



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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June 23, 2025

Re: Bill 5 – Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act

At their regular Council meeting held on June 18, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate adopted the following:

No. 2025-343

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor John

Be it resolved that the Township of Southgate receives and supports the correspondence from the City of Woodstock - Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025, and by virtue of that the correspondence, supports the resolution from City of Kingston; and

Whereas the Township of Southgate supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be done in a way that upholds environmental responsibility and maintains the integrity of local planning processes; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Township of Southgate oppose all provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections and Ontario's proud legacy of protections of Endangered Species, that override the rule of law and that nullify municipal planning authority; and

That the Council of the Township of Southgate urge the Province of Ontario to rescind Bill 5 and instead support housing and infrastructure development in ways that aligns with sound environmental planning and wildlife protection, respects the sovereignty and stewardship of Indigenous peoples, and empowers municipalities with appropriate planning tools; and

That this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier; The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, MPP Paul Vickers Bruce Grey Owen Sound, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); Conservation Ontario; Saugeen Ojibway Nation Chief Conrad Ritchie; Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Chief Greg Nadjiwon; Six Nations of the Grand River Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill; Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda DeBassige; Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) President Margaret Froh; and all Ontario Municipalities. **Carried**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines
The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
Paul Vickers, MPP Bruce Grey Owen Sound
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
Conservation Ontario
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Linda DeBassige, Chief, Anishinabek Nation Grand Council
Margaret Froh, President, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
All Ontario Municipalities



Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: May 20, 2025 No: RESOLUTION - 267-2025
 Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Disposition: CARRIED
 Seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien Item No: 12.4

Description: Strong Mayor Powers

RESOLUTION:

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

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

AND WHEREAS research from the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario has identified that:

- a. There is no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and
- b. Strong Mayor Powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and chief administrative offices threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership;

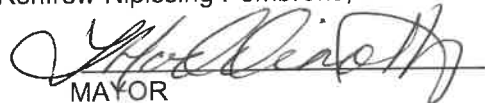
AND WHEREAS strong mayor powers is an erosion to the democratic process of an historically non-partisan municipal governance structure;

AND WHEREAS the Township of McNab/Braeside has received requests from The Town of Parry Sound, the Municipality of North Middlesex and the Municipality of North Perth for our support to reject strong mayor powers and have strong mayor powers removed from their municipalities;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside encourages the Provincial government to repeal this legislation;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township support all municipalities requesting the rejection of strong mayor powers.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Fack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.


 MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: _____
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
 abstained from discussion and did not vote



Legal and Legislative Services

June 24, 2025

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Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Resolution - Bill 5 Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of June 23, 2025, received and supported correspondence from The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward dated May 27, 2025, requesting the Province to define Special Economic Zones and their purpose with more clarity and ensure activities within such zones are equally subject to the local and provincial laws that support all Ontario and First Nations people and foster our social, cultural and environmental prosperity.

Attached please find a copy of The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward's correspondence dated May 27, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter,
 Acting Manager, Legislative Services/Town Clerk acarter@forterie.ca

AC:dlk

Encl.

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May 28, 2025

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 27, 2025 the following resolution regarding Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025 was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 205-317

DATE: May 27, 2025

MOVED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to many Acts within one bill which undermine environmental protections in order to "unleash the economy"; and

WHEREAS multiple inclusions will impact habitat, biodiversity protections and environmental integrity without proper process including but not limited to:

- **the repeal and replacement of the Endangered Species Act with a weaker act;**
- **the creation of a Special Economic Zones Act which will permit exemptions from legislated environmental protections;**
- **changes to provisions to the Mining Act which provide sweeping powers to the Minister of Energy and Mines that are poorly defined, subject to caprice, or possibly designed to enable exemption from environment protection; and**

WHEREAS proposed changes will override local planning authority, provincial legislation, and bylaw enforcement for the benefit of specific preferred proponents over the rights of Ontarians; and

WHEREAS First Nations citizens have an enshrined right to access their own archeology and Canadians have an enshrined responsibility to seek free, prior and informed consent from First Nation neighbours regarding land use; and

WHEREAS several proposed changes could imperil the health of lands and water for which First Nations have traditional and treaty rights; and

WHEREAS the provisions of the Special Economic Zones Act are not clear enough to ensure that there are adequate legal and environmental protections to offset risks to Ontarians and First Nations members, to provide adequate safeguards against bad faith environmental practice; and protect against unsafe labour practice as identified by labour sector organizations; and

WHEREAS fairness is enshrined in both Canada's and Ontario's laws yet proposed changes seem to permit prejudicial regulatory practice (e.g. codifying permissions for "trusted proponents" over others); and

WHEREAS the wording of the changes to the Electricity Act seem to support Canadian ownership of energy suppliers but appear to potentially restrict development of specific types of energy and could impact local renewable energy development; and

WHEREAS there is no evidence that undermining of environmental protections, local legal frameworks, and the rights of First Nations communities in Ontario are a necessary step to "unleash the economy"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward supports any regulation that could encourage energy providers to Buy Canadian but urges the province to clarify the proposed provisions of the Energy Act and ensure they foster local green energy development; and

THAT the province remove the elements in Bill 5 that would reduce current environmental protections, reduce protections for species at risk, and reduce legal protection from bad faith actors in special economic zones; and

THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward urges the Province to further define Special Economic Zones and their purpose with more clarity and ensure that activities within such zones are equally subject to the local and provincial laws that support all of Ontario and First Nations people and foster our social, cultural and environmental prosperity;

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward expresses solidarity with the concerns of our neighbouring community, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and members of the Haudenosaunee Nation and support Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and their letter to the province of May 16th 2025, attached; and **THAT** this resolution be shared with the Honourable Doug Ford, Premiere of Ontario; Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and



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Housing; Todd McCarthy Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Tyler Allsopp, Member of Provincial Parliament for Bay of Quinte; Chief Don Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte; AMO; ROMA; and the Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Victoria Leskie, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton





MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

KENHTÈ:KE KANYEN'KEHÁ:KA

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May 16, 2025

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Subject: Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Comments on Bill 5 – Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to express the concerns and opinions of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte on the proposed Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*. Our community is concerned with the Bill's proposed amendments to the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* ("ESA") and the proposal to replace the ESA with the *Species Conservation Act, 2025*. We also have concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the *Electricity Act, 1998*, the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Mining Act*, the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the *Special Economic Zones Act, 2025*, and the *Rebuilding Ontario Place Act, 2023*, and how they would negatively impact our members, our traditional territories, and our rights as Indigenous people.

Although our community, Kenhtè:ke, is confined within the borders of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, our traditional territory extends to a vast area in Ontario and our Members reside all across Canada and Ontario. Our Members also reside within the City of Toronto, other First Nations communities, and in other communities across the province that will be impacted by Bill 5 and its proposed changes to the aforementioned laws and regulations. As Chief of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, it is my responsibility to act in the best interests of our members, no matter where they reside. For this reason, the concerns expressed in this letter capture potential threats to Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, our traditional territory, and any other territories in the province upon which our members are resident.

The Province of Ontario has the highest Indigenous population across the country. Indigenous peoples have been the stewards of these lands and its inhabitants for centuries, ensuring that no matter what unexpected threats were posed, including threats to the environment and threats to trade and economic relations, the environment remained cared for and protected. This is our sacred duty and one that we do not take lightly. Without a healthy environment, the chances of future generations being prosperous, are greatly diminished.

Concerns Regarding the Environment

We would like to note that the proposals posted by the Province of Ontario to the Environmental Registry of Ontario on April 17, 2025, represented by ERO numbers 25-0416, 025-0380, 025-0409, 25-041, 25-0391, 025-0396, 25-0389 are of great concern to our community. It is evident that the proposals both individually and collectively have the potential to cause serious adverse impacts on the environment, human health, and our right as Indigenous peoples to the stewardship of our lands.

Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*, if passed, will:

1. Exempt key projects from *Environmental Assessment Act* reviews.
2. Repeal the Endangered Species Act, 2007, replacing it with a weaker Species Conservation Act, 2025.
 - a. Reduce protection of the critical habitats of species at risk
 - b. Allow species to be at risk of harassment
 - c. Remove any reference to stewardship and Indigenous Traditional Knowledge
3. Empower the province to declare “special economic zones” under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025, where provincial laws and municipal by-laws—including environmental and public-participation rules—would be inoperative.
4. Remove the third-party and science-based nature of species at risk assessment and introduce political interference in identifying what species at risk is added to the protection regulation.
5. Reduce opportunity for domestic renewable energy.
6. Weaken oversight of mining activities under the Mining Act.

The above proposed changes and introductions will reduce and/or eliminate provincial protections for endangered, threatened and special concern species in Ontario. The elimination of these protections will cause further species decline, loss of biodiversity and unpredictable impacts to food web dynamics.

Permitting and approval processes are crucial in assessing the potential negative environmental impact of a project, and the process requires essential education to ensure projects are carried out with minimal impact. Without the current permitting and approval processes or provincial oversight, there could be an increase in environmental negligence and non-compliances. The proposals eliminate vital safeguards that have been put in place over the years in recognition of their necessity for environmental and human health safety.

This is of grave concern to our community as we have hundreds of endangered species living within our territory. Additionally, our territory is situated on the Bay of Quinte where many of our people rely on the quality of its waters for drinking water, hunting and consuming fish as we have been doing for centuries.

Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte would like to note that the proposals are likely to have direct and indirect negative effects on our traditional and treaty rights through potential negative environmental impacts that would put our food for sustenance and water resources at risk.

Concerns Regarding the Indigenous Rights and Sovereignty

Further to the environmental impacts that the changes and introductions in Bill 5 could have, our community is concerned with the threats that these changes and introductions pose to our rights as Indigenous peoples.

After many years of leading in stewardship by example, education, and advocacy, Canadian and provincial laws are beginning to recognize the value of our traditional knowledge as Indigenous peoples, especially when it comes to caring for the environment. Our rights as Indigenous people to be consulted and accommodated in projects that will impact our traditional territories has been affirmed in Canada's highest court. Additionally, the principle of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent, has been enshrined into Canadian law with the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*, if passed, will:

1. Potentially bypass, and therefore undermine, the Duty to Consult in interest of economic gain.
2. Violates the principle of Free Prior and Informed Consent as required by the UNDRIP, which Canada and Ontario have both committed to implement.
3. Weakened oversight of mining activities under the Mining Act.

Not only are our rights as Indigenous people inherent, but they have also been affirmed in Canadian law. Bill 5, as it is currently proposed, threatens these inherent and Constitutionally recognized rights. In reducing government review and oversight on development projects, the proposed amendments ignore the legal obligation for Ontario and proponents to consult and accommodate First Nations.

Concerns Regarding Ontario Powers

Our final concern is regarding the seemingly unilateral decisions and exemptions that Ontario is proposing. Though we have our own laws as Haudenosaunee, our laws and teachings have a value that is shared with Canada's laws; no one is above the law, everyone is equal under the law. This is a value that is integral to democracy. Our people have been acting under a democratic system for centuries which is one of the reasons why we are so concerned with Bill 5 and its proposed changes and additions.

Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*, if passed, will:

1. Avoid public accountability by seeking to shield government decisions from civil liability.
2. Allow Ontario to make exemptions for proponents by bypassing provincial and local laws and regulations.
3. Allows Cabinet to make extensive changes without legislative scrutiny.

As a First Nation, with Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and with a Nation-to-Nation relationship with Canada and Ontario, we are concerned that Ontario is proposing changes that would make itself and the other named parties exempt from legal recourse and would allow itself and the named parties to

make decisions without consulting experts in the field, including Indigenous peoples. We are also concerned, as noted above, that the Bill will allow Cabinet to make extensive changes to laws unilaterally, without the review and scrutiny of the public. These changes go directly against the heart of Rule of Law which is meant to protect citizens.

Concluding Remarks

Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte are of the opinion that Bill 5 would remove many of the most meaningful protections that safeguard our environment, human health, and Indigenous rights. Bill 5 undermines tremendous, necessary progress made in environmental protection and Indigenous rights recognition and marks a regression that is not in the interest of our seven generations to come.

In solidarity with the Chiefs of Ontario and the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte call for a pause on the advancement of this legislation and call for the Province of Ontario to meaningfully partner and engage with First Nations leadership across the province on the issues raised in the Bill and the future of economic growth and stability in the province.

The above shall not be construed so as to derogate from or abrogate any inherent, Aboriginal, treaty, constitutional, or legal rights of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.

Sincerely,



R. Donald Maracle, Chief
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

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June 24, 2025

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

**RE: Resolution of Support – Municipality of Chatham-Kent re: Bill 5 – Protect
Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025**

At their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday June 4, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

“Resolution #2025-199

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that Council hereby receive and supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent’s Resolution “Bill 5 – Risks to your communities”;

And further that Council directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried”

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

Encl.

cc Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario Municipalities





**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: June 4, 2025

Resolution No.: 2025- 199

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

Be it resolved that Council hereby receives and supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's Resolution "Bill 5 – Risks to your communities";

And further that Council directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried: ✓ **Defeated:**

Margaret Ann MacPhail
Margaret Ann MacPhail, **Acting Mayor**

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Paul Sowrey		
Acting Mayor Margaret Ann MacPhail		

May 13, 2025

To all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

Re: Bill 5 - Risks to your communities and support requested

As Mayor of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, I am sharing this motion to bring to your attention the potential risks to your communities and ask for your support to oppose this approach. The following motion was approved yesterday, May 12, 2025:

"Whereas 29831 Irish School Road in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is a property approximately 800 metres from the Town of Dresden;

And Whereas the property contain small fill areas used for historic local landfill purposes, and the property has never been properly studied or zoned for any significant landfilling use;

And Whereas the current property owners are attempting to create a new recycling and landfill facility for millions of tonnes of waste, which would result in hundreds of trucks travelling through towns and communities in the area;

And Whereas this approach has been strongly opposed by Council, the Community, neighbouring Indigenous Nations and many other voices, due to impacts to the environment, our homes, the safety of our families and children, and the fabric of our communities;

And Whereas the Provincial government has proposed Bill 5, which includes a section removing the obligation for a full Environmental Assessment for this new landfill and recycling facility;

And Whereas if this limited, historic local landfill use on the edge of Dresden can be expanded into a massive landfill and recycling facility, then this can happen anywhere;

And Whereas there are likely hundreds of properties across the Province that may have had limited, historic waste uses, which could also face this threat;

And Whereas Bill 197 established a veto for Municipalities within 3.5 kms of a new landfill, which reflected the need for local government and community approval of landfill sites;

And Whereas the approach being taken for this property disregards the importance of our rural communities, and local voices, in determining appropriate landfill sites within their communities:

Cont'd...

Now Therefore to ensure that other Municipal Councils and communities know about what is happening in Dresden, and the potential risk to their community if this approach is taken by the Province, Council requests that the Mayor's Office write a letter to all other Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

1. Advising them of this issue and the risks to their community if a similar approach is taken for other historic landfill properties; the possibility of the Ontario government setting a precedence and
2. Requesting their support in opposing this approach and ensuring that full Environmental Assessments are required for all landfills and that municipalities have a strong voice in determining appropriate locations for landfills in their communities."

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent



Legal and Legislative Services

June 24, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: The Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes Resolution – Strong Mayor Powers

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of June 23, 2025, received and supported correspondence from Township of Rideau Lakes dated May 22, 2025, calling upon 444 municipalities to collect and coordinate action and seek legal and constitutional expert to challenge the Strong Mayor Powers.

Attached please find a copy of Township of Rideau Lakes correspondence dated May 22, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter,
 Acting Manager, Legislative Services/Town Clerk
acarter@forterie.ca
 AC:dlk
 Encl.

c.c.: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; minister.mah@ontario.ca
 MPP's jburch-qp@ndp.on.ca; wgates-qp@ndp.on.ca; sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org; jstevens-qp@ndp.on.ca
 AMO; amo@amo.on.ca
 Rideau Lakes: mtruelove@rideaulakes.ca, councillorpbanks@rideaulakes.ca
 Municipalities of Ontario

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**TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU LAKES
Special Council Meeting**

RESOLUTION 129-2025

Title: Councillor P. Banks: Proposed Motion re: Strong Mayor Power Legal Challenge to Province

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Moved by Councillor P. Banks

Seconded by Councillor Dunfield

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has unilaterally imposed “Strong Mayor Powers” on numerous municipalities without democratic consultation or local consent, overriding the will of almost 50 municipal councils and communities;

WHEREAS these powers centralize authority in the office of the mayor, undermining the longstanding principles of democratic, council-based decision-making and the equal voice of ward councillors who represent diverse and distinct communities within a municipality;

WHEREAS the imposition of Strong Mayor Powers has particularly harmful implications for rural municipalities, which often have part-time mayors who may now feel there is neither the need nor the financial capacity to hire and retain full-time, independent, and professionally qualified Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs), undermining the critical role of senior staff in providing non-partisan, expert advice and ensuring stable, accountable local administration;

WHEREAS in such municipalities, these powers threaten to erode the role and independence of professional administrative staff, including CAOs, whose accountability to the full council is essential for transparent, well-managed local government, raising concerns that a single elected official may unilaterally direct, override, or dismiss senior staff without the benefit of full council oversight;

WHEREAS the Township of Rideau Lakes, representing a small rural community, has taken a leadership role by committing financially toward a collective advocacy, legal, and communications effort to defend local democracy and resist the imposed governance framework;

WHEREAS over 50 municipalities across Ontario have already expressed formal opposition to Strong Mayor Powers, and growing support from across regions—including Newmarket and other urban and rural communities—demonstrates the broad, nonpartisan resistance to this undemocratic model;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council formally reaffirms its opposition to the imposition of Strong Mayor Powers and requests to opt out of this governance model, reaffirming our commitment to democratic, council-based governance and equal representation for all residents.

2. Council highlights the unique risks and negative consequences for municipalities, where part-time elected officials and resource-constrained administrations are especially vulnerable to disruptions in effective and accountable governance.
3. Council directs that a copy of their resolutions be included in the publicly documented list of municipalities that oppose Strong Mayor Powers.
4. Council further directs that this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities in Ontario as a strong call to collective, coordinated action against this top-down provincial policy.
5. Council commits to contributing financial support to the shared effort initiated by the Township of Rideau Lakes, recognizing the importance of standing together to protect democratic local governance in every municipality, large or small.
6. Once a coordinated effort is established among all 444 municipalities, we, as a collective, should seek out a legal and constitutional expert to challenge the Ford government's 'strong mayor' powers. These powers undermine the democratic rights of councillors and may violate constitutional principles of local governance and representation.

Carried



Northumberland County

Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

June 25, 2025

Right Honourable Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)
 Honourable Philip Lawrence (MP for Northumberland-Clarke)
 Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
 Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade)
 Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
 Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development)
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities
 All Ontario municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Township of Mulmur
 'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions'**

At a meeting held on June 18, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508, adopting the below recommendation from the June 3, 2025 Finance and Audit Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor John Logel

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 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 J. Logel (SL)
 Seconded By S. Dibb (SS)

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2025-06-18- 508

Council Date: June 18, 2025

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 2, 3 and 4, 2025).

Recorded Vote
Requested by

Councillor's Name

Deferred

Warden's Signature

Carried



Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature

Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2025-06-03- 444

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Carried 

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____

Committee Chair's Signature



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April 11, 2025

Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions

At the meeting held on April 2, 2025, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution:

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Clerk

June 3, 2025

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON
M7A 2J3
Att: Minister Rob Flack

RE: Strong Mayor Powers – Town of Prescott Position

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott, we are writing regarding the Province's recent decision to expand Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities, including our own.

While we recognize the Province's stated intent to accelerate housing development across Ontario, Council remains unclear on how these powers—especially in the context of smaller municipalities—provide a practical or effective mechanism to build more homes, faster. We have identified some alternatives to the centralization of authority in the office of the Mayor to the complex housing challenges we face that would have a direct result in getting housing and infrastructure completed.

We would like to see the province and municipalities be fully aligned and develop a strong working relationship that addresses the barriers to housing development. These barriers are often beyond a municipalities control but are well within the provincial authority to reduce red tape and delays. Whether it be in planning approvals, environmental assessments, or infrastructure coordination, municipalities often face significant holdups not of their own making, but as a result of slow or opaque bureaucratic processes.

We would like to see the same concept of Strong Mayors be used at the provincial level to veto or override provincial-level bottlenecks that stall housing progress. By having conduit, through which municipalities can identify the issues they are facing on specific projects to the province, we would be able to get shovels in the ground quicker and projects completed within months and not years.

This Council remains firmly committed to addressing the housing crisis and to doing our part to enable more homes and more opportunity in Prescott and beyond our borders in neighbouring communities. We believe the path forward must be grounded in bi-lateral efforts, shared accountability, and a commitment to strengthening local governments to make decisions for their communities.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and would welcome further dialogue with the Province to develop housing solutions that are truly effective and locally appropriate by removing unnecessary and non-valued added steps to the process.

Kindly,

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Mayor Gauri Shankar on behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott

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Regular Council
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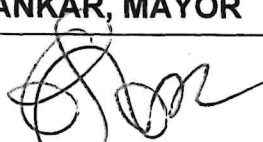
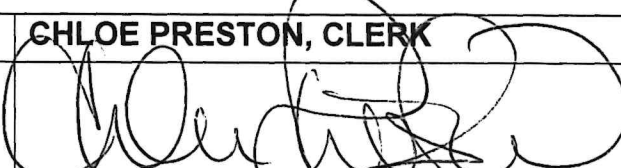
Moved by: Lee McConnell

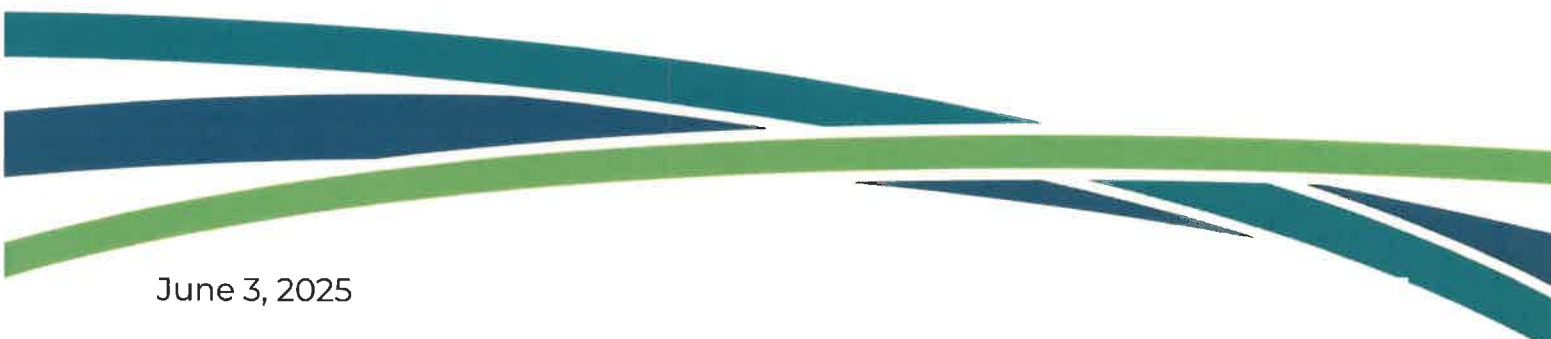
Seconded by: Justin Kirkby

THAT Council endorse the attached draft letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing expressing the Town of Prescott's position on the Strong Mayor Powers; AND

THAT Council direct staff to send the letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and copy the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Red Tape Reduction, Member of Provincial Parliament for Leeds, Grenville and Rideau Lakes Steve Clark, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and all municipalities across the province.

		REQUESTED BY:	
		RECORDED VOTE	YES NO
		Councillor Leanne Burton	
		Councillor Mary Campbell	
		Councillor Justin Kirkby	
		Councillor Ray Young	
CARRIED:	✓	Councillor Lee McConnell	
TABLED:		Mayor Gauri Shankar	
DEFEATED:		Councillor Tracey Young	
RECORDED VOTE:			

GAURI SHANKAR, MAYOR	CHLOE PRESTON, CLERK
	



June 3, 2025

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON K7A 1A4
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

The Council of the Town of Renfrew is writing to formally express its strong opposition to the Province of Ontario's decision to designate the Town of Renfrew as a "Strong Mayor" community, with enhanced mayoral powers that came into effect on May 1, 2025.

The Strong Mayor framework significantly alters the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making, diminishing collaborative governance, and weakening the principle of majority rule that is foundational to local democracy.

The Town of Renfrew has a long history of local governance built upon a foundation of Council debate and shared decision-making. At no time did the Town request, seek, or support designation under the Strong Mayor legislation. This designation, imposed without consultation, has raised serious concerns within the community and among elected officials across Ontario.

The Town of Renfrew is not alone in this position. A growing number of municipalities and municipal leaders throughout the province have voiced their opposition to this governance model and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal.



Accordingly, the Town of Renfrew respectfully requests the following:

1. That the Government of Ontario immediately remove the Town of Renfrew from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation.
2. That a copy of this letter be shared with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

The Council of the Town of Renfrew thanks you for your attention to this matter and urges the Province to respect the democratic will of our Council and community.

Yours sincerely,

Gloria Raybone

Chief Administrative Officer on behalf of the Town of Renfrew Council

CC: The Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Regional Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



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Sent Via Email to: Premier@ontario.ca

June 27, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Premier@ontario.ca

**RE: Township of Scugog Council Resolution of June 2, 2025 – Re: Salt water
Pollution**

At the last regular Council meeting, of June 23, 2025, the Council of the Township of endorsed the Town of Stouffville Council Resolution of April 16, 2025, regarding Salt Water Pollution, a copy is enclosed.

Should you require anything further in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-985-7346 ext. 119, clerks@scugog.ca.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "BL", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Blair Labelle

Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

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Encl.



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CC All York Region Municipalities
 All Lake Simcoe Watershed Municipalities
 The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
 The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
 The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
 The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 All Lake Simcoe and Lake Ontario watershed MPPs
 Conservation Ontario
 Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario
 The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition
 The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition
 Great Lakes City Coalition
 Hon. Todd McCarthy Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
 Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
 The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
 J. Grossi, Clerk, Town of Ajax
 F. Lamanna, Clerk, Township of Brock
 J. Gallagher, Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
 M. Medeiros, Clerk, City of Oshawa
 S. Cassel, Clerk, City of Pickering
 D. Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
 C. Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby
 Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

April 28, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Premier's Office, Room 281
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Stouffville Council Resolution of April 16, 2025 – re: Salt Water Pollution

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on April 16, 2025, and in this regard, Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Whitchurch-Stouffville is home to many other features including Kettle Lakes, rivers, creeks, wetland and bogs that are also impacted by rising levels of salinity; and

WHEREAS the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

WHEREAS numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

WHEREAS increased numbers of slip and fall claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

WHEREAS unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

WHEREAS the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available; and

WHEREAS road authorities that use salt, such as the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, must abide by, and benefit from, established provincial regulations around snow clearing and maintenance, whereas private contractors only have voluntary programs for salt use for private and commercial property management; and

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has demonstrated great initiative in salt mitigation efforts including committing to the use of rock salt alternatives, installation of electronic spreader controllers on all material spreading units, reduced application rates when appropriate, use of pre-wet and brine when appropriate, and an updated salt management plan that outlines salt best management practices specific to the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville winter,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville urges the province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management; and

THAT the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and

THAT the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville continues to commit to the reduction of the use of road salt as much as possible while meeting local service levels and maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities in York Region, all Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities; The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, requesting their endorsement; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); all Lake Simcoe and Lake Ontario watershed MPPs; Conservation Ontario; Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario, The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition; The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition; Great Lakes City Coalition; Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP); Attorney General Doug Downey, Premier Doug Ford and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

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

Kind regards,

Davneet Rai

Copy: All York Region Municipalities
All Lake Simcoe Watershed Municipalities
The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
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The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition

Great Lakes City Coalition

Hon. Todd McCarthy Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Sent by Email

June 30, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park Room 281
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Subject: Opposition to Bill 5 and Request to Repeal

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 23, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2025, the Government of Ontario brought forth Bill 5: *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act*, 2025, a broad omnibus legislation that proposes to make various changes to existing planning, consultation, approval, authority, and protection frameworks found in Provincial statutes in relation to major infrastructure, mining and resource development projects;

And Whereas, on June 4, 2025, Bill 5 passed its third and final reading in the Ontario legislature, but has not yet come into force;

And Whereas, Bill 5 granted broad powers by creating provincial "authority to designate special economic zones", which allows for the suspension of constitutionally protected rights of Indigenous peoples and the suspension of powers of municipal governments and environmental authorities;

And Whereas, Bill 5 provides powers for the Province that First Nations governments in Ontario have stated would be contrary to Treaty agreements with the Crown;

And Whereas, amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, fail to address systemic issues in archaeological resource management, such as delayed consultation with Indigenous communities and unilateral provincial control over Indigenous artifacts and cultural heritage. Additionally, the amendments exacerbate already weakened heritage protections brought in Report #2025-CG-7 Page 2 of 10 through Bill 23. Any exemptions under the Ontario Heritage Act could result in negative impacts, including the destruction of Indigenous artifacts and burial sites;

And Whereas, Bill 5 repeals the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and degrades protections for the environment and circumvents policies that have kept Ontarians safe

and healthy for decades, including regulations that prevent the contamination of Ontario's water and the means by which water contamination is identified;

And Whereas, the new regime for endangered species and at-risk species is designed for more flexible permitting and registry-based approvals, rather than automatic prohibitions on activities that harm listed species or their habitats. Additionally, narrowing the definition of habitat in the ESA to just the immediate area surrounding dwelling sites excludes protection of broader ecosystems that endangered and at-risk species rely on for survival. There are more than 230 species at risk in Ontario, many of which are in Durham, including numerous birds, fish, insects, reptiles and plant species. These species have experienced population declines over the past several decades and are at risk of being lost completely. While these changes could expedite development approvals, they may also reduce environmental oversight resulting in devastation to populations of endangered species;

And Whereas, the 'trusted proponent' model under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025, may create a two-tier development system, favouring select private businesses with fewer regulations, thereby undermining labour standards and enabling potentially exploitative and unsafe working conditions;

And Whereas, Bill 5 enables the Province to override municipal authorities and planning activities without consultation or warning, including the ability to upend planning processes already long underway and future planning processes being considered or yet to be contemplated;

And Whereas, Bill 5 undermines the practice and spirit of democracy and a rights- based system in the Province of Ontario, and to date has garnered the public opposition of the Chiefs of Ontario, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Anishinabek Nation, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, Sandy Lake First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Grassy Narrows First Nation, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Amnesty International Canada, the Canadian Environmental Law Association, World Wildlife Fund – Canada, David Suzuki Foundation, The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Ontario Biodiversity Council, Ontario Nature, Legal Advocates for Nature's Defence, Environmental Defense, Wildlands League, Wildlife Preservation Canada, Ecojustice, the Toronto Zoo, Mining Watch Canada, Democracy Watch, municipalities in Ontario, and numerous other pan-regional and local organizations across Ontario;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation for the City of Pickering:

1. Opposes the Government of Ontario's Bill 5 due to its infringement on Indigenous rights, assignment of powers to arbitrarily override and ignore long-established areas of municipal government authorities, risks to the long- term health of important ecosystems and the environment generally,

and circumvention of numerous democratic rights and oversight responsibilities;

2. Calls upon the Government of Ontario to immediately repeal Bill 5;
3. Urges the Government of Ontario, in accordance with the recommendation of Grand Chief Joel Abram of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, to “engage in a comprehensive redrafting process with full First Nations participation” and to likewise engage with municipalities and other affected stakeholders in the same comprehensive redrafting process, maintaining a rights-based foundation, inclusive of an evidence-based approach to environmental protections;
4. Supports efforts to streamline the approvals process for mining projects in Ontario when it does not come at the expense of safeguarding against environmental and community impacts, nor negate or remove the duty to consult with our Indigenous stakeholders such as the Mississauga’s of Scugog Island First nation (MSIFN), and those Indigenous Nations adjacent to the designated “Ring of Fire” mining zone;
5. Is supportive of mechanisms that would result in increased local procurement in the electricity sector; however, we wish it to be noted that limiting competition could increase costs if local or preferred suppliers are more expensive than international alternatives, which may result in increased electricity prices for ratepayers; and,
6. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth; the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation and Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire Economic and Community Partnerships; Chief Kelly LaRocca of the Mississauga’s of Scugog Island First Nations; all treaty members of the William Treaties signatories; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Region of

Durham; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Copy: The Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines
The Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth
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Chief Kelly LaRocca, Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nations
Chief Joanne P. Sandy, Beausoleil First Nation
Chief Ted Williams, Rama First Nation
Chief Donna Big Canoe, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
Chief Keith Knott, Curve Lake First Nation
Chief Laurie Carr, Hiawatha First Nation
Chief Taynar Simpson, Alderville First Nation
Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services and Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of Durham
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Chief Administrative Officer

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June 27, 2025

Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

The Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Carney:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Supports the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury –
Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of June 24, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Gwillimbury regarding Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans.

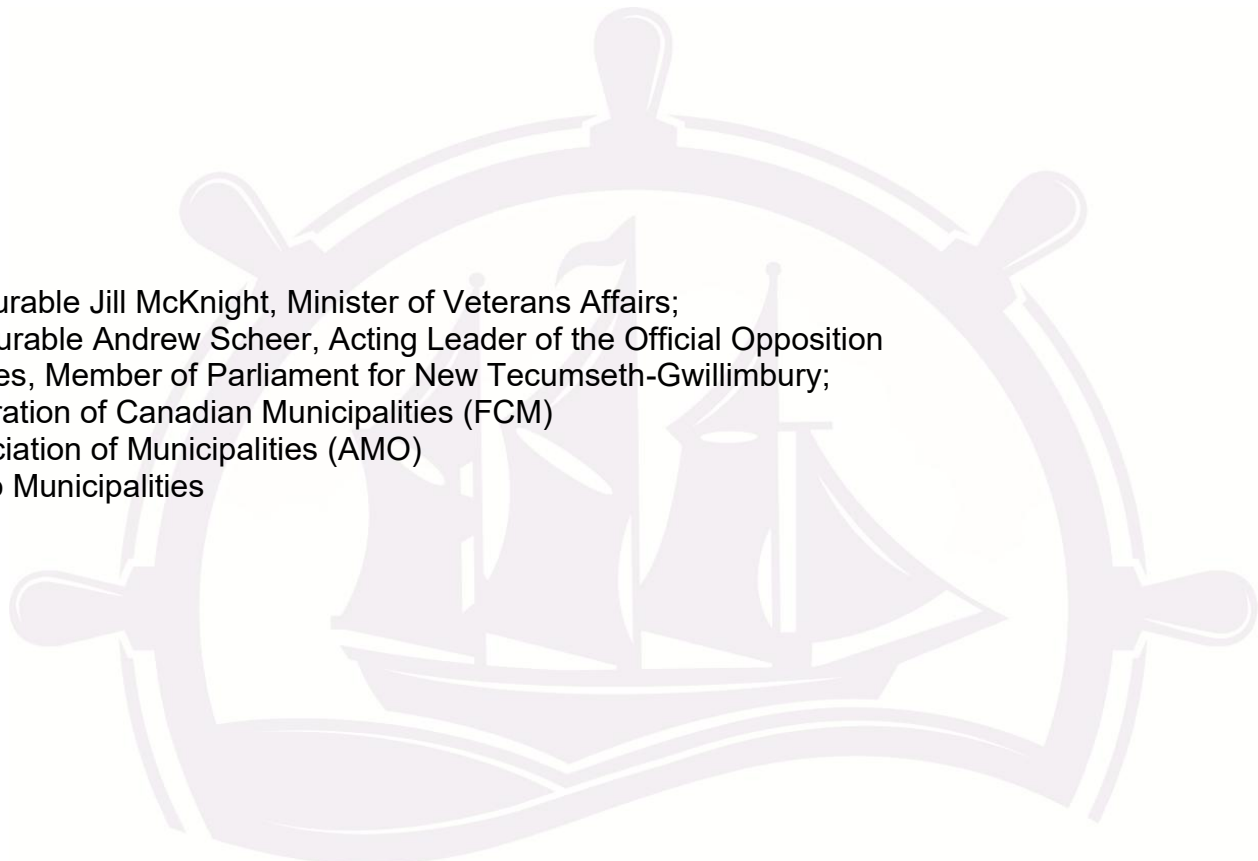
The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Madden".

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
Fred Davies, Member of Parliament for New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury;
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
The Association of Municipalities (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



June 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council ratified the following motion:

Resolution 2025-185

Moved by: Councillor Harper

Seconded by: Councillor Scott

WHEREAS the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

WHEREAS the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019—set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household—fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
- Scot Davidson, Member of Parliament for New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be published on the Town's official website and communicated through the Town's official channels to raise awareness and gather public support.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
 Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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treynolds@townofbwg.com

CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
 Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs
 Hon. Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
 Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury
 All Ontario Municipalities
 The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - 2024 Annual Waste Management Report
Date: July 2, 2025 10:47:56 AM

On June 26, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the clerks of local municipalities and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[2024 Annual Waste Management Report](#)

Please contact Lindsay Milne, Director, Waste Management and Forestry at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75714 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services
Department

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From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - 2026 Development Charges Bylaw - Update
Date: July 2, 2025 9:54:02 AM

On June 26, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve details of a new Development Charges Deferral Policy for Ground-Related Residential Buildings, to defer payment of hard services development charges to first building permit issuance, with an in-effect date of April 3, 2025 (Attachment 1).
2. Council approve revisions to the Development Charges Deferral Policy for High-Rise Residential Buildings, to extend the deferral timeframe to the earlier of 48 months after building permit issuance, or condominium registration, with the first 24 months of the deferral being interest free, and to modernize security requirements, with an in-effect date of April 3, 2025 (Attachment 2).
3. Council approve a new Development Charges Deferral Policy for Non-Luxury Rental Buildings, until the use changes, with an in-effect date of April 3, 2025 (Attachment 3), amended to include:
 - a. subject to receiving the rental discount under 26.2(1.1), which requires the building to have a minimum of four residential units
 - b. available to all non-luxury rentals that achieve building permit issuance prior to, and including, December 31, 2029.
4. Council approve the First Time Homebuyers Development Charges Equivalent Rebate Policy, for all new homes across the Region (Attachment 4), amended to include:
 - a. providing a full development charges equivalent rebate up to and including \$1 million, before taxes, and a declining scale development charges equivalent rebate up to \$1.5 million, before taxes;
 - b. with an in-effect date upon receipt of new, dedicated funding from other levels of government to fully offset associated costs.
5. Council approve revisions to the following development charges deferral policies:
 - a. Large Office Buildings – to add a special provision to defer the development charges payable on qualifying buildings until the use changes, provided terms of the policy are met, and to modernize security requirements (Attachment 5).
 - b. Rental Buildings (not qualifying as non-luxury) – to provide a one-time deferral timeframe extension of 36 months where construction has not commenced and to modernize security requirements for rental buildings (Attachment 6).
 - c. Office Buildings (less than 75,000 square feet) – to extend deferral timeframe to 48 months and to modernize security requirements (Attachment 7).
 - d. Retail Buildings – to modernize security requirements (Attachment 8).

6. Council approve revisions to the following policies:
 - a. Development Charges Credit Policy, to provide greater financial flexibility (Attachment 9).
 - b. Surety Bond Policy, incorporating Pay-on-Demand surety bonds (Attachment 10).
 - c. Development Charge Interest Policy – Under sections 26.2 and 26.3 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, to cap the development charges plus interest at the prevailing development charges rate (Attachment 11).
7. Council, as part of the 2026 Development Charges Bylaw process, endorse:
 - a. Revised treatment for redevelopment credits on derelict buildings, as described in Table 3, and that staff take all necessary steps to give full effect to this change prior to 2026 Development Charges Bylaw.
 - b. Development charges exemption or deferral, contingent on local municipal matching, for a new residential dwelling unit for farm workers on agricultural lands, where no prior or existing dwelling units are located, and that staff take all necessary steps to give full effect to this change prior to 2026 Development Charges Bylaw.
 - c. Upon approval, the Regional Solicitor and General Counsel be delegated authority to enter into agreements to, where necessary, implement Recommendations 7a and 7b.
8. Any agreements contemplated by the policies enacted through this report be subject to the “Development Charge Agreement” fee in the Fees and Charges for Services and Activities Bylaw (2020-04), or any successor thereto.
9. Council endorse Appendix A, as comments in response to Ontario Regulatory Registry #25-MMAH003 – Changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* to Simplify and Standardize the Development Charge Framework (under Bill 17, *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*).
10. Council endorse the resolutions in Appendices C and D, requesting increased, predictable and direct funding from the federal and provincial governments to support the Region’s housing challenges, initiatives, and incentives.
11. Staff consider all options to mitigate development charges rate increases as part of the 2026 Development Charges Bylaw.
12. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the local municipalities, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, York Region Federation of Agriculture, and the Building Industry and Land Development Association.
13. The Commissioner of Finance and the Regional Solicitor and General Counsel be delegated authority to enter into prepayment agreements, under section 27 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, for approved residential development.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link: [2026 Development Charges Bylaw - Update](#)

Please contact Bonny Tam, Director (A), Treasury Office, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75885 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services
Department

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From: [Regional Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Establishing a York Region Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network Regional Technology Development Site
Date: July 2, 2025 10:04:25 AM

On June 26, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve \$2 million over four years, from the Innovation Investment Reserve Fund, to leverage \$2.5 million from the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network to establish the York Region - Regional Technology Development Site.
2. Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to execute any agreements and any ancillary documents that may be required, with Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network, York University, ventureLAB and other organizations for the purposes of delivering the support programs described in the Regional Technology Development Site proposal, on business terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Corporate Services and in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.
3. Council authorize staff to leverage the Regional Technology Development Site to explore innovation pilot projects through Regional departments.
4. Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Ministry of Economic Development Job Creation and Trade, local municipalities, Ontario Centre of Innovation, ventureLAB and York University.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link: [Establishing a York Region, Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network Regional Technology Development Site](#)

Please contact Jonathan Wheatle, Director, Economic Strategy at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71503 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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From: [Regional Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Regional Role in Cycling Path Ownership and Maintenance
Date: July 2, 2025 10:30:29 AM

On June 26, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve the Regional Ownership and Maintenance of Cycling Paths Policy (Attachment 1), which establishes Regional ownership and maintenance responsibilities over off-street cycling paths located along Regional roads for local municipalities that confirm support by way of local Council resolution, built from 2026 onwards.
2. Council approve the Ownership and Maintenance of Cycling Paths Transfer Policy (Attachment 2), which establishes the criteria for recommending a transfer of existing off-street cycling paths located along Regional roads for local municipalities that choose to opt-in to this policy through a local Council resolution.
3. The Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to enter into agreements with local municipalities to establish roles and responsibilities regarding the maintenance of off-street cycling paths located along Regional roads.
4. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of local municipalities, Conservation Authorities and York Region Catholic and District School Boards.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[Regional Role in Cycling Path Ownership and Maintenance](#)

Please contact Brian Titherington, Director, Transportation Infrastructure Asset Management at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75901 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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From: [Regional Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Response to Winter Maintenance of Sidewalks Adjacent to Regional Roads
Date: July 2, 2025 10:51:58 AM

On June 26, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Except as otherwise expressly provided by written agreement, winter maintenance of sidewalks adjacent to Regional roads continue to be maintained by local municipalities in accordance with the *Municipal Act*.
2. Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the local municipalities for their information.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[Response to Winter Maintenance of Sidewalks Adjacent to Regional Roads](#)

Please contact Joseph Petrungaro, Director Roads, Traffic and Fleet, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75220 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor ([he/him](#)) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Update on Implementation of A Place to Thrive: York Region's 2024 to 2027 Plan for Newcomer Inclusion
Date: July 2, 2025 10:09:56 AM

On June 26, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Regional Council officially recognize September 12 to 21, 2025, as Welcoming Week in York Region to celebrate welcoming communities inclusive of newcomers, and annually thereafter aligned with timing determined by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.
2. Council direct staff to work with the Newcomer Inclusion Table of York Region and other community partners to determine advocacy priorities and approaches to senior levels of governments related to funding pressures in settlement sector.
3. Regional Clerk forward this report, Appendix A and Attachment 1 to the Clerks of local municipalities, Newcomer Inclusion Table of York Region, Human Services Planning Board of York Region and York Region Municipal Diversity and Inclusion Group.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[Update on Implementation of A Place to Thrive: York Region's 2024 to 2027 Plan for Newcomer Inclusion](#)

Please contact Monica Bryce, Acting Director, Strategies and Partnerships, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72096 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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West Nipissing Quest

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING

Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2025-214
 Title: Authorize Resolution & Letter to the Minister - Strong Mayor Powers
 Date: June 17, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Roland Larabie
 Seconded by: Councillor Georges Pharand

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has expanded Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities across the province;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing values a democratic, collaborative approach to municipal governance in which all members of Council are equal participants in the decision-making process;

AND WHEREAS Council believes that the Strong Mayor Powers undermine democratic accountability, diminish transparency and centralizes excessive power in a single elected official;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Nipissing does not support the implementation of Strong Mayor Powers within its jurisdiction;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Mayor to send a letter to Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing communicating this position;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for their information and support.

CARRIED

June 17, 2025

The Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A4
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Attn: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford,

Subject: Strong Mayor Powers – Municipality of West Nipissing

At its meeting of June 17, 2025, the Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing considered the recently expanded Strong Mayor Powers granted to an additional 169 municipalities across Ontario.

Following a review of the legislation and a discussion of its potential impacts, Council wishes to express its opposition to this legislative framework. West Nipissing, along with many other municipalities, believes that the Strong Mayor Powers undermine the fundamental principles of local democracy, transparency, and collaborative decision-making, which are essential to effective municipal governance.

The Municipality of West Nipissing takes pride in its inclusive, community-driven approach to leadership, where all members of Council contribute meaningfully in shaping the municipality's future. The legislated concentration of executive powers in the office of the Mayor runs counter to these values and traditions.

While Council acknowledges that the legislation is currently in force, we respectfully urge the Province to reconsider its implementation. We further recommend that any structural changes of this magnitude be preceded by robust consultations with municipalities, residents, and key stakeholders to ensure that local governance continues to reflect the democratic will of the communities it serves.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Council remains available for further dialogue and would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns in greater detail.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Thorne-Rochon
Mayor, Municipality of West Nipissing

cc: AMO, ROMA, FONOM, Local MPP



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June 17, 2025

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor – 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Via email: rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Attn: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Thorne-Rochon
Mayor, Municipality of West Nipissing

cc: AMO, ROMA, FONOM, Local MPP



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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July 4, 2025

RE: Ontario's Bill 5 and its Impact on the Local Food System and the Environment

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on June 25, 2025, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS a significant amount of farmland is already lost each year to development pressures; and

WHEREAS food systems depend on healthy ecosystems, which are already under significant threat in Ontario due to a host of human-caused threats to wildlife and habitat; and

WHEREAS Ontario Bill 5 significantly undermines ecological protections and local decision making, both of which are essential to local food systems and food security; and

WHEREAS the existing Provincial Planning Statement emphasizes the need for agricultural impact and environmental assessments; supports broad community consultation; and encourages municipalities to explore alternative areas before developing prime agricultural land; and

WHEREAS development of housing and important resources are possible without sacrificing the long-term health of our food systems, environment, and democratic norms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Cobourg opposes Bill 5 in its current form, and calls upon the Government of Ontario to



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

strive to uphold the long-term health of our food systems, environment, and democracy in any future version of this bill; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be circulated to Premier Doug Ford and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. All Ontario Municipalities



June 26, 2025

Sent to: dwilson@parachute.ca

Dear David Wilson:

RE: Lighting Request – July 7, 2025 – National Injury Prevention Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize July 7, 2025 as National Injury Prevention Day.

The Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in green on July 7, 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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June 26, 2025

Sent to: dwilson@parachute.ca

Dear David Wilson:

RE: Lighting Request – July 7, 2025 – National Injury Prevention Day

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 July 7, 2025 to recognize National Injury Prevention Day. 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



June 26, 2025

Sent to: consularofficer2@bahighco.com

Dear Crystal Moss-Rolle

RE: Lighting Request – July 10, 2025 – Bahamas' 52nd Independence

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in aqua and yellow on July 10, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM to recognize Bahamas' 52nd Independence.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



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June 26, 2025

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Dear Crystal Moss-Rolle:

RE: Lighting Request – July 10, 2025 – Bahamas' 52nd Independence

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July 4, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Lylee Usrey:

RE: Lighting Request – July 22, 2025 – World Fragile X Day

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 pink on July 22, 2025 to recognize World Fragile X Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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July 4, 2025

Sent to: janinab@lifeguarding.com

Dear Janina Branscombe:

RE: Lighting Request – July 25, 2025 – World Drowning Prevention Day

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 blue on July 22, 2025 to recognize World Drowning Prevention Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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