in Hamilton's largest export sector—iron and steel—could result in a \$3.6 billion reduction in export value;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has significant purchasing power through its capital projects and infrastructure investments, which can be leveraged to support local and national businesses during this economic uncertainty;

WHEREAS, although a 30-day pause on the implementation of these proposed tariffs has been agreed upon by President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the potential threat remains, necessitating the exploration of proactive measures to protect and support Hamilton's local businesses, workers, and families to ensure economic resilience, growth, and long-term prosperity for our city;

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2025, Council referred Councillor Matt Francis's "Buy Local and Canadian First Procurement Policy" motion to the Procurement Sub-Committee for consideration with the intention to lay the groundwork for prioritizing local procurement;

WHEREAS, the current economic climate and the urgent threat posed by new tariffs necessitate accelerated action to expand on the aforementioned motion and reinforce Hamilton's economic resilience;

WHEREAS, municipalities, while traditionally constrained by trade agreements, can play a pivotal role in supporting Canadian businesses through strategic procurement practices;

WHEREAS, the recent announcement of the imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum products by the United States will have a significant impact on Hamilton's economy, key industries, and the livelihoods of workers in our city;

WHEREAS, Hamilton is a national leader in primary steel production and secondary processing, and local companies have been a vital part of the city's economy and identity for generations;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton remains committed to supporting its local businesses, promoting local procurement, and protecting jobs for Hamiltonians;

WHEREAS, the government of Canada's response to the imposition of tariffs by the U.S. may impact the costs of municipal capital projects and other essential infrastructure investments; and,

WHEREAS, collaboration with all orders of government is critical to mitigate the impact of these tariffs and protect Hamilton's industries and workers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) Staff expedite the review of current procurement policies and report back to GIC on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with preliminary recommendations on the feasibility of integrating "Buy Local and Canadian" policies effectively and urgently given the current economic uncertainty;
- (b) The City of Hamilton stands in solidarity with federal and provincial governments to advocate against U.S. tariffs and support a coordinated "Team Canada" response.
- (c) The City of Hamilton calls on the federal and provincial governments to collaborate with municipalities in identifying and removing barriers that prevent local governments from preferring Canadian businesses in procurement processes.



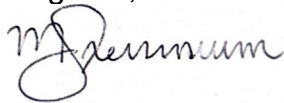
- (d) The City of Hamilton endorses the City of Burlington's "Buy Canada" resolution, dated January 31, 2025, and that the clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations for their information:
- (i) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
  - (ii) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
  - (iii) Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus
  - (iv) Hamilton Members of Parliament (MPs)
  - (v) Hamilton Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
  - (vi) Municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- (e) That The Mayor with the support of staff identified by the City Manager's office further explore opportunities to support our steel industry partners, hardworking Hamiltonians and the backbone of the economy of our City through measures such as but not limited to:
- (i) The re-orienting of our tendering and purchasing processes to build in the priority of sourcing steel and steel products from local companies first, and Canadian companies when necessary (in Sault Ste Marie for example). Also explore the sourcing of Canadian aluminum;
  - (ii) Calling on the senior orders of government to urgently facilitate the development of the supply chains necessary for municipalities around the country to source Hamilton steel and steel products for their capital works projects;
  - (iii) Calling on Ontario and Canada to begin to source their steel and steel products for their capital works projects from Hamilton companies ASAP;
  - (iv) Calling on the Federal and Provincial governments to encourage Canadian municipalities to begin to source Canadian steel and steel products for their municipal works projects and commit to developing programs to cover any cost inflation that may be incurred by municipalities, with or without retaliatory tariffs, to ensuring that any such costs are reimbursed to them by the Federal and Provincial governments;
  - (v) Demanding the Federal Government immediately establish a Canadian Border Service Agency customs office at the Hamilton's HOPA port, as has been requested by HOPA, to facilitate the movement of steel, steel products and other goods manufactured or grown/produced in Hamilton and surrounding areas to markets across Canada and abroad;

- (vi) Calling on the Federal government to accelerate its efforts to facilitate access to new markets for Hamilton steel and steel products abroad;
- (vii) Calling on the Federal government, and the Ontario government to expedite the construction of the Hamilton LRT as a stimulus initiative and commit to sourcing necessary steel and steel products from Hamilton, and passenger trains built in Canada with a requirement that those trains be manufactured with Hamilton steel and steel products; and,
- (viii) Calling on the Federal Government to eliminate the two-week waiting period for Employment Insurance (EI) applications for workers affected by U.S. tariffs, ensuring they have immediate access to financial support.

The City of Burlington's "Buy Canada" resolution, as endorsed by Hamilton City Council, is appended to this letter for your information.

Hamilton City Council requests your endorsement of this resolution, and circulate your endorsement to the Province of Ontario.

Regards,



Matthew Trennum  
City Clerk  
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cc.

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## **Regular Council**

### **Minutes**

**Date:** January 28, 2025  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Location:** Council Chambers, City Hall, second floor

**Members Present:** Mayor Marianne Meed Ward  
Councillor Kelvin Galbraith  
Councillor Lisa Kearns  
Councillor Rory Nisan  
Councillor Shawna Stolte  
Councillor Paul Sharman  
Councillor Angelo Bentivegna

**Staff Present:** Hassaan Basit, Chief Administrative Officer  
Blake Hurley, Commissioner, Legal and Legislative Services/City Solicitor  
Jacqueline Johnson, Commissioner, Community Services  
Curt Benson, Commissioner, Development and Growth Management  
Craig Millar, Chief Financial Officer  
Scott Hamilton, Commissioner Public Works  
Sue Evfremidis, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Samantha Yew, City Clerk/Director, Legislative Services  
Debbie Hordyk, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk  
David Thompson, Specialist, Digital Communications  
Richard Bellemare, Specialist, Digital Communications

## 18. Motions of Members

Mayor Meed Ward passed the gavel ~~66~~ Deputy Mayor Stolte to chair this portion of the meeting.

### 18.1 Buy Canadian Resolution (ADM-01-25)

Note: changes in bold were moved as part of the main motion.

Moved by: Mayor Meed Ward

Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

Whereas United States President Donald Trump has indicated he is planning to impose 25% tariffs on Canada February 1<sup>st</sup>; and

Whereas tariffs would lead to massive job losses and economic instability in both countries; and

Whereas municipalities will be on the frontlines of the economic fallout, and the **City of Burlington** wants to offer our support for a Team Canada response; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through our capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas Burlington's capital program for 2025 is \$100 million; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 - \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas Federal and Provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to Buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements from giving preference to Buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; **and**

**Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.**

Now therefore be it resolved that Burlington Council:

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Stand with Team Canada to persuade decision-makers that tariffs are not in the best interests of Canadian or American consumers and businesses; and

Endorse the federal and provincial call for Buy Canadian; and

Call on the federal and provincial governments to work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

**Should Tariffs be imposed** ask the federal and provincial governments to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies; and

**That the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.**

Be it further resolved that the City Clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations along with the request to endorse the same or similar:

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus
- Big City Mayors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Halton MPs
- Halton MPPs
- Halton Local Municipalities

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

**CARRIED (7 to 0)**



**RE: Negotiations on Trade Tarriffs**

**February 27, 2025**

Right Hon. Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

At the Council Meeting held on February 19, 2025, Limerick Township Council approved Council Resolution 008-2025, supporting the letter submitted by the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus regarding negotiations on Trade Tarriff's.

**Motion008-2025**

Moved by Councillor Shawn Pack  
Seconded by Councillor Jan MacKillican

THAT Council for the Township of Limerick hereby supports the letter dated February 10, 2025 by the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, regarding the Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tarriffs;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Doug Ford, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
- Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus

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- All regional Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at [clerk@township.limerick.on.ca](mailto:clerk@township.limerick.on.ca) or by phone at 613-474-2863.

Sincerely,

Victoria Tisdale

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**Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs**

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**Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville**  
**Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County**

**Whereas** the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

**Whereas** Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

**Whereas** the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

**Whereas** trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

**Whereas** according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

**Whereas** Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

**Whereas** municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

**Whereas** there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus** supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities' social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

**Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:**

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Doug Ford, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
- Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
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- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
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**Carried**



**Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC**

**February 10, 2025**



**RE: Ontario Deposit Return Program**

**February 27, 2025**

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin,

At the Council Meeting held on February 19, 2025, Limerick Township Council approved Council Resolution 007-2025, supporting the letter submitted by Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program.

**Motion007-2025**

Moved by Councillor Jan MacKillican  
Seconded by Councillor Glenn Locke

THAT Council for the Township of Limerick hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; The Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local MPP, Ric Bresee; and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at [clerk@township.limerick.on.ca](mailto:clerk@township.limerick.on.ca) or by phone at 613-474-2863.

Sincerely,

Victoria Tisdale

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A Growing Tradition

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September 20, 2024

BY E-MAIL

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
5th Floor  
777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

### **Ontario Deposit Return Program**

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,

Mayor James Leduc  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe  
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic  
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities



**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**  
555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6



## Northumberland County Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**January 31, 2025**

Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks)  
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance)  
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Municipality of St. Charles 'Deposit Return Program'**

At a meeting held on January 22, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-01-22-035, adopting the below recommendation from the January 6, 2025 Public Works Committee meeting:

**Moved by:** Councillor Mandy Martin  
**Seconded by:** Councillor John Logel

"That the Public Works Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Deposit Return Program' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

**Council Resolution # 2025-01-22-035**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County



# Council Resolution

Moved By M. Mathin  
Seconded By J. Fogel

Agenda Resolution Number  
Item 10 2025-01-22- 035

Council Date: January 22, 2025

**"That Council adopt all recommendations from the three Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held January 6 and 8, 2025)."**

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Carried   
Warden's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature



## Public Works Committee Resolution

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**Committee Meeting Date:** January 6, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 7.b

**Resolution Number:** 2025-01-06-004

**Moved by:** B. Ostrander

**Seconded by:** cl. Logel

**Council Meeting Date:** January 22, 2025

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"That the Public Works Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Deposit Return Program' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

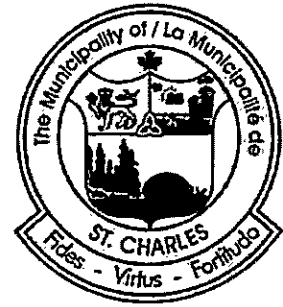
**Carried** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Committee Chair's Signature



The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 8.2.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-403  
**Title:** Resolution Stemming from October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #4  
**Date:** November 20, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

  
MAYOR

Sent Via Email



February 28, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani  
 Minister of Justice  
 House of Commons  
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

**RE: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the  
 Nazi Swastika in Canada, Our File: C00**

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**The Regional  
 Municipality of  
 Durham**

Corporate Services  
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**Alexander Harras  
 M.P.A.  
 Director of  
 Legislative Services  
 & Regional Clerk**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on February 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole, as amended:

“Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi swastika, also known as the hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and

Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B’Nai Brith’s call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze). Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze)

2. Ban all Nazi symbols and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities.”

*Alexander Harras*

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.  
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk  
AH/tf

c: B'nai Brith Canada  
All Canadian Municipalities



February 18, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Ally Woodard:

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – March 2025 – Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize March 2025 as Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in pink on March 4, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor  
Mayor



**Emily Thomas-Hopkins**  
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February 18, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Ally Woodard:

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request March 2025 – Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month**

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I am writing to advise that your proclamation and lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim March 2025 as Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in pink on March 4, 2025 to recognize Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ETH", written in a cursive style.

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



February 26, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Dela Fotoohi:

**RE: Proclamation Request – March 1 – 31, 2025 – Persian Heritage Month**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize March 1 – 31, 2025 as Persian Heritage Month.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

John Taylor  
Mayor



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February 26, 2025

Sent to [REDACTED]

Dear Dela Fotoohi:

**RE: Proclamation Request – March 1 – 31, 2025 – Persian Heritage Month**

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I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim March 1 – 31, 2025 as Persian Heritage Month. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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February 28, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Richelle Grandison:

**RE: Lighting Request – March 17, 2025 – National Poison Prevention Week**

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I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in green on March 17, 2025 to recognize National Poison Prevention Week. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator





February 28, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Angela Driscoll:

**RE: Proclamation, Lighting and Community Flag Raising Request – March 21, 2025 – World Down Syndrome Day**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize March 21, 2025 as World Down Syndrome Day.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on March 21, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

In addition, the community flag pole located at the Newmarket Municipal Offices (395 Mulock Drive) will fly your flag from March 21 – 24, 2025.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Taylor".

John Taylor  
Mayor



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February 28, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Angela Driscoll:

**RE: Proclamation, Lighting and Community Flag Raising Request – March 21, 2025 – World Down Syndrome Day**

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I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim March 21, 2025 as World Down Syndrome Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on March 21, 2025 to recognize World Down Syndrome Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

In addition, the community flag pole located at the Newmarket Municipal Offices (395 Mulock Drive) will fly your flag from March 21 – 24, 2025 to recognize World Down Syndrome Day. Please note that the flag must be dropped off at the Town of Newmarket Operations Centre at 1275 Maple Hill Court by 4:00 PM on March 19, 2025, ATTN: Nick Evans. Alternatively, you can leave it in the drop off box at the front of the building after 4:00 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ETH", written in a cursive style.

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



February 28, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Adeolu Adekola:

**RE: Lighting Request – March 24, 2025 – World Tuberculosis Day**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize World Tuberculosis Day by illuminating the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in red on March 24, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor  
Mayor



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February 28, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

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**RE: Lighting Request – March 24, 2025 – World Tuberculosis Day**

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