



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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September 25, 2025

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Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 23, 2025

Member Motion 8.9.1 - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Elect Respect Campaign Support

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 23, 2025, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas a healthy democracy thrives when all individuals can participate safely, equitably, and meaningfully in public life; and

Whereas Aurora, like many municipalities across Ontario, is witnessing an erosion of civil discourse and growing hostility in the political arena, both in person and online; and

Whereas elected officials at all levels, particularly women and those from equity-deserving communities, are experiencing increased threats, harassment, and toxic engagement that deter civic participation; and

Whereas social media platforms, while powerful tools for engagement, have contributed to a climate of disrespect and polarization that discourages individuals from seeking or maintaining public office; and

Whereas inclusive and respectful governance results in better decision-making and stronger representation, especially when voices of diverse genders, identities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities are present at municipal council tables; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), through its Healthy Democracy Project, has identified troubling trends of voter apathy and a declining interest in running for municipal office; and

Whereas in 2024, a group of female elected officials from Halton formed H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives), launching the Elect Respect campaign to advocate for respectful political engagement and safe, inclusive workplaces; and

Whereas on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a national Parliamentary Civility Pledge, inspired by the work of H.E.R., to promote respectful conduct among elected officials;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora Council endorses the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

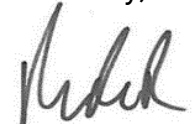
- **Treating all individuals with respect in every setting; public, private, and digital;**
- **Speaking out against harassment, intimidation, and personal attacks;**
- **Keeping debate focused on ideas and public policy, not individuals;**
- **Fostering an environment where people of all backgrounds feel safe and supported in seeking and holding public office;**
- **Urging relevant authorities to ensure the safety and protection of elected officials facing threats or abuse;**
- **Demonstrating leadership through integrity, accountability, and mutual respect among colleagues and constituents; and**

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora encourages other municipalities, elected officials, organizations, and residents to support the Elect Respect initiative and sign the pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), York Region, York Regional Police, and all Ontario municipalities.

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

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 23, 2025
Elect Respect Campaign Support
September 25, 2025

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Copy: Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Sandra Cobena, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Costas Menegakis, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
The Regional Municipality of York
York Regional Police
All Ontario Municipalities



8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 9, 2025

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 23, 2025, and the Audit Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 2025 (Item 9), be received and the recommendations carried by the Committees approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.2.2, 8.5.2, and 8.7.1, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Absent (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 0)

8.9 Member Motions

8.9.1 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Elect Respect Campaign Support

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Carried

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Thursday, October 9, 2025

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SENT VIA EMAIL: aeuler@dryden.ca

RE: Endorsement of The City of Dryden's Resolution – Swim-to-Survive Training

Dear A. Euler,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, October 6, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel
 Seconded By: Councillor Carroll
 That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from the City of Dryden, regarding
 Swim-to-Survive Training.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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Cc: Hon. Minister of Education of Ontario, paul.calandra@pc.ola.org
 The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Member of Provincial
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Friday, October 10, 2025

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 Municipal Clerk
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SENT VIA EMAIL: jsmith@woolwich.ca

RE: Endorsement of the Township of Woolwich Resolution – Bill C-61 First Nations Clean Water Act

Dear J. Smith,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, October 6, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel
 Seconded By: Councillor Kelly
 That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from the Township of Woolwich,
 regarding Bill C-61, First Nations Clean Water Act

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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Cc: Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services, mandy.gull-masty@parl.gc.ca
 Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks,
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 Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca

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Notice of Public Meeting

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is undertaking a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) pursuant to Section 28 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 and invites all interested persons to attend the Statutory Public Meeting to obtain feedback and comments regarding the CIP, the proposed Community Improvement Plan Area, as well as the proposed incentive programs.

Public Meeting

November 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Council Chambers, Town Hall

townofws.ca/cmlivestream

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is proposing an Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan. This Statutory Public Meeting is a way for you to offer input and to get involved. A copy of the draft Community Improvement Plan will be made available for public review and feedback on the Affordable Housing CIP project webpage: <https://www.cometogetherws.ca/affordable-housing>.

Any person may attend the Public Meeting in person or electronically and make written and/or verbal representation either in support of or against the proposed Community Improvement Plan (CIP).

If you wish to speak, please contact the Town Clerk at clerks@townofws.ca for more information or to register to speak electronically before noon of the day prior to the Public Meeting.

Public Meetings will be recorded and made available online.

What is a Community Improvement Plan (CIP)?

A Community Improvement Plan is a land use planning tool that allows municipalities like ours to provide financial incentives (grants and loans) and non-financial incentives to private landowners to encourage revitalization and development to achieve locally defined goals, like the provision of housing. The use of this tool is permitted under Section 28 of the Ontario Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Affordable Housing CIP will establish financial and non-financial incentive programs to attract landowners, developers, non-profits, and community organizations to help diversify housing options in the Town. The CIP will serve as a toolkit to encourage the timely development of housing typologies, including “missing middle” housing and gentle infill in established neighbourhoods.

Additional Information:

Questions, comments, and additional information regarding the Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan and Community Improvement Plan Area may be requested by contacting Andrea Torok, Planner I – Planning Policy, Development Services via email at andrea.torok@townofws.ca or by telephone at (905) 640-1900 ext. 2329.

More information, including appeal rights, and project updates can be found on the Affordable Housing CIP project webpage: <https://www.cometogetherws.ca/affordable-housing>.

All information including opinions, presentations, reports, documentation, etc. provided for or at a Public Meeting are considered public records. This information may be posted on the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville website and/or made available to the public upon request.

Appeal Rights:

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town before the Community Improvement Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

Notification:

If you would like to be notified of the decision of Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville on the proposed Community Improvement Plan and/or passing of the proposed Community Improvement Plan Area By-law, you must make a written request to the Town Clerk at clerks@townofws.ca.

**VIA EMAIL**

Friday, October 3, 2025

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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General
The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety
The Honourable Ruby Sahota, Secretary of State
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General

Please be advised that at its meeting held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities

WHEREAS community safety is the foremost responsibility of all levels of government, including federal, provincial/territorial, and municipal authorities;
AND WHEREAS recent violent home invasions in Halton Region and across Canada highlight the ongoing need to evaluate and strengthen bail laws and the administration of justice to better protect communities;

AND WHEREAS repeat violent offenders continue to be granted bail in some instances, placing victims, families, and first responders at risk, and public confidence in the justice system is undermined when such offenders are quickly returned to the community;

AND WHEREAS the federal government passed Bill C-48, which came into force in January 2024, introducing key reforms to the Criminal Code, including:

- A new reverse onus provision targeting repeat violent offending involving weapons,
- An expanded list of firearms offences triggering reverse onus,

- Requirements for courts to consider an accused's violent history and state on the record their consideration of community safety;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has committed to tabling additional legislation during the Fall 2025 session of Parliament to further strengthen community safety, including reforms related to bail and sentencing;

AND WHEREAS the provinces and territories are responsible for the administration of justice, including:

- Appointing justices of the peace and judges,
- Managing court operations and bail monitoring,
- Hiring and managing Crown Attorneys,
- Funding and overseeing provincial police services and detention centres;

AND WHEREAS on November 13, 2024, the Police Association of Ontario (PAO), the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA), and the Toronto Police Association (TPA), representing 35,000 police members in Ontario, called for urgent action to ensure violent and repeat offenders are not released pending trial, and similar calls have been echoed by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and Canada's Premiers;

AND WHEREAS strengthening bail provisions and the broader justice system requires ongoing collaboration across all levels of government, and doing so would reduce pressures on local police services, the courts, and municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:

THAT Halton Regional Council:

1. Recognizes the steps already taken by the federal government through Bill C-48 and acknowledges the commitment to introduce further legislation in Fall 2025;
2. Calls on the Government of Canada to prioritize and expedite the introduction of its promised bail and sentencing reforms in the upcoming session of Parliament;
3. Calls on the Province of Ontario to invest in and strengthen the administration of justice, including:
 - Enhancing bail enforcement and monitoring,

- Increasing resources for Crown prosecutors and court operations, including the previously announced courthouse for Halton
 - Expanding judicial capacity and detention infrastructure;
- 4. Encourages a national, coordinated approach involving all levels of government to ensure community safety is not compromised by gaps in bail or sentencing systems.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- THAT Halton Regional Council calls for the following policy considerations in future reforms:
 - Expanding reverse onus provisions for repeat violent offenders,
 - Establishing stronger mandatory bail conditions, including firearm prohibitions, curfews, electronic monitoring, and no-contact orders,
 - Limiting multiple bail releases for individuals with histories of serious violent offences,
 - Improving inter-agency information sharing among police, Crown prosecutors, and corrections,
 - Prioritizing victim and community impact in bail decisions;
- THAT Halton Regional Council calls on the federal and provincial governments to review Criminal Code time limits and rules for stay of proceedings in cases involving serious and violent offences;
- THAT this motion be forwarded to:
 - The Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Minister of Public Safety, the Secretary of State (Combatting Crime),
 - The Premier of Ontario, Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario,
 - All federal and provincial parties in the House of Commons and Ontario Legislature;
 - Halton's Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament,
 - The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Association of Ontario, and the Ontario Provincial Police Association;
 - Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) and Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG);

- Halton's Local Municipalities;
- THAT this motion be shared with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all municipalities across Ontario and Canada, encouraging them to pass similar motions in a spirit of collaborative, cross-jurisdictional reform.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,



Graham Milne
 Regional Clerk
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c.

The Honourable Pierre Poilievre, Leader of Official Opposition
 Yves-François Blanchet, Leader of Bloc Québécois
 Don Davies, Interim Leader of NDP
 Elizabeth May, Leader of Green Party
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 Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police
 Police Association of Ontario
 Ontario Provincial Police Association
 Ontario Association of Police Boards
 Canadian Association of Police Governance
 City Clerk's Office, City of Burlington
 Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director, Legislative Services, Town of Halton Hills
 Meaghen Reid, Director, Legislative & Legal Services/Town Clerk, Town of Milton
 William Short, Town Clerk, Town of Oakville
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August 13, 2025

Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Northern Development
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Dear Hon. Greg Rickford:

This is Resolution No. 2025-279 which was passed by Council at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-279:

"Whereas the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

And Whereas the program has been well received and has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically accumulate multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

And Whereas the City of North Bay recognizes the importance of modern, safe, and efficient infrastructure to support economic growth and industrial competitiveness;

AND WHEREAS the Seymour Street Widening project from Station Road to Wallace Road, including a signalized intersection, is a critical continuation of the intersection improvement at Hwy 11/17 and Seymour Street, directly supporting a high-value industrial zone;

And Whereas this arterial corridor enables key sectors such as mining, forestry, construction, and manufacturing to receive and ship goods efficiently, impacting markets provincially and beyond;

And Whereas the updated total Seymour Street Widening project budget of approx. \$11 million includes contributions from multiple funding programs such as NORDS (\$2 million) and OCIF (\$4,259,448).

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay formally supports the principle of stacking (accumulating) funding from multiple grant and infrastructure programs to advance strategic capital works, such as the Seymour Street Widening project, and requests continued flexibility from higher levels of government to enable effective financial planning and timely delivery of large-scale municipal infrastructure initiatives;

And Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Development, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, Nipissing MPP Victor Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support."

Yours truly,



Veronique Hie
Deputy City Clerk

VH/ck

cc: Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Natural Resources
Nipissing MPP, Victor Fedeli
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Northern Ontario Municipalities



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 314-25

Date: Oct 14, 2025

Moved By: Ron Giardetti

Seconded By: Don Smith

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of Shuniah hereby supports the resolution passed by the City of North Bay, and the resolution passed by the Municipality of Assignack, regarding making the NORDS Pilot Program permanent and expanding program eligibility;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Northern Development; the Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure; the Minister of Natural Resources; our Local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML), and all Ontario Municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

al Burt
Signature

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VIA EMAIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 All Upper- and Lower-Tier Municipalities in Ontario

Please be advised that at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2025, the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;



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WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities' ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.



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6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
 - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 - All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

Natalie Charette
 Interim Clerk
clerk@twpec.ca

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TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

Resolution Number 2025-253

September 29, 2025

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario's rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities' ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
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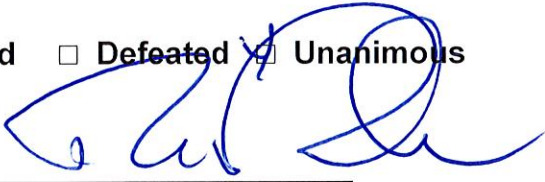
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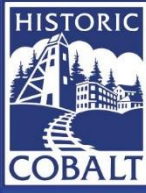
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 - The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
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☐ Carried ☐ Defeated ☒ Unanimous

Mayor: 

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

June 22, 2023

Municipality of North Perth
330 Wallace Ave North
Listowel, ON N4W 1L3

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on October 14, 2025, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-162

MOVED BY: Councillor Starchuk

SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobalt supports the Township of Larder Lake's resolution respectfully requesting that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshal, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories;

AND THAT the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFC), MPP John Vanthof, and all municipalities in Ontario for support and endorsement.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Steven Dalley

Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer

Tel: (705) 679-8877

Email: sdalley@cobalt.ca

cc: Hon, Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General, michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org
Ontario Fire Marshal
the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), resolutions@amo.ca
the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), roma@roma.on.ca
the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFC), info@oafc.on.ca
MPP, John Vanthof, jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca,



CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY

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October 15th, 2025

To:

Jon Pegg

Ontario Fire Marshal

Ministry of the Solicitor General

25 Morton Shulman Avenue

Toronto, ON M3M 0B1

Subject: Request for Extension of Certification Deadlines under Ontario Regulation 343/22

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg,

On behalf of the Township of Harley, we are writing to express our support for the firefighter certification requirements outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22. We recognize the importance of standardized training and certification in enhancing firefighter safety, service quality, and public confidence across the province.

When firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, many rural municipalities voiced concern, noting that they do not offer the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province graciously responded by introducing legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is greatly appreciated and reflects a thoughtful understanding of the diverse realities across Ontario.

However, despite this accommodation, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available or are only in “pilot” while there remains a large demand for these programs. The Province cannot reasonably expect volunteer firefighters—many of whom work full-time jobs—to independently develop training programs that meet the standards required to pass certification exams. This places an undue burden on small municipalities and risks compromising the intent of the regulation.

We have enclosed a formal resolution passed by our Council, which outlines our concerns and respectfully requests that the province extend the certification deadline to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation to allow time for volunteer fire departments to access these training programs and achieve certification.

We also urge the Province to consider a phased adaptive approach to implementation, ensuring that all communities have equitable access to the necessary training resources.



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We appreciate your leadership and commitment to fire service excellence and look forward to your support in helping Ontario municipalities meet these important standards in a realistic and sustainable manner.

Sincerely,

Krystle Seymour
Clerk-Treasurer



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY RESOLUTION/MOTION

Moved By:	
	Clifford Fielder
	Marc Gosselin
✓	Richard McNaughton
	Sophie MacKewn
	Pauline Archambault

Seconded By:	
	Clifford Fielder
	Marc Gosselin
✓	Richard McNaughton
	Sophie MacKewn
	Pauline Archambault

No: 2025- 143
Date: 14-Oct-2025

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 343/22 mandates that firefighters performing specific fire protection services be certified to a prescribed standard by July 1, 2026, with certain technical rescue disciplines requiring certification by July 1, 2028;

AND WHEREAS the Township recognizes and supports the value of the certification requirements mandated by the Province of Ontario, acknowledging that standardized training enhances firefighter safety, service quality, and public trust;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) and Ontario Fire College (OFC) are actively working to provide training and certification programs, including offering over 600 courses annually, yet some certification programs and testing resources remain under development or are not yet widely accessible, particularly in the Ontario Seal Programs;

AND WHEREAS many fire departments in Ontario are staffed predominantly by volunteer firefighters who balance full-time employment with their emergency service commitments;

AND WHEREAS the certification programs are still in development and the current availability does not adequately reflect the operational realities of volunteer fire departments, especially in rural communities, where training opportunities are limited and certification demands place undue pressure on personnel and municipal resources;

AND WHEREAS when firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, smaller/rural Municipalities raised concerns that they do not provide the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province responded thoughtfully by introducing new legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually

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Presiding Officer

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Council Member	For Motion	Against Motion
Clifford Fielder		
Marc Gosselin		
Richard McNaughton		
Sophie MacKewn		
Pauline Archambault		



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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
HARLEY RESOLUTION/MOTION**

Moved By:	
	Clifford Fielder
	Marc Gosselin
	Richard McNaughton
	Sophie MacKewn
	Pauline Archambault

Seconded By:	
	Clifford Fielder
	Marc Gosselin
	Richard McNaughton
	Sophie MacKewn
	Pauline Archambault

No: 2025- 143 (cont.)
Date: 14-Oct-2025

provide. This flexibility is appreciated and reflects a fair and practical approach, however, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available;

AND WHEREAS it is unreasonable to expect volunteer firefighters—who already balance full-time employment and community service—to independently develop curriculums and training programs in-house that meet provincial standards and adequately prepare them for certification exams;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural volunteer fire departments often lack the necessary resources, certified personnel, and specialized expertise to independently develop training curriculums or qualify for learning contracts with the Ontario Fire College; and

AND WHEREAS these departments have long relied on the Ontario Fire College's course offerings and have been patiently awaiting the release of the Ontario Seal Programs, having noted preliminary pilot initiatives in Northern Ontario and anticipating a broader rollout of these programs in the near future;

AND WHEREAS rural municipalities would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of the Fire Marshal to address current barriers and explore collaborative solutions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Harley respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshal, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation

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Marc Gosselin		
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY RESOLUTION/MOTION

Moved By:	
	Clifford Fielder
	Marc Gosselin
	Richard McNaughton
	Sophie MacKewn
	Pauline Archambault

Seconded By:	
	Clifford Fielder
	Marc Gosselin
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No: 2025- 143 (cont.)
Date: 14-Oct-2025

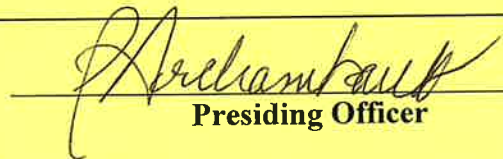
343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories;

AND THAT the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), MPP John Vanthof, and all municipalities in Ontario for support and endorsement.

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Council Member	For Motion	Against Motion
Clifford Fielder		
Marc Gosselin		
Richard McNaughton		
Sophie MacKewn		
Pauline Archambault		

Date: October 8th, 2025

To:

Jon Pegg

Ontario Fire Marshal

Ministry of the Solicitor General

25 Morton Shulman Avenue

Toronto, ON M3M 0B1

Subject: Request for Extension of Certification Deadlines under Ontario Regulation 343/22

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg,

On behalf of the Township of Kerns, we are writing to express our support for the firefighter certification requirements outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22. We recognize the importance of standardized training and certification in enhancing firefighter safety, service quality, and public confidence across the province.

When firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, many rural municipalities voiced concern, noting that they do not offer the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province graciously responded by introducing legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is greatly appreciated and reflects a thoughtful understanding of the diverse realities across Ontario.

However, despite this accommodation, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available or are only in “pilot” while there remains a large demand for these programs. The Province cannot reasonably expect volunteer firefighters—many of whom work full-time jobs—to independently develop training programs that meet the standards required to pass certification exams. This places an undue burden on small municipalities and risks compromising the intent of the regulation.

We have enclosed a formal resolution passed by our Council, which outlines our concerns and respectfully requests that the province extend the certification deadline to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation to allow time for volunteer fire departments to access these training programs and achieve certification.

We also urge the Province to consider a phased adaptive approach to implementation, ensuring that all communities have equitable access to the necessary training resources.

We appreciate your leadership and commitment to fire service excellence and look forward to your support in helping Ontario municipalities meet these important standards in a realistic and sustainable manner.



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Sincerely,

Krystle Seymour
Clerk-Treasurer

KERNS TWP. THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
 KERNS RESOLUTION/MOTION

Moved By:	
	Dennis Jibb
	Mark Lenover
	Loren Runnalls
	Carter Seymour
	Terry Phillips

Seconded By:	
	Dennis Jibb
	Mark Lenover
	Loren Runnalls
	Carter Seymour
	Terry Phillips

No: 2025- 129
 Date: 07-Oct-2025

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 343/22 mandates that firefighters performing specific fire protection services be certified to a prescribed standard by July 1, 2026, with certain technical rescue disciplines requiring certification by July 1, 2028;

AND WHEREAS the Township recognizes and supports the value of the certification requirements mandated by the Province of Ontario, acknowledging that standardized training enhances firefighter safety, service quality, and public trust;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) and Ontario Fire College (OFC) are actively working to provide training and certification programs, including offering over 600 courses annually, yet some certification programs and testing resources remain under development or are not yet widely accessible, particularly in the Ontario Seal Programs;

AND WHEREAS many fire departments in Ontario are staffed predominantly by volunteer firefighters who balance full-time employment with their emergency service commitments;

AND WHEREAS the certification programs are still in development and the current availability does not adequately reflect the operational realities of volunteer fire departments, especially in rural communities, where training opportunities are limited and certification demands place undue pressure on personnel and municipal resources;

AND WHEREAS when firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, smaller/rural Municipalities raised concerns that they do not provide the same level of fire protection services

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Recorded Vote		
Council Member	For Motion	Against Motion
Dennis Jibb		
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Loren Runnalls		
Carter Seymour		
Terry Phillips		



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**KERNS TWP. THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
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<i>[Signature]</i>	Mark Lenover
	Loren Runnalls
	Carter Seymour
	Terry Phillips

Seconded By:	
<i>[Signature]</i>	Dennis Jibb
	Mark Lenover
	Loren Runnalls
	Carter Seymour
	Terry Phillips

No: 2025-129 (cont.)
Date: 07-Oct-2025

as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province responded thoughtfully by introducing new legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is appreciated and reflects a fair and practical approach, however, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available;

AND WHEREAS it is unreasonable to expect volunteer firefighters—who already balance full-time employment and community service—to independently develop curriculums and training programs in-house that meet provincial standards and adequately prepare them for certification exams;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural volunteer fire departments often lack the necessary resources, certified personnel, and specialized expertise to independently develop training curriculums or qualify for learning contracts with the Ontario Fire College; and

AND WHEREAS these departments have long relied on the Ontario Fire College's course offerings and have been patiently awaiting the release of the Ontario Seal Programs, having noted preliminary pilot initiatives in Northern Ontario and anticipating a broader rollout of these programs in the near future;

AND WHEREAS rural municipalities would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of the Fire Marshal to address current barriers and explore collaborative solutions;

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Presiding Officer

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Loren Runnalls		
Carter Seymour		
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KERNS TWP. THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
 KERNS RESOLUTION/MOTION

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	Dennis Jibb
<i>ML</i>	Mark Lenover
	Loren Runnalls
	Carter Seymour
	Terry Phillips

Seconded By:	
<i>ML</i>	Dennis Jibb
	Mark Lenover
	Loren Runnalls
	Carter Seymour
	Terry Phillips

No: 2025- 129 (cont.)
 Date: 07-Oct-2025

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Kerns respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshal, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories;

AND THAT the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), MPP John Vanthof, and all municipalities in Ontario for support and endorsement.

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Council Member	For Motion	Against Motion
Dennis Jibb		
Mark Lenover		
Loren Runnalls		
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CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CASEY
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October 9th, 2025

To:

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal
Ministry of the Solicitor General
25 Morton Shulman Avenue
Toronto, ON M3M 0B1

Subject: Request for Extension of Certification Deadlines under Ontario Regulation 343/22

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg,

On behalf of the Township of Casey, we are writing to express our support for the firefighter certification requirements outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22. We recognize the importance of standardized training and certification in enhancing firefighter safety, service quality, and public confidence across the province.

When firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, many rural municipalities voiced concern, noting that they do not offer the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province graciously responded by introducing legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is greatly appreciated and reflects a thoughtful understanding of the diverse realities across Ontario.

However, despite this accommodation, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available or are only in "pilot" while there remains a large demand for these programs. The Province cannot reasonably expect volunteer firefighters—many of whom work full-time jobs—to independently develop training programs that meet the standards required to pass certification exams. This places an undue burden on small municipalities and risks compromising the intent of the regulation.

We have enclosed a formal resolution passed by our Council, which outlines our concerns and respectfully requests that the province extend the certification deadline to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation to allow time for volunteer fire departments to access these training programs and achieve certification.



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We also urge the Province to consider a phased adaptive approach to implementation, ensuring that all communities have equitable access to the necessary training resources.

We appreciate your leadership and commitment to fire service excellence and look forward to your support in helping Ontario municipalities meet these important standards in a realistic and sustainable manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Krystle Seymour", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Krystle Seymour
Clerk-Treasurer



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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
CASEY RESOLUTION/MOTION**

Moved By:	
☒	Jacques Fortin
☐	Janet Little
☐	Jessie Denommé
☐	Bruno Trudel
☐	Guy Labonté

Seconded By:	
☐	Jacques Fortin
☐	Janet Little
☐	Jessie Denommé
☒	Bruno Trudel
☐	Guy Labonté

No: 2025-146
Date: 8-Oct-2025

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 343/22 mandates that firefighters performing specific fire protection services be certified to a prescribed standard by July 1, 2026, with certain technical rescue disciplines requiring certification by July 1, 2028;

AND WHEREAS the Township recognizes and supports the value of the certification requirements mandated by the Province of Ontario, acknowledging that standardized training enhances firefighter safety, service quality, and public trust;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) and Ontario Fire College (OFC) are actively working to provide training and certification programs, including offering over 600 courses annually, yet some certification programs and testing resources remain under development or are not yet widely accessible, particularly in the Ontario Seal Programs;

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Presiding Officer

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Council Member	For Motion	Against Motion
Jacques Fortin		
Janet Little		
Jessie Denommé		
Bruno Trudel		
Guy Labonté		



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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
CASEY RESOLUTION/MOTION**

Moved By:	
	Jacques Fortin
	Janet Little
	Jessie Denommé
	Bruno Trudel
	Guy Labonté

Seconded By:	
	Jacques Fortin
	Janet Little
	Jessie Denommé
	Bruno Trudel
	Guy Labonté

No: 2025-146 (cont.)
Date: 8-Oct-2025

provide. This flexibility is appreciated and reflects a fair and practical approach, however, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available;

AND WHEREAS it is unreasonable to expect volunteer firefighters—who already balance full-time employment and community service—to independently develop curriculums and training programs in-house that meet provincial standards and adequately prepare them for certification exams;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural volunteer fire departments often lack the necessary resources, certified personnel, and specialized expertise to independently develop training curriculums or qualify for learning contracts with the Ontario Fire College; and

AND WHEREAS these departments have long relied on the Ontario Fire College's course offerings and have been patiently awaiting the release of the Ontario Seal Programs, having noted preliminary pilot initiatives in Northern Ontario and anticipating a broader rollout of these programs in the near future;

AND WHEREAS rural municipalities would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of the Fire Marshal to address current barriers and explore collaborative solutions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Casey respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshal, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation

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Council Member	For Motion	Against Motion
Jacques Fortin		
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Jessie Denommé		
Bruno Trudel		
Guy Labonté		



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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
CASEY RESOLUTION/MOTION**

Moved By:	
	Jacques Fortin
	Janet Little
	Jessie Denommé
	Bruno Trudel
	Guy Labonté

Seconded By:	
	Jacques Fortin
	Janet Little
	Jessie Denommé
	Bruno Trudel
	Guy Labonté

No: 2025- 146 (cont.)
Date: 8-Oct-2025

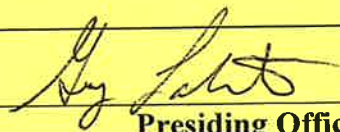
343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories;

AND THAT the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), MPP John Vanthof, and all municipalities in Ontario for support and endorsement.

☒	CARRIED
☐	TABLED

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☐	DEFEATED


Presiding Officer

Recorded Vote		
Council Member	For Motion	Against Motion
Jacques Fortin		
Janet Little		
Jessie Denommé		
Bruno Trudel		
Guy Labonté		



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October 16, 2025

Minister of Education
Honourable Paul Calandra
438 University Ave, 15th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2A5

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Minister Calandra,

RE: Resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Mandatory Water Safety & Swim-to-Survive Training

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their October 9, 2025 Council meeting, and at the request of the City of Dryden, passed the following resolution regarding Mandatory Water Safety and Swim-to-Survive Training.

Whereas drowning remains one of the leading causes of preventable death among children in Ontario, and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario indicates that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence clearly demonstrates that basic swimming ability and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children across Ontario face barriers to accessing swimming lessons outside of school, whether financial, cultural, or geographic in nature; and

Whereas municipalities across the province, including the City of Dryden, have expressed strong support for improved water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education holds the authority to include water safety and survival training in the elementary school curriculum, recognizing it as a vital life skill comparable to fire and road safety education; and

Whereas the Town of Wasaga Beach is home to the world's longest freshwater beach and welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors annually to its waterfront, underscoring the critical importance of water safety and swim survival skills for both residents and visitors, especially children;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Dryden urging the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

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Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities with a request for their endorsement.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2225.

Sincerely,

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Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

/mps

cc: Local Members of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



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October 16, 2025

Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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RE: Elect Respect Pledge

Please be advised that at its Regular meeting on October 1, 2025, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C371-2025

Moved by: Councillor Moore

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Be it resolved that the correspondence from the Township of Southgate regarding the Elect Respect pledge; be received and supported as outlined below:

Whereas democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community; and

Whereas we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions; and

Whereas Ontario's municipally elected officials and municipal staff are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment; and

Whereas social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office; and

Whereas better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around



municipal council tables; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office; and

Whereas in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct; and

Whereas H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials and municipal staff that encourages individuals to participate in the political process.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Springwater supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct; and

Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Springwater Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, MP Doug Shipley and MPP Hon. Doug Downey, the Ontario Provincial Police, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried



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Yours Truly,

Jennifer Marshall

Jennifer Marshall, AMP
Clerk

cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities,
MP Doug Shipley,
MPP Honourable Doug Downey,
Ontario Provincial Police
All Ontario Municipalities



October 16, 2025

Resolution Urging the Federal Government to Keep Climate Change as a Foremost National Priority

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change—such as rising temperatures, extreme weather events, flooding, droughts, wildfires, and sea-level rise—are already affecting communities across Canada;

WHEREAS, climate change poses a serious threat to public health, infrastructure, local economies, biodiversity, and future generations;

WHEREAS, municipalities are on the front lines of climate change, often bearing the burden of disaster response, infrastructure adaptation, and long-term community resilience;

WHEREAS, despite local action, meaningful progress on climate change requires bold and coordinated leadership at the federal level, including policies, legislation, funding, and international cooperation;

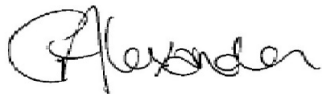
WHEREAS, Canada has made national and international climate commitments, including under the Paris Agreement, and must continue to strengthen its role in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and supporting adaptation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Bluewater Council urges the Government of Canada to:

1. **Maintain climate change as a top national priority**, reflected in legislation, national planning, funding, and public policy;
2. **Prioritize investments in the clean energy transition in the upcoming Federal budget**;
3. **Continue to support municipalities** in their efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including through sustainable infrastructure funding, disaster preparedness support, and clean energy investments since municipalities have the ability to influence change in ~50% of emissions within Canada;
4. **Accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy**, ensuring that it is just, inclusive, and economically beneficial for all regions and communities;
5. **Engage in transparent, science-based policymaking** that reflects the urgency of the climate crisis and the lived experiences of Canadians;
6. **Collaborate with Indigenous communities** and respect Indigenous knowledge and leadership in addressing climate change including obtaining free, prior and informed consent; and
7. **Continue to report annually** on national progress in reducing emissions and implementing adaptation strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, local Members of Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as well as local MPPs and all municipalities for their consideration.

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce MPP
Ben Lobb, Huron-Bruce MP
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



Date:

8 October 2025

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Moved By:

Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded By:

Councillor Alex Boughen

Whereas conservation authorities serve a critical function in safeguarding Ontario's natural heritage, overseeing watershed management, mitigating flood risks, and advancing climate resilience;

And whereas the Province of Ontario's recent mandate to freeze conservation authority fees has significantly hindered their capacity to deliver essential services;

And whereas Conservation Authorities are now expected to process an increasing volume of permit applications under a fee structure that remains frozen, despite rising costs of living and wage pressures, further compounding operational and fiscal challenges;

And whereas municipalities are increasingly compelled to absorb the resulting financial shortfalls, leading to unsustainable downloading of costs onto local taxpayers;

And whereas the intent behind the provincial fee freeze was to reduce development-related expenses and accelerate housing supply;

And whereas this policy has inadvertently shifted the financial burden from a user-pay cost recovery model to the municipal tax base, thereby straining local budgets and compromising the principle of fair and equitable funding;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming urges the Province of Ontario to reconsider the fee freeze mandate and to implement a funding framework that protects municipal taxpayers from cost recovery deficits, while supporting a sustainable and balanced approach to conservation authority financing.

✓

Carried

Defeated

Deferred

	Yay	Nay
Gary L. Atkinson	☐	☐
Netty McEwen	☐	☐
Alex Boughen	☐	☐
Kristen Rodrigues	☐	☐
John van Klaveren	☐	☐
Mike Vasey	☐	☐
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October 17, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
Legislative Building Queen's Park, Toronto, ON, M7A 1A1
(sent via email: premier@ontario.ca)

RE: Support for the Town of Newmarket's Automated Speed Enforcement Resolution

Please be advised that the Township of Malahide Council, at its meeting held on October 16, 2025, passed the following resolution:

"Moved By: Mark Widner
Seconded By: Sarah Leitch

THAT the Township of Malahide hereby supports the correspondence from the Town of Newmarket and their concerns of the Ontario Government's proposal to cancel municipal Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) programs.

Carried"

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Respectfully,

Allison Adams,
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Attachment: Original Resolution from Town of Newmarket

Cc: Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, M.P.P., Minister of Transportation
Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General, M.P.P., Solicitor General
Rob Flack – M.P.P., Elgin-Middlesex-London
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



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October 7, 2025

Sent via email

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

The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, M.P.P., Minister of Transportation, 5th Flr, 777 Bay St. Toronto, ON, M7A 1Z8, minister.mto@ontario.ca

The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General, M.P.P., Solicitor General, George Drew Bldg., 25 Grosvenor St. Toronto, ON, M7A 1Y6, Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca

Ms. Dawn Gallagher Murphy, M.P.P., Unit 22, 16635 Yonge St., Newmarket, ON, L3X 1V6, dawn.gallaghermurphy@pc.ola.org

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All Ontario Municipalities

RE: Automated Speed Enforcement Resolution – Town of Newmarket

I am writing to advise you that at the Council meeting held on October 6, 2025, the Town of Newmarket Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

Whereas Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) is by far the most effective speed mitigation and safety tool that municipalities have had access to; and,

Whereas The Ontario Safety League has expressed that ASE is effective and that it supports the use of ASE; and,

Whereas The Ontario Association Chiefs of Police has expressed that ASE is effective and that it supports the use of ASE; and,

Whereas The Hospital for Sick Children and Toronto Metropolitan University have studied ASE and found that speed is the single most important factor in pedestrian injury risk and ASE can be an effective way to reduce that risk, especially in areas where children are most vulnerable; and,

Whereas The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) found that 73 percent of Ontario drivers slow down when nearing an ASE camera and 52 percent shared that they are unlikely to speed up after they pass through an ASE zone; and,



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Whereas ASE frees up more time for police officers to attend to serious crimes, such as home invasions and auto theft; and,

Whereas One of the top complaints that Council has received from residents for decades is speeding on residential streets; and,

Whereas Since implementing ASE, Newmarket has observed between 58 percent and 90 percent reductions in the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit in the community safety zones with automated speed enforcement; and,

Whereas the Town's ASE program has recorded speeds of 125 km/hr, 113 km/h, and 96 km/h in school zones with speed limits of 40 km/h.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Council of the Town of Newmarket opposes the Ontario Government's proposal to cancel municipal ASE programs; and,
2. That the Council of the Town of Newmarket requests the Premier of Ontario or Minister of Transportation meet with municipal leaders to develop provincial legislation, regulations and standards to ensure municipal ASE programs are fair, transparent and consistent throughout Ontario as opposed to eliminating the programs; and,
3. That the Council of the Town of Newmarket requests that the Ontario Government consider the following amendments to address Provincial concerns:
 - Only implement ASE in school zones; and,
 - Establish a province-wide minimum threshold over the speed limit at which tickets are issued; and,
 - Require extensive communication campaigns warning drivers that ASE cameras will be implemented, including warning tickets, well ahead of activating the cameras, and install permanent flashing signs at the camera locations; and,
 - Establish a maximum fine amount for ASE, and,
 - Establish a maximum number of cameras per municipality, and,
4. That copies of this motion be distributed to the following:
 - Premier Doug Ford; and,
 - Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; and,
 - Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General; and,
 - Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP, Newmarket -- Aurora; and,
 - All Ontario Municipalities; and,
 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario.



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Yours sincerely,

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Simon Granat

Legislative Coordinator



Hon. Paul Calandra
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VIA EMAIL:

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October 17, 2025

Association of
Municipalities of Ontario
(AMO)

VIA EMAIL:

amo@amo.on.ca

RE: 6.16 City of Dryden Council Resolution regarding Mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training in Elementary Curriculum

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 8, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-308:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items listed for October 8, 2025 Council meeting with the exception of items, 6.16 be received for information. Send support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price

DATE: 22-Sep-25

SECONDED BY: Kiewning

RESOLUTION NO.: 14

Whereas drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

RECORDED VOTE			DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT	
			Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
Council	Yes	No		
Councillor C. Kiewning				
Councillor B. Latham				
Councillor M. MacKinnon				
Councillor R. Noel				
Councillor M. Price				
Councillor B. Tardiff				
Mayor J. Harrison				
TOTALS				
			Disposition of Resolution (Check One)	
			Carried X	Defeated

MAYOR: Harrison



The Corporation of
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October 17, 2025

Laurie Scott, MPP – Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

Sent via email: laurie.scott@pc.ola.org

Re: Chloride Concentrations in Lake Simcoe

Please be advised that Council, at their meeting held on October 14, 2025 considered a Notice of Motion moved by Regional Councillor Pettingill and seconded by Councillor Doble, and adopted **Resolution C-2025-377**:

Whereas chloride concentrations measured in Lake Simcoe have steadily increased since the 1970's and, if unchecked, could exceed the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Chronic Guideline by approximately 2069; and

Whereas chloride concentrations in urban tributaries are routinely above that Chronic Guideline, occasionally above the Acute Guideline and have recently exceeded the concentration of ocean water in one urban tributary, and continue to increase everywhere due to the use of winter salt on roads and parking lots; and

Whereas these concentrations are lethal to some species of fish and benthic invertebrates, and decreasing the amount of winter salt use throughout the watershed is critical to the near-term health of urban tributaries and long-term health of Lake Simcoe; and

Whereas a barrier to the reduction of salt application for parking lots and walkways is the scarcity of trained and certified winter maintenance contractors; and

Whereas a more substantial barrier to the reduction of salt application for parking lots and walkways is concern over liability; and

Whereas businesses in the winter maintenance sector are seeing insurance and legal costs escalate to the point where many have failed, and some property owners have been unable to find winter maintenance contractors; and

Whereas the limited liability framework in practice in New Hampshire is based on the Canadian Smart About Salt guidelines and has been successfully defended in the higher courts.

Therefore, Be it Resolved That the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors requests that the Attorney General of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks establish 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

Further That the Board of Directors requests that technical standards and a Provincial regulatory framework be established that limits liability for winter maintenance contractors following best practices to ensure public safety, business sustainability, and environmental protection; and

Further That municipalities in the Lake Simcoe watershed lead by example by ensuring staff and/or winter maintenance contractors that maintain municipal parking lots obtain certification through the Smart About Salt program as a condition of working for the municipality; and

Further That this resolution be circulated to Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities and Lake Simcoe watershed members of Provincial Parliament; and

Further That municipalities in the Lake Simcoe watershed implement best management practices for municipal roads management; and

Further That municipalities in the Lake Simcoe watershed collaborate with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority on an outreach campaign to raise awareness of this issue, manage expectations from the public regarding salt usage, and inspire positive action..”

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, or Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Fernando Lamanna
Clerk/Deputy CAO

FL:dh

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October 17, 2025

The Honorable Todd McCarthy, MPP (Durham)
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Via email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Re: Extended Producer Responsibility for Blue Box Recycling Collection and Impacts to
Small Businesses located in Mixed-Use Properties

Dear Minister McCarthy,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on October 6, 2025, the Council of the Town of
Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 191-25:

Whereas in 2016 the Waste-Free Ontario Act was enacted, which also enacted the
Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA) and the Waste Diversion
Transition Act; and,

Whereas the RRCEA and its associated regulations focus on strengthening Extended
Producer Responsibility for materials like used tires and blue box recycling; and,

Whereas on November 23, 2020, Town Staff submitted comments to the Environmental
Registry of Ontario on the proposed blue box regulation, which highlighted concerns
about the lack of a requirement for blue box recycling collection for certain “non-eligible”
sources like small businesses located in mixed-use properties which are prevalent in
Business Improvement Areas; and,

Whereas in the Town of Whitby there are approximately 200 small businesses in mixed-
use properties who currently receive blue box collection and are impacted by the blue
box regulation and will potentially lose blue box collection services; and,

Whereas in June 2021 the Province of Ontario released Blue Box Regulation O. Reg.
391/21, under the RRCEA which transitions the financial and operational responsibility of
recycling from municipalities to the producers of packaging and paper products; and,

Whereas Circular Materials Ontario (CM) was named the Producer Responsibility
Organization taking on all blue box recycling responsibilities in Ontario over a three-year
transition period; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham has indicated that the estimated costs to continue to
provide blue box recycling for small businesses after the 2026 transition date to CM was
exorbitant and no longer a core responsibility of the Region pursuant to Provincial
legislation; and,

Whereas on July 1, 2024, the Town of Whitby and all local area municipalities in Durham Region transitioned from the Regional blue box program to the CM blue box program; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham and CM negotiated a temporary agreement to continue providing blue box collection services to small businesses in mixed-use properties during the blue box transition period from June 30, 2024 to December 31, 2025, however, CM will not service these small businesses or any non-residential properties effective January 1, 2026, as they are not included as “eligible sources” under Blue Box Regulation 391/21; and,

Whereas on October 17, 2024, Mayor Roy sent a letter to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, who was at that time the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, advocating for changes to the blue box regulation as it related to blue box collection for small businesses; and,

Whereas on June 4, 2025, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks proposed amendments to the RRCEA through the Environmental Registry of Ontario and staff comments were submitted jointly to the Municipal Waste Association and Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario on June 13, 2025 highlighting concerns with the blue box regulation and impacts to small businesses located in mixed-use properties; and,

Whereas on August 15, 2025, CM hosted a municipal engagement session with members of a Municipal Working Group, reviewing a proposal for blue box recycling for non-eligible sources; and,

Whereas it is not clear how the recycling collector will differentiate commercial recycling from residential recycling at mixed-residential locations as they are typically set out together; and,

Whereas the proposal submitted by CM must be agreed to by all three Producer Organizations before it will be considered by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks; and,

Whereas on October 1, 2025, all three Producer Organizations, which includes CM, Ryse Solutions, and Landbell Canada, provided a letter to Mayor Roy outlining their decision to not proceed with blue box collections for small IC&I locations, citing, “system capacity limitations, current regulatory obligations, and time constraints that make it impractical for CCS to provide (blue box) collections from IC&I locations”; and,

Whereas on October 1, 2025, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks provided a letter to the Town of Whitby advising that the Producers will not voluntarily continue to offer blue box services to municipalities for small business locations.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

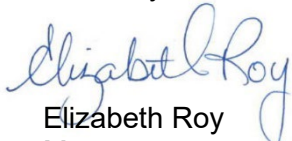
1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby requests that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks amend Blue Box Regulation 391/21 to require Producers to provide blue box collection services to businesses located in mixed-use properties;

and,

2. That the Mayor be requested to author a letter to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks advocating for changes to Blue Box Regulation 391/21, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities, Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA).

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact mayor@whitby.ca.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Roy
Mayor

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY

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705-634-2145, Fax 705-634-2700

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:

☐ Louanne Caza
☐ Elaine Fic
☒ Annie Keft
☐ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

☐ Louanne Caza
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RESOLUTION # 287/2025

DATE October 14, 2025

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, plans to begin aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides starting on or before August 10th, 2025, in the Timiskaming Forest; and

WHEREAS the Timiskaming Forest covers a significant portion of the Municipality of McGarry and neighbouring municipalities and this activity may impact residents and ecosystem; and

WHEREAS new scientific evidence published since Health Canada's last assessment of glyphosate in 2017 has linked glyphosate-based end-use products to cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases' reproductive toxicity, and ecosystem harm; and

WHEREAS the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method; and

WHEREAS many residents have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McGarry formally requests that Honorable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Timiskaming Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and update risk assessment are completed and reviewed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to:

The Honorable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Honorable Sylvia Jones' Minister of Health

MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane

AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities)

All municipalities within Northeastern Ontario

Recorded vote requested by _____

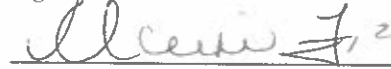
	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *

I declare this motion

☒ Carried
☐ Lost / Defeated
☐ Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
☐ Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:



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



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RESOLUTION # 284/2025

DATE October 14, 2025

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 343/22 mandates that firefighters performing specific fire protection services be certified to a prescribed standard by July 1, 2026, with certain technical rescue disciplines requiring certification by July 1, 2028;

AND WHEREAS the Township recognizes and supports the value of the certification requirements mandated by the Province of Ontario, acknowledging that standardized training enhances firefighter safety, service quality, and public trust;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) and Ontario Fire College (OFC) are actively working to provide training and certification programs, including offering over 600 courses annually, yet some certification programs and testing resources remain under development or are not yet widely accessible, particularly in the Ontario Seal Programs;

AND WHEREAS many fire departments in Ontario are staffed predominantly by volunteer firefighters who balance full-time employment with their emergency service commitments;

AND WHEREAS the certification programs are still in development and the current availability does not adequately reflect the operational realities of volunteer fire departments, especially in rural communities, where training opportunities are limited and certification demands place undue pressure on personnel and municipal resources;

AND WHEREAS when firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, smaller/rural Municipalities raised concerns that they do not provide the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province responded thoughtfully by introducing new legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is appreciated and reflects a fair and practical approach, however, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available;

AND WHEREAS it is unreasonable to expect volunteer firefighters—who already balance full-time employment and community service—to independently develop curriculums and training programs in-house that meet provincial standards and adequately prepare them for certification exams;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural volunteer fire departments often lack the necessary resources, certified personnel, and specialized expertise to independently develop training curriculums or qualify for learning contracts with the Ontario Fire College; and

AND WHEREAS these departments have long relied on the Ontario Fire College's course offerings and have been patiently awaiting the release of the Ontario Seal Programs, having noted preliminary pilot initiatives in Northern Ontario and anticipating a broader rollout of these programs in the near future;

AND WHEREAS rural municipalities would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of the Fire Marshal to address current barriers and explore collaborative solutions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McGarry respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshal, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories:

AND THAT the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario:

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), MPP John Vanthof, and all municipalities in Ontario for support and endorsement.

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

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☐ Lost / Defeated
☐ Deferred to: _____ (enter date) Because:
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Signature of Chair:



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


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October 20, 2025

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

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

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Swim to Survive Training

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their August 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

390-2025
 Moved By: Ted Oke
 Seconded by: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

That South Huron Council supports the September 22, 2025, correspondence of the City of Dryden regarding Swim to Survive Training; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Lisa Thompson, MPP, Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
 Municipality of South Huron
kwebster@southhuron.ca
 519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc: MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; Minister of Education,
Hon. Paul Calandra, paul.calandra@pc.ola.org; AMO,
resolutions@amo.on.ca ; and all Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price

DATE: 22-Sep-25

SECONDED BY: Klewning

RESOLUTION NO.: 14

Whereas drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

RECORDED VOTE			DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT	
			Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
Council	Yes	No		
Councillor C. Kiewning				
Councillor B. Latham				
Councillor M. MacKinnon				
Councillor R. Noel				
Councillor M. Price			Disposition of Resolution (Check One)	
Councillor B. Tardiff				
Mayor J. Harrison				
TOTALS			Carried X	Defeated

MAYOR: Harrison



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

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Item 10(a)

Date: October 15, 2025

16-10-2025

Moved by *Katie Shrygg*
Seconded by *Cynthia Rich*

WHEREAS, democracy is strengthened when all individuals can participate fully, safely, and without discrimination, contributing to the well-being of their communities;

AND WHEREAS, democratic discourse and respectful debate are under pressure across all levels of government, including municipal councils in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, elected officials are increasingly facing harassment, threats, intimidation, and unsafe work environments, which undermine personal safety, deter civic participation, and erode public confidence in democratic institutions;

AND WHEREAS, social media platforms, while enabling legitimate discourse, have also amplified abusive, discriminatory, or threatening behaviour for many, often disproportionately affecting marginalized populations, discouraging many from seeking or remaining in public office;

AND WHEREAS, freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy and must be safeguarded, even as we combat unlawful harassment, violence, and hate;

AND WHEREAS, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified troubling trends in declining voter turnout and a reduction in candidate participation at the municipal level;

AND WHEREAS, grassroots and national initiatives such as Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.) campaign and the Parliamentary Civility Pledge led by the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians, demonstrate a growing commitment to fostering respectful, safe, and inclusive environments in political life;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of Zorra Township:

1. Supports the principles of the Elect Respect pledge to:

- Treat all persons with dignity and respect in public, private, and online spaces;
- Reject and call out harassment, threats, unlawful discrimination, and personal abuse;
- Focus public debate on policies and ideas, rather than personal attacks or identity-based commentary;
- Build a culture of safety and inclusion, ensuring that individuals of all genders, identities, backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities feel empowered to run for and serve in public office;

- Call on relevant authorities to investigate and respond to threats or harassment directed at elected officials, in accordance with applicable laws;
- Model accountability and integrity by holding ourselves and one another to clear, transparent, and legally grounded standards of conduct;
- Defend freedom of expression while actively opposing abuse and intimidation in all forms;

2. Encourages elected officials, political organizations, municipalities, and members of the public to sign and support the Elect Respect pledge by visiting: electrespect.ca; and,

3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), all municipalities in Ontario, Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.), and Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Recorded Vote

☐ Deferred

Recorded Vote:

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



Mayor

From: [Kitzelmann, Mark](#)
To: [Kitzelmann, Mark](#)
Subject: York Region - September 30, 2025 (Q3) - Total Population and Household Estimate
Date: October 21, 2025 1:20:58 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Hello everyone,

The [Population Estimate Dashboard](#) has been updated with the latest monthly population and household estimates for York Region.

On the dashboard, you can also find a copy of the latest monthly spreadsheet through a dropdown link in the upper right corner.

During the first nine months of 2025, York Region grew by 8,802 newly built and occupied homes, contributing to a net population growth of 19,404 people for a total estimated population of **1,298,933**.

The current annual occupied housing completion mix for York Region in 2025 is depicted below:

YTD 2025 Newly Built and Occupied Households		
Unit Type	# Units	% Share
Singles	830	9%
Semis	30	0%
Rows	1,534	17%
Apartments	6,408	73%
Total	8,802	100%

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else. Have a great day everyone!

Best regards,
Mark

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Mark KitzeImann MCIP, RPP | Planner, Economic and Development Services, Corporate Services

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YORK REGION POPULATION ESTIMATE

September 30, 2025

Municipality	Population June 30, 2021	Population Dec 31, 2024	Estimated Number of Occupied Households September 30, 2025						Estimated Population Sept. 30, 2025
			Singles	Semis	Rows	Duplexes	Apts	Total	
Aurora	63,631	66,187	13,211	1,486	3,984	620	2,851	22,152	66,403
East Gwillimbury	35,613	41,647	10,709	554	1,438	320	280	13,301	41,956
Georgina	49,149	52,468	16,025	469	920	575	1,118	19,107	53,290
King	27,942	29,403	8,128	130	437	100	501	9,296	29,545
Markham	353,054	365,051	62,481	7,040	18,061	5,875	23,940	117,397	367,432
Newmarket	90,660	94,060	18,253	2,308	4,400	1,975	4,763	31,699	94,450
Richmond Hill	211,944	220,365	39,850	2,947	12,696	1,945	16,550	73,987	222,695
Vaughan	339,044	353,071	65,431	7,814	13,893	3,345	27,570	118,053	365,659
Whitchurch-Stouffville	50,431	57,277	13,276	810	2,381	405	2,024	18,897	57,503
York Region	1,221,468	1,279,529	247,362	23,557	58,211	15,160	79,597	423,888	1,298,933

Source: York Region, Corporate Services, Planning Policy and Data Branch, based on Statistics Canada data and CMHC Housing Completion

Notes: Population figures include an adjustment for the Census undercount.

The population estimates are calculated by the following method:

- a) CMHC housing completion data is added to the 2021 occupied households, and minor adjustments are made to the total occupied households for demolitions and vacancies.
- b) A declining person per unit factor by household type is applied to the occupied household estimates to derive a population estimate.
- c) An estimate of the population in institutions is then added to the preliminary population estimate.
- d) An undercount adjustment is then applied to generate a final population estimate.
- e) The population estimates do not include an analysis of migration and natural increase data.

From: [Rundle, Steffanie](#)
To: [Rundle, Steffanie](#)
Cc: [Nykoluk, Mark](#); [Gagliardi, Anthony](#)
Subject: Notice of Night Work: Yonge Street, Town of Newmarket and Town of East Gwillimbury , October 26-30
Date: October 22, 2025 12:40:27 PM

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Notice of Night Work

Yonge Street Improvements

Town of Newmarket and Town of East Gwillimbury

Night work is taking place as part of road widening and improvements on [Yonge Street from Davis Drive to Green Lane](#) in the Town of Newmarket and Town of East Gwillimbury.

Description

- Night work on Yonge Street, between Davis Drive and Green Lane
- Crews will be making service connections, working between Kingston Road and the Food Basics plaza

Dates

- **Sunday, October 26, 2025 to Thursday, October 30, 2025, during the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.**

Impacts to residents and travellers

- Lanes will be reduced while work is underway
- Access to driveways and entrances will be maintained
- Access will be maintained for emergency vehicles
- Property owners may experience noise from crews and equipment

Construction on Yonge Street – Phase 2 started in August 2025 and is expected to be complete in late 2027.

As with [all construction projects](#), work may be rescheduled due to weather. York Region will provide advance notice whenever possible.

For information and updates, visit: york.ca/YongeStreet

If you have questions about this project, please contact:

- Mark Nykoluk, Senior Project Manager, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75938 or mark.nykoluk@york.ca

- Anthony Gagliardi, Construction Administrator, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 78015 or anthony.gagliardi@york.ca

For general inquiries, please contact Transportation Operations at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75000 or via email at transportation@york.ca

For after-hours emergencies, please contact York Region's Roads and Traffic Operations Centre at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75200.

Please share this notice with your colleagues as appropriate.

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Steffanie Rundle (she/her) | Communications and Engagement Associate
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The Honorable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building Queen's Park
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Sent by E-Mail

October 22, 2025

Re: Provincial Decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on October 20, 2025:

Whereas, the Province of Ontario filed enabling regulations in December 2019, to prescribe the locations, fines, and signage for municipalities to utilize Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras (ASE) as a tool to address speeding and improve public safety; and

Whereas, the Province's ASE legislative framework, together with provincial encouragement in 2019, has led municipalities such as Ajax to implement ASE technology to improve safety, reduce speeding, and prevent serious collisions and fatalities; and

Whereas, the Provincial government, through the Ministry of Transportation, is responsible for the legislation, regulations and program standards governing municipal ASE programs; and

Whereas, some cities have implemented ASE programs without appropriate restraint, Ajax is part of the vast majority of municipalities who have implemented best practices endorsed by the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Traffic Council - including speed thresholds, advanced signage and public notification of ASE camera locations - that prioritize public safety while also ensuring transparency in the program, resulting in safer roads; and

Whereas, consistent with local, regional, national and international research, the Town of Ajax's ASE program has resulted in significant reductions in speed, increased speed compliance in Community Safety and School Zones, and

changes in driver behaviour as outlined in the October 23, 2023, Council report titled “Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Program Update”; and

Whereas, the Town of Ajax has not generated any net revenue from the Automated Speed Enforcement program. However, the Town has made considerable investments into resources and infrastructure to support this program, and entered into service agreements that cannot easily be cancelled; and

Whereas, despite clear evidence and proven results from municipalities like Ajax, municipalities were caught off guard by the Premier’s sudden announcement to cancel ASE programs across the province, made without adequate notice and consultation; and

Whereas, the Premier’s concerns regarding ASE can be addressed through amendments to provincial legislation, regulations and program standards that enable municipalities to utilize ASE within prescribed guidelines, without an outright ban on the technology; and

Whereas, on September 10, 2025, Mayor Collier wrote a letter to Premier Doug Ford calling on the continuation of ASE and offered to meet to highlight how these programs can be implemented with appropriate restraint and serve as valuable tools for improving safety that are supported by local residents.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That Ajax Council formally opposes the Province’s decision to abruptly cancel ASE, a public safety tool enabled through provincial regulations in December 2019; and
2. That Ajax Council requests the Provincial government to amend their legislation, regulations, and program standards governing ASE as follows:
 - a) Restrict the use of ASE to School locations
 - b) Use of ASE in areas that do not contain schools must be approved by the Minister of Transportation, supported by data clearly Internal demonstrating the need and a description of why alternative traffic calming measures are not suitable for the location.
 - c) Develop a revised fee schedule for ASE tickets that reduces the cost for lower speed infractions while maintaining higher penalties for excessive speeding and stunt driving
 - d) Develop new signage to include language indicating that the location is speed camera enforced

- e) Develop more visible ASE signage that includes the speed limit
 - f) That the Ministry of Transportation provide greater oversight and enforcement of Municipal ASE programs through regular audits; and
3. That should the provincial government proceed with banning the use of ASE despite Ajax and other municipalities immediate actions to address concerns and requests to work collaboratively with the Province and other municipalities to continue these programs, the Province be requested to reimburse municipalities for all costs incurred to implement ASE program; and
 4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax, local MPPs across the Region of Durham, John Henry, Chair of the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Regional Municipality of Durham, all Ontario Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), and the Ontario Traffic Council.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 365-885-6983 or Thomas.street@ajax.ca

Sincerely,



Thomas Street
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor S. Lee
Councillor R. Tyler Morin
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Rob Cerjanec, Ajax MPP
Durham Region Local MPPs
Durham Regional Chair John Henry
The Regional Municipality of Durham
All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police
Ontario Traffic Council



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Corporate Services Department/Clerks Division

October 21, 2025

Ontario Big City Mayors
6 – 2400 Dundas Street West
MISSISSAUGA, Ontario
L5K 2R8

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Elect Respect resolution against harassment, intimidation and personal attacks

Please be advised that Town Council received and endorsed the following Elect Respect resolution against harassment, intimidation and personal attacks and respectfully requests your endorsement.

WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

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AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and call on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Georgina Council support the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces-public, private, and online
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct

AND THAT Town of Georgina Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Office of the Mayor of Burlington, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Region of York and York Region municipalities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Lance
Council Services Coordinator

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, City of Burlington
Caroline Mulroney, MPP, York-Simcoe
Jacob Mantle, MP, York-Durham
York Regional Police
Ontario Provincial Police
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
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OFFICE of the MAYOR
CITY of BURLINGTON

Mayor Margaret Quirk
Town of Georgina
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Keswick, ON
Vie email: mquirk@georgina.ca

September 30, 2025

Your Worship,

I am writing to extend an invitation to the Town of Georgina to join the growing movement of municipalities across Ontario adopting the **Elect Respect** resolution. The Elect Respect initiative encourages municipalities to take a stand against harassment, intimidation, and personal attacks.

This is a commitment to fostering respectful, inclusive, and safe environments for everyone involved in local government—elected officials and the public we serve. By passing the resolution, Georgina's Council would be affirming its dedication to upholding democratic values and ensuring that public service remains a space where all voices can be heard without fear or hostility.

I was proud to have brought this forward to the City of Burlington and to Halton Region, where the Elect Respect resolution was passed unanimously by both Councils.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to safe, inclusive democracy. I look forward to hearing from you and hope to celebrate Georgina's support of Elect Respect in the near future.

Sincerely,

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
City of Burlington

Encl. Elect Respect Resolution



Elect Respect Resolution

Motion for Council to Consider:

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AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and call on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called *Elect Respect* to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

Elect Respect Resolution

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Town of Georgina Council support the *Elect Respect* pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online.
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks.
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks.
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office.
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats.
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

AND THAT Town of Georgina Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the *Elect Respect* campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Office of the Mayor of Burlington, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



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October 24, 2025

Sent to: kgarrett@intersexcanada.org

Dear Katie Garrett:

RE: Lighting Request – Intersex Awareness Day

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 illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on October 28, 2025 to recognize Intersex Awareness 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.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Granat

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October 24, 2025

Sent to: cnguyen@unicef.ca

Dear Christina Nguyen:

RE: Lighting Request – National Child Day in Canada – November 20, 2025

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 illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in blue on November 20, 2025 to recognize National Child Day in Canada. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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Yours sincerely,

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October 24, 2025

Sent to: cnnguyen@unicef.ca

Dear Christina Nguyen:

RE: Lighting Request – National Child Day in Canada – November 20, 2025

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize National Child Day in Canada by illuminating the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in blue on November 20, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "John Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

John Taylor
Mayor



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October 24, 2025

Sent to: langfob@mcmaster.ca

Dear Bradley J. Langford

RE: Lighting Request – World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Day – November 24, 2025

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 illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on November 24, 2025 to recognize World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness 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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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Simon Granat", written over a horizontal line.

Simon Granat

Legislative Coordinator