



VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS COUNCIL AGENDA

June 16, 2026

5:00 pm at the Young at Heart Seniors Centre

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

2. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

"Welcome to the Village of Burk's Falls as we gather on the traditional territory of indigenous peoples, dating back countless generations, we wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterway and recognize the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties, showing respect for the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers."

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. CIRCULATION OF THE MINUTES- RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PREVIOUS MINUTES: Meeting (s) dated: Regular Meeting of May 12, 2026

5. DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a. E. Adams and R. Adams of Town Hall Consulting regarding the Draft Municipal Strategic Plan
- b. A. Toth regarding petition to maintain the Cancer Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site.
- c. M. Reynaert of LiveBarn regarding installation option at the Arena.

6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Public Works Foreman report for the month of June
- b. Public Works Foreman, Dump Trailer Report
- c. Public Works storm drain Yonge Street to the bridge (report provided at meeting)
- d. OCWA Swabbing summary report
- e. Arena Manager report for the month of June
- f. Deputy Clerk, Medical Building Air Conditioning Replacement report
- g. Rural Youth Group Advisory Committee minutes of May 4, 2026, and Draft minutes of June 8
- h. Recreation Advisory Committee Draft minutes of June 2, 2026

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Volunteers for Canada Day- Fire Works
- b. Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) Update
- c. Pete the Bear Plaque
- d. Community Improvement Program

8. RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED

- a. 22-2026 to Provide for Advance Votes to be Held
- b. Support Petition, Maintain Cancer Clinic at Huntsville Memorial Site
- c. Accounts Payable

9. CONFERENCES AND INVITATIONS

10. COUNCILLOR(S) REPORT

11. CORRESPONDENCE



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C.1 Minutes of Committee

- a. Emergency Management Program Committee Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025
- b. Almaguin Highlands Health Council Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2026 and May 7, 2026
- c. Burk's Falls and District Historical Society Minutes of April 20, 2026 and May 18, 2026

C.2 Request for Support and Correspondence to Village

- a. Joint Building Committee, Permit Summary
- b. Township of Ryerson regarding rescheduling of TRI Council meeting to June 2026
- c. Township of Ryerson, Town of Kearney, and the Village of Sundridge regarding retention of the Cancer Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital Site
- d. Township of Ryerson and Municipality of Wawa regarding strengthening legislative protection for municipal workers
- e. Township of Ryerson regarding TRI R Landfill and Recycling Centre draft shared services agreement
- f. Township of Ryerson regarding changing October Tri Council meeting date
- g. Municipality of Wawa and Town of Parry Sound regarding School Board Governance and call for independent review
- h. Municipality of Wawa regarding proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- i. Correspondence to MP Aitchison regarding proposed AI Data Centre in the Township of Armour
- j. Town of Bruce Mines regarding Bill 97
- k. City of Kitchener regarding the Heritage Helping Housing Building Grant
- l. Township of Clearview regarding Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax
- m. Town of Grimsby and Township of Woolwich regarding Municipal Heritage Register Extension
- n. United Counties of Leeds and Grenville regarding support of the Municipal Engineers Association to implement solutions that reflect municipal capacity, infrastructure needs, and local government realities
- o. Township of Matachewan regarding a Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry
- p. Village of Merrickville Wolford regarding Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques
- q. Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding ALTO High-Speed Rail
- r. Town of South Bruce regarding Outdoor Education
- s. Oxford County regarding AORS Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety
- t. Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services
- u. County of Prince Edward regarding improved accessibility to home insurance for owners of properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.
- v. Township of Matachewan regarding Call for Action for Justice and Protection of Canadian Citizen's
- w. Township of Puslinch regarding Finlay's Law in Emergency Room Reform
- x. Municipality of Wawa regarding potential for "Integrated Living and Participate Model"
- y. Municipality of Red Lake regarding rising costs to implement provincial mandates, OPP
- z. Town of Halton Hills regarding Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands



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12. CLOSED SESSION

Item 13a: Human Resources x 3

Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25:

Section 239(2) (b) regarding an identifiable individual, or municipal employee

Item 13b: Support letter

Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25:

Section 239(2) (b) regarding an identifiable individual, or municipal employee

Item 13c: Municipal Property x 1

Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25:

Section 239(2) (c) to consider a proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the municipality or local board

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

14. ADJOURNMENT



THE VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2026

The regular meeting of Burk's Falls Council was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Present: Mayor Chris Hope, Deputy Mayor Sean Cotton, Councillors Ashley Brandt, Ryan Baptiste, Nancy Kyte
Staff: CAO - Clerk Denis Duguay, Deputy Clerk Camille Barr, Treasurer Tammy Wylie, Public Works Foreman Derek Smith, Arena Manager Graham Smith
Regrets: None

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2026-138 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by N. Kyte

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby approves the agenda for the regular meeting of May 12th, 2026.

Carried.

MINUTES

2026-139 Moved by S. Cotton - Seconded by N. Kyte

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2026.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

E. Samuel of the Near North District School Board presented to Council regarding a partnership project between Land of Lakes Public School and Re-Nature Foundation. The two groups are applying for a GCCC grant to create an outdoor learning environment for students. Council was asked to support the initiative by providing a letter of support to accompany the application. Council had the opportunity to ask questions and passed a resolution supporting the project. Council thanked E. Samuel for her delegation.

J. Peever of The Space Upstairs presented to Council regarding an eight-week pilot project that would see the municipality waive the rental fee for the Seniors Centre in order to make the initiative financially accessible for dance participants. Council had the opportunity to ask questions and thanked J. Peever for her delegation.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- A. Treasurer T. Wylie presented the 2026 budget highlights. The tax rate will increase by 4% for 2026. It was noted that new assessments through Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) have supported this budget. It was also noted that overall levy contributions have increased by 8%. Council suggested that a reserve be initiated in next year's budget for the future library build. A resolution was passed to adopt the report.
- B. Council received the Public Works Cement Reconstruction Tender Report. A resolution was passed supporting the recommendation.
- C. Council received the Public Works Woodchipper Report. Council approved the recommendation for the purchase.
- D. Council received the Public Works Yonge Street Report regarding the closure of Yonge Street for the project. Council supported the recommendation, and communication will be shared with residents and neighbouring municipalities.
- E. The Arena Manager provided the Arena Report for the month of May. It was noted that summer ice bookings are similar to last year, and two tournaments have been booked. Staff are currently busy with seasonal maintenance operations.
- F. Council received the Arena Manager Man Gate Latch Replacement Report and approved the recommendation.



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- G. The Arena Manager provided a Non-Profit Organization Use Report. The report compiled all reduced-rate or no-charge use at the Arena. The report will be brought forward to the TRI-Council Subcommittee for further discussion.
- H. The Arena Manager provided a Non-Profit Organization Use Report. This report complied all reduced or no pay use at the Arena. This report will be brought to the TRI- Council subcommittee for further discussion.
- I. Council adopted the Rural Youth Group Advisory Committee Minutes of April 27, 2026. Interviews for the Youth Co-ordinator position will occur next week.
- J. Council received the Public Works GPS Report and approved the recommendation.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- A. Council reviewed the draft shared service agreements for both the Landfill and the Arena. Council had no concerns regarding the drafts. The documents will proceed to the next TRI-Council meeting for signature.
- B. Hazmat Day is scheduled for May 23, and the committee is seeking volunteers. Mayor C. Hope and Deputy Mayor S. Cotton will assist.
- C. Council discussed a request received from No Lithium Way for financial support to continue its ongoing legal challenge against the BESS project. Council passed a resolution providing \$1,000.00 in support of the legal matter.
- D. Council received a request from AI-Anon to access space in the boardroom of the AHHC on Monday evenings. Council approved the request, with donations accepted to offset rental costs. Administration will create an agreement for these one off room rental arrangements.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

2026-140 Moved by A. Brandt - Seconded by R. Baptiste

Be it resolved;

WHEREAS, The Village of Burk's Falls has the following interest: Improving our schoolyards by creating outdoor learning spaces and tree canopy environments; and

WHEREAS, The Re-Nature Foundation is undertaking the "Growing Near North District School Board Canopies with Re-Nature" program, which will be building outdoor learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools within the municipality.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Village of Burk's Falls acknowledges and supports the funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative for the "Growing Near North District School Board Canopies with Re-Nature" program, which will be building learning spaces and planting trees at an elementary school in the municipality, in partnership with The Village of Burk's Falls.

AND that Council also recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

Carried.

2026-141 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by S. Cotton

Be it resolved;

That the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls adopt the 2026 Budget Report as required by Ontario Regulation 284/09 as per the attached schedule.

Carried.

2026- 142 Moved by N. Kyte - Seconded by A. Brandt

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby receives the Public Works Foreman Cement Reconstruction Tender Report;

Company Name

Price (plus HST)



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| 1000840418 Ontario Inc. o/a Tec Services | \$9,200 |
| Gurpartap Rai | \$19,875.00 |

AND FURTHER accepts the tender from 1000840418 Ontario Inc. in the amount of \$9,200.00 plus hst.
Carried.

2026-143 Moved by A. Brandt - Seconded by R. Baptiste
Be it resolved;
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby receives the Public Works Foreman Woodchipper Report;

AND FURTHER accepts the recommendation to purchase the woodland TF68Pro.
Carried.

2026-144 Moved by N. Kyte - Seconded by A. Brandt
Be it resolved;
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby receives the Public Works Foreman Yonge street Road Closure Report;

AND FURTHER accepts the recommendation to close Yonge Street from Centre to Simpson.
Carried.

2026-145 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by S. Cotton
Be it resolved;
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby receives the Public Works Foreman GPS Report;

AND FURTHER accepts the recommendation the purchase of the Trimble hardware and software.
Carried.

2026-146 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by S. Cotton
Be it resolved;
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby receives the Arena Manager Report for the month of May.
Carried.

2026-147 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by N. Kyte
Be it resolved;
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby receives the Arena Manager Man-Gate Latch Replacement Report which includes the following quotes:

- 1) Near North Industrial and Punter Property Management Services \$4,059.75 plus HST
- 2) Sound Barriers \$7,975 plus HST
- 3) The Welmar Group – Latches and Door Stops only \$963 plus HST plus Shipping.

AND FURTHER accept the quotation from Near North Industrial in the amount of \$1,059.75 plus HST for the manufacturing of the latches for the 9 man-gates for access to the arena ice surface and floor and;

ACCEPT the quotation from Punter Property Management Services in the amount of \$3,000 plus HST which includes removal, disposal, installation, parts and welding of the latches.
Carried.

2026-148 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by S. Cotton
Be it resolved;
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby receives the Arena Manager No Charge and Reduced Rate Report for informational purposes.
Carried.



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2026-149 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by N. Kyte

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adopts the Rural Youth Advisory Committee minutes of April 27, 2026.

Carried.

2026-150 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by A. Brandt

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby supports the draft shared service agreements for the Armour, Ryerson, and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and the TRI R Landfill and Recycling Centre in principle.

Carried.

2026-151 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by A. Brandt

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby receives the request from NO LITHIUM WAY CITIZENS UNITED INC. (N.L.W.C.U.I.) for a donation to assist with legal costs related to the BESS application.

AND FURTHER approve the donation request in the amount of \$1000.00.

Carried.

2026-152 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by S. Cotton

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby approves the use of the AHHC Board Room for Alanon in exchange for a donation from the group.

Carried.

2026-153 Moved by N. Kyte - Seconded by A. Brandt

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adopts the updated Municipal Health and Safety Policy.

Carried.

2026-154 Moved by S. Cotton - Seconded by R. Baptiste

Be it resolved;

WHEREAS Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-128 on April 21, 2026, regarding the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library budget;

AND WHEREAS Council has determined that it is appropriate to rescind this resolution due to incorrect information.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Resolution No. 2026-128, adopted on April 21, 2026, is hereby rescinded in its entirety

Carried.

2026- 155 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by N. Kyte

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby approves the Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson Union Public Library Draft Budget in the total amount of \$213,869.00, with the Village of Burk's Falls share being \$64,738.00.

Carried.

2026-156 Moved by S. Cotton - Seconded by R. Baptiste

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby directs the CAO-Clerk to obtain legal clarification regarding the ownership of the building located at 168 Ontario Street, Burk's Falls.

Carried.



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2026-157 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by N. Kyte

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby approves the special event application 01-2026 Special Olympics Torch Run scheduled on June 3, 2026 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

Carried.

2026-158 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by S. Cotton

Be it resolved;

That the Accounts Payable listing as presented in the amount of \$187,317.81 for up to and including this date is hereby approved for payment.

Carried.

2026-159 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by N. Kyte

Be it resolved

That By-law No. 20-2026 being a By-law to set tax ratios and levy the rates of taxation for 2026 is hereby considered read three times and passed this 12th day of May 2026.

Carried.

CONFERENCES AND INVITATIONS

None

COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor R. Baptiste confirmed that the new Pete the Bear carving is set to be installed in time for the Canada Day celebration. A new plaque is in the design stage.

CORRESPONDENCE DISCUSSION

Council discussed supporting item C.2.j, Municipality of Magnetawan regarding opposition to the Huntsville Cancer Clinic proposed relocation.

CLOSED SESSION

2026-160 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by N. Kyte

Be it resolved;

That Council for the Village of Burk's Falls now enters into closed session 7:05 pm pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25,

Item 13a: Municipal Property

Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c.25:

Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, Council move into closed session to consider a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Carried.

2026-161 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by N. Kyte

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls now reconvenes to regular open session at 7: 46 pm.

Carried.

2026-162 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by N. Kyte

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adopts Bylaw 21-2026 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its regular meeting of May 12, 2026, as presented and considered read three times and passed this 12 day of May 2026.

Carried.

2026-163 Moved by R. Baptiste - Seconded by A. Brandt

Be it resolved;

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adjourns at 7:48 pm.

Carried.



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Municipal Strategic Plan

2026-2030

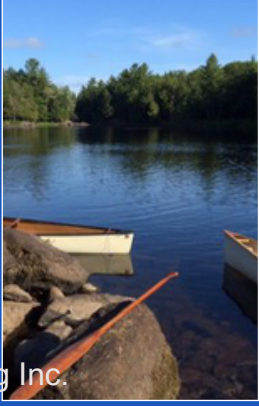
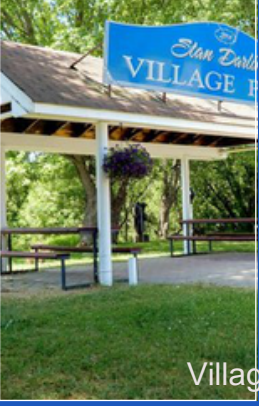
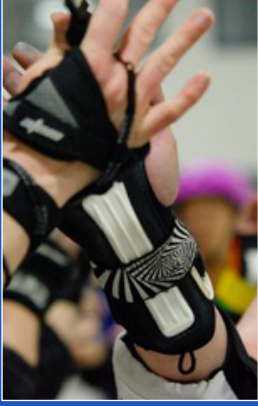
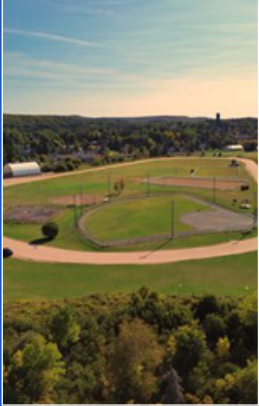


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Welcome to Burk's Falls

The Village of Burk's Falls is a welcoming community nestled in the heart of the Almaguin Highlands, just two hours north of the Greater Toronto Area. With stunning natural landscapes, deep historical roots, and a close-knit business community, Burk's Falls offers a distinctive blend of small-town character and forward-thinking ambition. Our community is built on a foundation of resilience, collaboration, and a shared commitment to enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Burk's Falls is a place where families grow, businesses thrive, and neighbours come together to celebrate everything from local festivals to shared achievements. As we look to the future, our vision is clear: honour the heritage and character that define us while strategically managing the opportunities and challenges of a dynamic rural community, harnessing innovation, focusing on sustainability, and strengthening the spirit that makes Burk's Falls home.

To ensure we stay on the right path, the Village of Burk's Falls has completed a Strategic Planning process. This collaborative effort engaged residents, businesses, and stakeholders to shape our community's future. Together, we have defined goals, set priorities, and developed a clear roadmap for success that reflects our shared values and aspirations.

This Strategic Plan positions Burk's Falls to continue fostering growth, preserving our heritage, and building a sustainable, inclusive community that will thrive for generations to come.

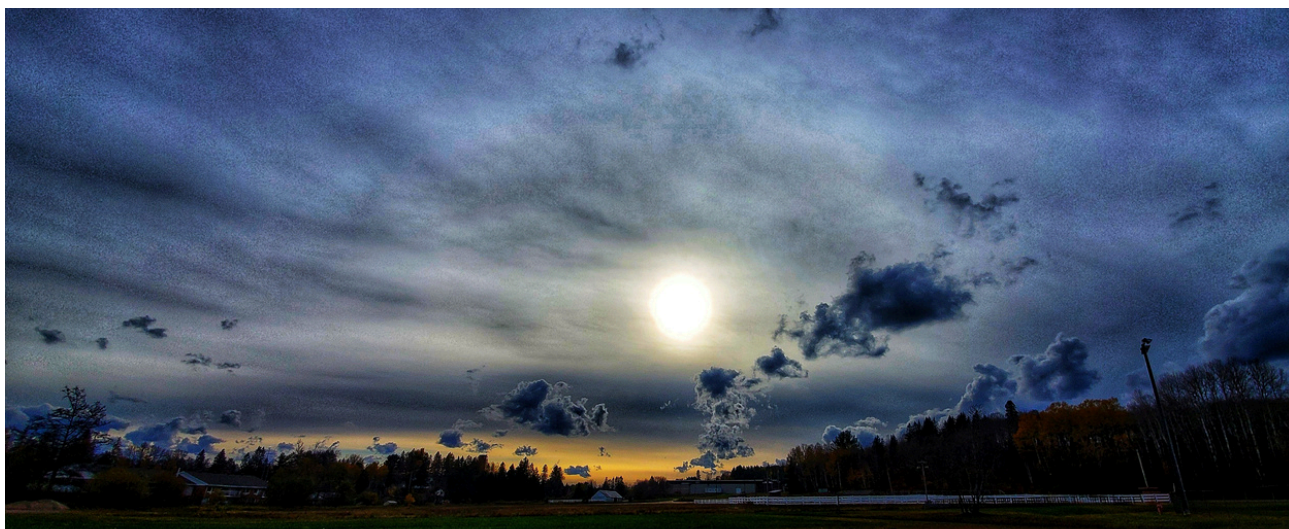
Land Acknowledgement

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Why Now?

The Village of Burk's Falls is at an important crossroads. After years of steady decline, the community is actively positioning itself for renewed growth, pursuing the infrastructure investments, planning approvals, and economic development initiatives needed to attract residents, businesses, and industry. With a Water and Wastewater Study on the horizon and subdivision approvals underway, Burk's Falls is laying the groundwork to become shovel-ready and competitive for the decade ahead.

The Village's previous efforts have established a strong foundation, focusing on maintaining a high quality of life, supporting local businesses, and preserving the character and heritage of a proud Almaguin Highlands community. With an eye toward the future, Burk's Falls is evaluating strategies to respond to evolving community needs, modernize municipal services, and strengthen its financial sustainability. The Village aims to balance growth with liveability, ensuring that new development enhances the small-town identity and natural beauty that make Burk's Falls home.



A Message From The Mayor and Council

On behalf of the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls, we are proud to present our Strategic Plan. This document is a significant milestone designed to chart a clear path for the future of our community. This plan is a collaborative project that reflects the input we sought from residents, businesses, and stakeholders who shared their ideas, hopes, and aspirations for Burk's Falls.

Our vision for the Village is rooted in fostering growth while preserving the small-town character and natural beauty of the Almaguin Highlands that make our community so special.



Left to right: Councillor Ryan Baptiste | Councillor Ashley Brandt | Treasurer Tammy Wylie | Mayor Chris Hope | CAO Denis Duguay | Deputy Mayor Sean Cotton | Absent: Councillor Nancy Kyte

Through this Strategic Plan, we have identified key priorities and actionable steps that will guide us in achieving sustainable development, enhancing services, and improving the overall quality of life for everyone who calls Burk's Falls home. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to this process. Your voices have helped shape this roadmap, and your continued engagement will be vital as we work together to bring our shared vision to life.

As a Council, we remain committed to responsible decision-making, improving collaboration, and utilizing innovation as we implement the goals outlined in this plan. We will continue to work hard to make fiscally responsible decisions to build a thriving, inclusive community that we can all take pride in, today and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Chris Hope

Mayor Hope and Council of the Village of Burk's Falls

Community Engagement

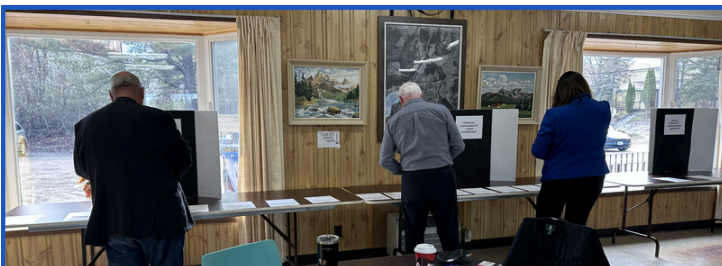
The Village of Burk's Falls' Strategic Plan is the result of a collaborative process designed to reflect the community's collective vision, mission, values, and priorities. In developing this plan, the Village engaged with residents, businesses, community groups, Council, and staff to ensure it captures the diverse needs and aspirations of the community.

Community engagement was conducted both online and in person, utilizing a range of tools and methods to maximize participation and feedback. Key engagement activities included:

- **Online Survey:** Residents were invited to participate through an online survey, providing an accessible opportunity to share priorities, ideas, and feedback on the future of Burk's Falls.
- **Open House Monopoly Night:** Residents attended an in-person event where they could allocate \$5 million in Monopoly money to strategic projects, engage with Council and staff, and contribute ideas through an open feedback board.
- **Focus Groups:** Key community leaders and representatives from local organizations participated in focus groups to provide detailed feedback and share perspectives that enhanced the plan's depth and inclusivity.

The community's contributions helped shape this Strategic Plan. Feedback gathered through the Monopoly Night and focus groups highlighted critical priorities, including financial sustainability, infrastructure improvements, and community vitality, reinforcing the vision, mission, and values reflected in this document.

This engagement process ensured that the Strategic Plan reflects what matters most to the residents of Burk's Falls, creating a roadmap that is not only aspirational but also rooted in the community's shared values and vision for the future.



Mission, Vision, Values

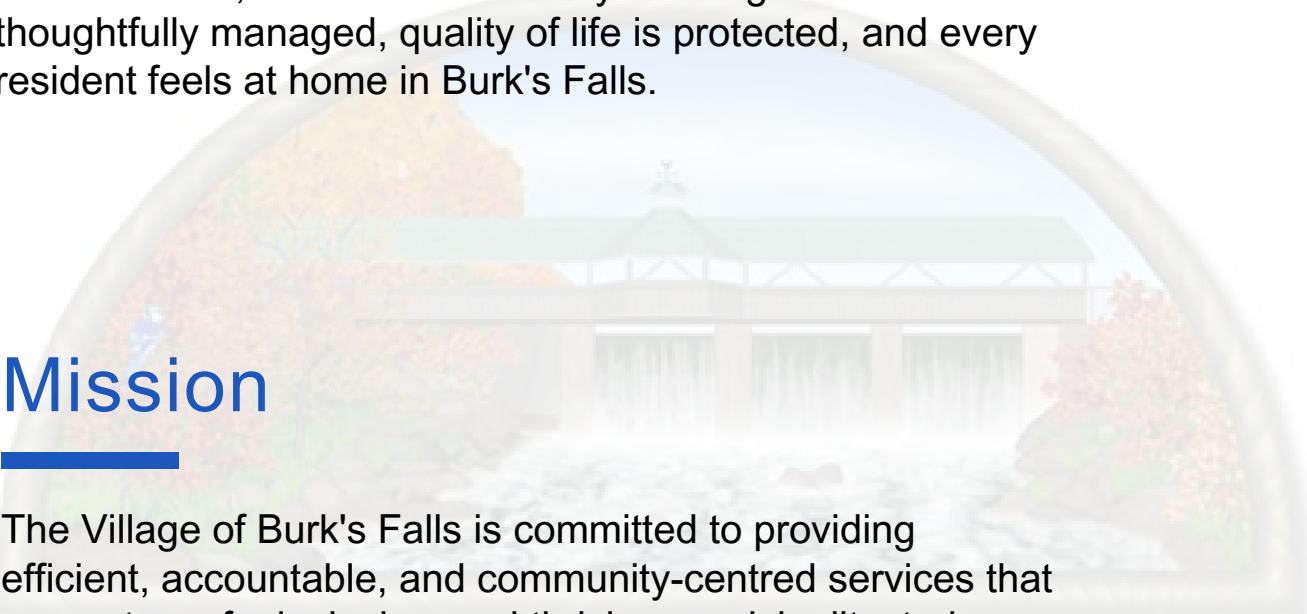


Vision

A sustainable, inclusive community where growth is thoughtfully managed, quality of life is protected, and every resident feels at home in Burk's Falls.

Mission

The Village of Burk's Falls is committed to providing efficient, accountable, and community-centred services that support a safe, inclusive, and thriving municipality, today and for generations to come.



Mission, Vision, Values

VALUES

Transparency

We communicate openly with residents, sharing information about decisions, finances, and operations in a timely and accessible way.

Integrity

We do what is right. Our decisions are guided by honesty, fairness, and an unwavering commitment to the public good.

Accountability

We take ownership of our actions and are answerable to the residents and ratepayers we serve.

Teamwork

Council, staff, and community partners work collaboratively, combining strengths to deliver the best outcomes for Burk's Falls.

Professionalism

We deliver services with competence, respect, and consistency, holding ourselves to high standards in everything we do.

Strategic Priorities



Financial Sustainability +
Good Governance



Infrastructure + Asset
Management



Community Well-Being +
Recreation



Economic Development
+ Growth



Service Excellence +
Organizational Operation

1. Financial Sustainability + Good Governance

Financial sustainability ensures the Village can meet its current and future needs while maintaining fiscal responsibility. This priority focuses on securing stable funding for the Health Centre, exploring regional service partnerships with neighbouring Almaguin Highlands municipalities, and maximizing grant eligibility through completed studies and strategic alignments. By maintaining a multi-year capital budget and aligning fiscal decisions with Strategic Plan priorities, Burk's Falls ensures responsible decision-making and long-term financial resilience.

How will we achieve this?

| Objective | Action |
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| 1.1 Secure Sustainable Funding for the Health Centre | 1.1.1 Establish a community fundraising initiative dedicated to the Health Centre 1.1.2 Explore grant and partnership opportunities 1.1.3 Expand Health Centre |
| 1.2 Explore Regional Service Partnerships | 1.2.1 Engage area municipalities to identify shared service goals, priorities, and potential areas for collaboration 1.2.2 Explore formal partnership opportunities within the Almaguin Highlands municipalities |
| 1.3 Ensure Long-Term Financial Sustainability | 1.3.1 Maintain a multi-year capital budget aligned with asset management findings 1.3.2 Align fiscal decisions with Strategic Plan priorities |
| 1.4 Maximize Grant Eligibility | 1.4.1 Identify funding gaps and complete required studies to position for funding 1.4.2 Partner with neighbouring municipalities where shared goals exist 1.4.3 Pursue federal and provincial grant funding for sewer and water infrastructure (informed by condition assessments (2.1.1) and Water Study findings (2.2)) |

2. Infrastructure + Asset Management

Strong infrastructure is the foundation of a thriving community. This priority focuses on addressing aging municipal systems through proactive condition assessments, a comprehensive Water and Wastewater Study, and targeted upgrades to sewer, water, and road infrastructure, including Yonge Street rehabilitation. By maintaining an up-to-date asset management plan and pursuing federal and provincial funding, Burk's Falls is building infrastructure ready to serve residents and support growth for the next 100 years.

How will we achieve this?

| Objective | Action |
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| 2.1 Maintain and Improve Aging Municipal Infrastructure | 2.1.1 Complete condition assessment to identify priority infrastructure needs 2.1.2 Maintain and update the asset management plan 2.1.3 Pursue grant funding for sewer and water infrastructure from federal and provincial levels 2.1.4 Prioritize Yonge Street rehabilitation and roads improvement in key public areas |
| 2.2 Commission a Water and Wastewater Study | 2.2.1 Secure funding to initiate the Study 2.2.2 Complete study and present findings to Council |
| 2.3 Upgrade Water and Wastewater Infrastructure | 2.3.1 Advance shovel-ready projects as funding is confirmed (pending 2.2 - Water Study findings) |

3. Economic Development + Growth

A vibrant local economy strengthens the community for everyone. This priority focuses on attracting new industry, getting residential subdivisions shovel-ready, and supporting a diverse housing supply. Revitalizing Main Street, redeveloping the Fairgrounds, and developing a Business Retention and Expansion strategy will drive increased foot traffic, local employment, and a growing assessment base, positioning Burk's Falls as an attractive destination for residents, businesses, and investors alike.

How will we achieve this?

| Objective | Action |
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| 3.1 Attract New Industry and Grow the Assessment Base | <p>3.1.1 Leverage Water Study findings (2.2) to demonstrate servicing capacity to prospective industries</p> <p>3.1.2 Market available land and serviced lots to commercial prospects</p> |
| 3.2 Get Shovel-Ready for Residential Development | <p>3.2.1 Finalize the Official Plan and zoning by-laws</p> <p>3.2.2 Pursue subdivision approvals</p> |
| 3.3 Support a Sustainable and Diverse Housing Supply | <p>3.3.1 Work with developers and upper-tier government to encourage a range of housing types</p> <p>3.3.2 Ensure zoning supports gentle intensification and affordable options</p> <p>3.3.3 Participate in provincial and county housing initiatives</p> |
| 3.4 Revitalize the Main Street | <p>3.4.1 Develop a Community Improvement Plan</p> <p>3.4.2 Support downtown activation through festivals, seasonal banners, and wayfinding</p> <p>3.4.3 Explore funding opportunities to revitalize Main Street</p> |

3. Economic Development + Growth

| Objective | Action |
|---|--|
| 3.5 Redevelop Fairgrounds | <p>3.5.1 Complete a Strategic plan for the Fairground redevelopment</p> <p>3.5.2 Explore funding and partnerships for Fairgrounds redevelopment</p> <p>3.5.3 Redevelop fairground and upgrade facilities</p> |
| 3.6 Develop a Business Retention & Expansion Plan | 3.6.1 Develop a new business attraction and support program |



4. Community Well-Being + Recreation

A connected, active community is a healthy one. This priority focuses on upgrading parks and recreation facilities for all ages and abilities, revitalizing the Theatre as a cultural hub, enhancing the trails and active transportation network, and improving access and amenities at the Riverfront. By investing in the spaces where residents gather, play, and celebrate, Burk's Falls strengthens the community spirit and quality of life that make it a place people are proud to call home.

How will we achieve this?

| Objective | Action |
|---|---|
| 4.1 Develop a Parks and Recreation Strategy to upgrade Facilities to Maximize Use and Accessibility | <p>4.1.1 Pursue & complete a Parks + Rec Plan, including a recreation needs assessment to identify gaps in programming for all ages and abilities</p> <p>4.1.2 Apply for provincial and federal funding for upgrades and accessibility improvements</p> <p>4.1.3 Explore a recreation coordinator role or student placement</p> |
| 4.2 Revitalize the Theatre as a Community Cultural Hub | <p>4.2.1 Expand community use through engagement and renovation planning</p> <p>4.2.2 Explore funding for theatre improvements</p> |
| 4.3 Upgrade Trails System and Active Transportation | 4.3.1 Explore trail development and active transportation connections to improve recreational access across the community |
| 4.4 Riverfront Improvements | 4.4.1 Upgrade access, seating and signage for increased community usage at Riverfront |

5. Service Excellence + Organizational Operation

Effective municipal government depends on clear communication and efficient operations. This priority focuses on improving community engagement through modern digital tools, modernizing customer service with resident-facing technology, and ensuring staff and Council remain focused on the priorities outlined in this Strategic Plan. By streamlining internal processes and expanding public participation, Burk's Falls builds a responsive, accountable municipality that residents can trust.

How will we achieve this?

| Objective | Action |
|--|--|
| 5.1 Improve Community Engagement | 5.1.1 Adopt technology to improve accessibility of municipal information, including implementing an online engagement platform (e.g. SocialPoint) 5.1.2 Explore ways to include the public in Council meetings such as Controlled Open Sessions |
| 5.2 Modernize Customer Service and Internal Communications | 5.2.1 Adopt resident-facing technology for online tax payments, service requests, and issue reporting 5.2.2 Implement internal systems to improve staff workflow, service tracking, and record management |
| 5.3 Deliver Focused and Sustainable Municipal Services | 5.3.1 Council and staff commit to the priorities outlined in this Strategic Plan 5.3.2 New initiatives are evaluated against existing priorities before being adopted |

Implementation

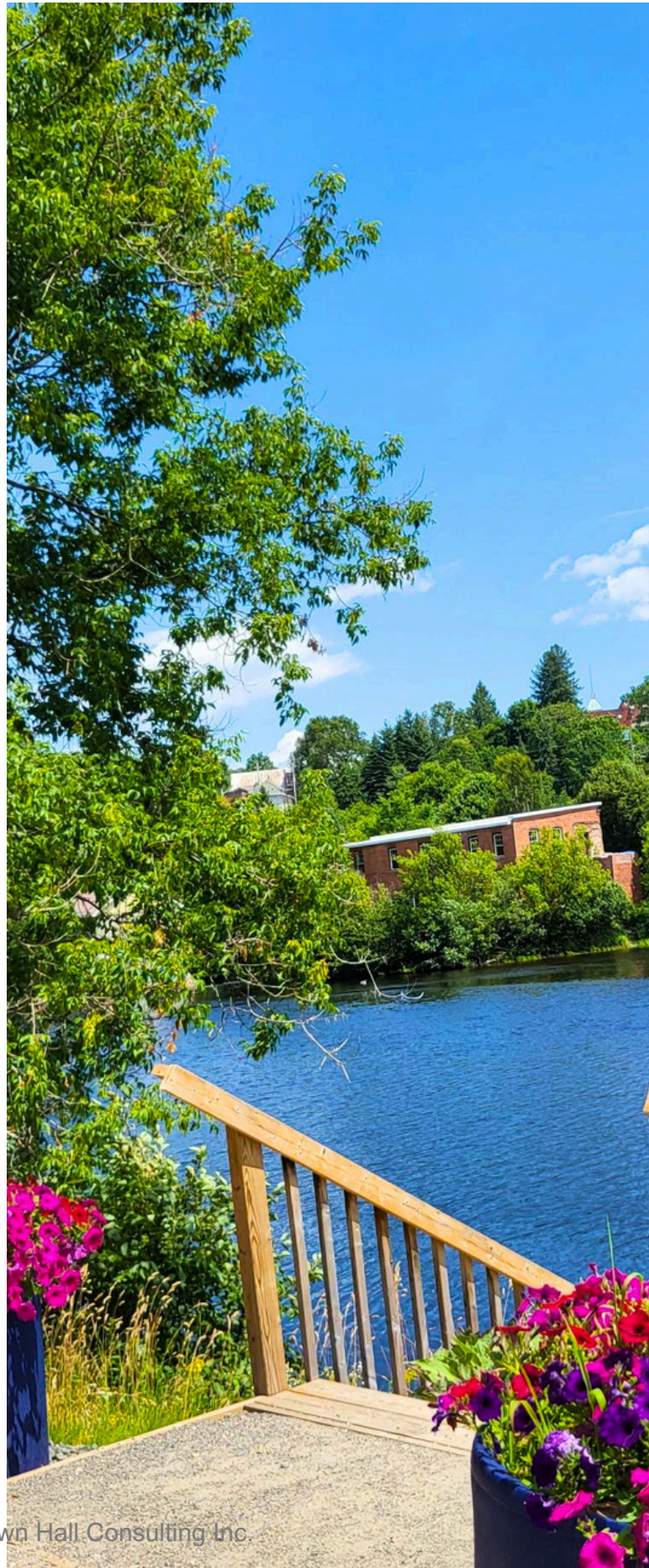
The Village of Burk's Falls' Strategic Plan represents a bold and forward-thinking vision for the future of our community. Now finalized, the focus shifts to implementation, turning strategic priorities and objectives into tangible actions that deliver meaningful results.

To ensure effective implementation, the Village will use an internal implementation tracker to monitor progress and ensure initiatives align with the strategic objectives. This tracker will allow staff to evaluate ongoing actions, address challenges, and celebrate successes.

A health check will provide an opportunity to assess the plan's effectiveness at the mid-point of the plan's lifecycle. During this phase, adjustments will be made as needed to ensure initiatives remain relevant and responsive to the community's evolving needs.

Key actions under each strategic priority will be executed in alignment with available resources, ensuring a balance between ambition and sustainability. Progress updates will be provided regularly to keep the community informed and engaged, ensuring residents remain connected to the work being done on their behalf.

This implementation phase marks the beginning of a shared journey, one that transforms aspirations into achievements while building a stronger, more vibrant Burk's Falls.



Conclusion

The Village of Burk's Falls' Strategic Plan represents a collective vision for the future, one that balances growth, sustainability, and community well-being. Rooted in the priorities of residents, businesses, and stakeholders, this plan serves as a guiding framework to shape the Village's progress over the coming years.

Turning strategy into action requires collaboration, commitment, and ongoing engagement. Through careful implementation, regular progress reviews, and adaptability, the Village will ensure that the goals outlined in this plan lead to tangible improvements in services, infrastructure, and quality of life.

A successful future for Burk's Falls depends on the efforts of many, Council, staff, community organizations, and residents alike. By working together, we can build a Village that honours its heritage, embraces innovation, and fosters a strong and connected community.

This plan is a stepping stone toward a brighter future for Burk's Falls. Let's move forward, together.

THANK YOU



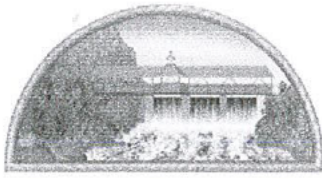
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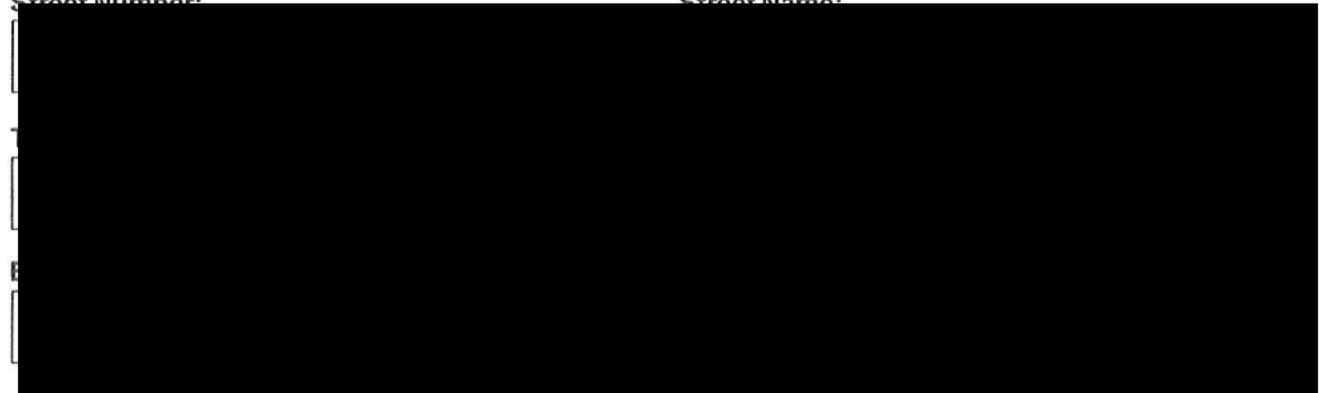
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First Name:

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Street Number:

Street Name:



Proposed Meeting Date Requested: _____

Alternate Meeting Date Requested: _____

Purpose of the Delegation:

Support a Petition to Keep the Cancer Clinic at Huntsville Memorial Site

Background Material Attached:

Power Point Presentation: Yes No Handouts for meeting: Yes No

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Cancer Clinic Petition Huntsville

Petition Mission Statement - We the undersigned would like to ensure the Cancer Clinic remains in the Huntsville District Memorial Site. We affirm the strategic and equitable treatment option of the Huntsville cancer clinic and its continuing operation".

A person diagnosed with cancer is assessed at a major cancer treatment centre located in Barrie or Sudbury, and provided certain criteria are met can be referred for ongoing treatment at home or if required, to an oncology treatment centre staffed by registered nurses such as is in Huntsville Memorial Hospital Site. For the Almaguin Area, most patients attend Royal Victoria Hospital – Hutson Regional Cancer Centre in Barrie, Ontario, which has an association with Huntsville Memorial Hospital. The type of cancer, treatment required, available resources and individual patient needs as it relates to the need for treatment closer to home to maximize results are the criteria for admission into the satellite programs.

The East Parry Sound Area (including Almaguin Highlands) is in a unique position depending on your address. People diagnosed with cancer are typically referred to Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, located 146 to 187 km away, for assessment and initial treatment. If the patient is fortunate they can receive treatment at an Oncology treatment centre like the one located in Huntsville. These centres require specialized staff, and resources to meet the treatment needs of Cancer patients. Huntsville Memorial Site has that kind of specialized, dedicated medical staff and services which Cancer Patients consider as excellent.

For those residing in the Almaguin Area, attending the Huntsville Oncology Clinic can be from 26 km to 80 km from their residence.

We have heard with concern of the possibility of the Cancer Clinic being moved to Bracebridge. For those residing in the Almaguin Area this would be a significant increase driving for treatment. The extra distance would have more impact during winter months.

It should be noted that the Cancer Clinic was originally located in the Bracebridge Hospital location many years ago. At that time, it was decided to move it Huntsville due to location being one of the rationales.

A further obstacle for many Cancer patients is that they should not drive right after treatment, and someone needs to attend with them.

Cancer Patients in Bracebridge have access to both the Orillia Cancer Clinic (56 km) and the Huntsville Clinic (37km).

While there is apparent discussion of providing "public transportation" from Huntsville to Bracebridge, there are concerns which include but are not limited to:

- 1) Having compromised immunity system (Cancer patients) being on public transportation is risky
- 2) The side effects of treatment include nausea and Gastrointestinal issues, which would put patients at further risk on public transportation, not to mention the embarrassment for the patients involved.
- 3) Having to wait around for public transport would be difficult for the same reasons listed above.

In Summary, the current situation is working well *and equitably for cancer patients. It would be unfortunate to change that.*

Below are the one-way distances as per Google Maps from communities in Almaguin Highland area and the Hospitals that have Cancer services.

To Royal Victoria Hospital

South River – 187 km, Sundridge – 178 km, Burks Falls – 159 km, Magnetawan – 181 km, Emsdale/Perry – 146 km, Kearney – 155 km, Dunchurch – 169 km.

To Huntsville Memorial Site

South River – 68 km, Sundridge – 58 km, Burks Falls – 38 km, Magnetawan – 62 km, Emsdale/Perry – 26 km, Kearney – 35 km, Dunchurch – 81km.

To Bracebridge Hospital – South Muskoka Memorial Site

South River – 103 km, Sundridge – 94 km, Burks Falls – 74 km, Magnetawan – 97 km, Emsdale/Perry – 61 km, Kearney – 70 km, Dunchurch – 116 km

Bracebridge to Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital – 56 km

Bracebridge to Huntsville Memorial Site – 37 km

Please see map on pages below for visual reference.

Catchment areas of Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare

14,306 views
Published on November 14, 2024

SHARE

Hospitals

- South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Site
- Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Site

Towns

- All items

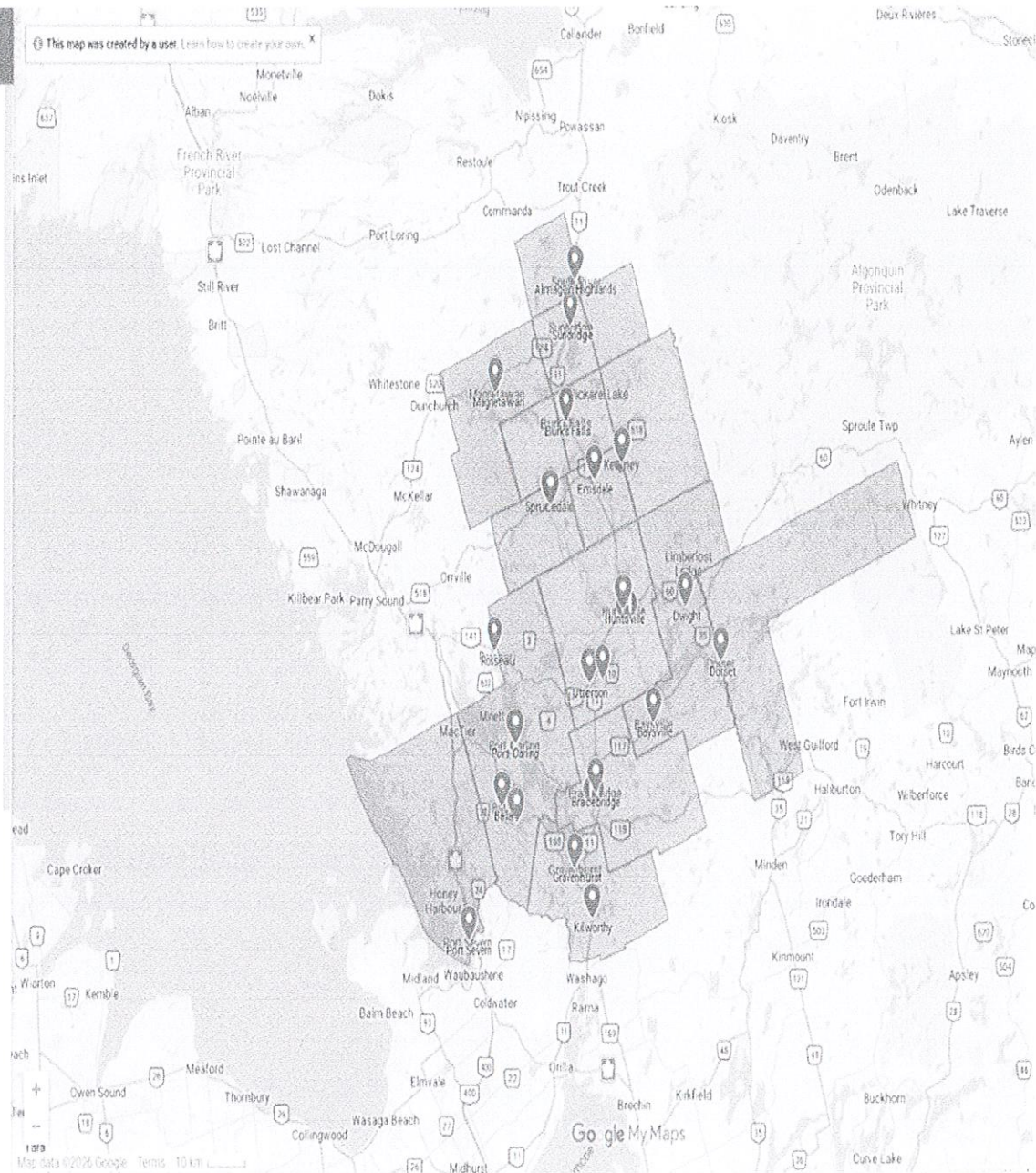
District of Muskoka

- Township of Muskoka Lakes
- Town of Gravenhurst
- Township of Georgian Bay
- Town of Bracebridge
- Township of Lake of Bays
- Town of Huntsville

East Parry Sound District

- Township of Armour
- Township of McMurrich/Monteith
- Township of Ryerson
- Township of Joly

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First Name:

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Street Number:

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E-mail Address:

Contact Number:

Proposed Meeting Date Requested: _____

Alternate Meeting Date Requested: _____

Purpose of the Delegation:

Present information regarding the installation of LiveBarn in Burks Falls arena

Background Material Attached:

Power Point Presentation: Yes No Handouts for meeting: Yes No

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Signature: _____ 

Date: May 5/26

APPROVAL:

Council Meeting Date: June 16/26

CAO/Clerk Signature: _____

Date: _____



Objective

Install streaming service in your venue's arena at no cost to the municipality - this includes all hardware, software, cabling, installation, maintenance, upgrade, and replacement of all equipment

Initial Term

Six-year partnership that includes revenue share

Timeline

Install Spring 2026

Partner Benefits

LiveBarn is committed to delivering the best service, support, and features in the market. We provide venue owners with a fully-automated, hassle-free live streaming and video storage solution at no cost.

- ✓ LiveBarn provides a streaming service to venues at no cost – this includes all hardware, software, cabling, installation, maintenance, upgrade, and replacement of all equipment.
- ✓ LiveBarn pays for, installs, and maintains a dedicated Internet Service line, unless the facility prefers to use their own. This ensures that LiveBarn is responsible for all service issues with no burden on the municipality's IT staff.
- ✓ LiveBarn delivers end-to-end comprehensive physical and digital marketing materials and best practices to ensure that revenue share is maximized by subscriber promo code usage.
- ✓ LiveBarn is an automated, permanently mounted solution with little-to-no “touch” required - cameras utilize proprietary AI auto-on/off functions. Staff receive complimentary viewing accounts and tools to control content.



London hockey organization scores committee approval to add livestreaming cameras to arenas

Aug 12, 2024 8:41 PM EDT

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Subscriber Features

LiveBarn is a subscription platform that provides unlimited access to a network of over 4,000 playing surfaces across North America.



Watch Live & On Demand

Stream unlimited games, practices, and events from any LiveBarn-installed facility.



Analyze Your Game

Order single-game breakdowns that focus on individual player performance.



Download Video

Download and save 30-second or 30-minute videos directly to your phone or computer.



Develop Your Team

Review games and practices, download clips and scout the competition.



Stream from Your Any Device

Watch your favorite athletes and teams live from your phone, computer, tablet or TV.



Grow the Game at all Levels

Share your love of the game streaming all levels of the game from Learn to Play to AAA.

Ontario Partnerships

- Partnerships with over 100 municipalities, 35 private and educational facilities, and 4 NHL-affiliated practice facilities
- Streaming agreements in place with every key youth league in Ontario and many additional tournament operators
- Municipalities are supported by a dedicated Venue Relations Manager located in Toronto, well versed with over 10 years of experience live streaming the market



About LiveBarn

Founded in Montreal, Canada in 2014, LiveBarn is the leader in amateur sports broadcasting in North America. LiveBarn has formed partnerships with over 2,300 venues across North America & Sweden, encompassing over 4,000 playing surfaces. LiveBarn maintains local offices in Toronto and is headquartered in downtown Montreal.

LiveBarn's venue partners are comprised of private and public facilities ranging from single-surface municipal arenas to multi-surface, multi-sport convention-sized facilities. This includes 22 NHL practice facility partners, including Ford Performance Centre (Toronto Maple Leafs), Bell Sensplex (Ottawa Senators) and hockey for all centre (Winnipeg Jets).

For the past four years, LiveBarn has been recognized as one of Canada's fastest growing companies by The Globe and Mail and has received the honor of being ranked the Deloitte North American Fast 500 and Canada Fast 50.

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2024 NORTH AMERICA
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REPORT ON BUSINESS
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Public works report for June 2026 council meeting

WATER

Completed the watermain swabbing project, see attached report.
Hydrant flushing for the spring has been completed.
A tender is out to complete the water meter replacement.
We had a water main break on Ontario Street.

Wastewater

Cell #1 lagoon has been treated and the lagoon release is 50% completed.
GFL will be coming to reline some of the sewer lines as per the completed inspection.

Roads

Yonge Street rehabilitation is moving along good with no surprises.
We have been filling in potholes as they appear.
The gravel streets have been graded and calcium has been applied for dust control.

Sidewalks

We have completed the annual sidewalk inspection and made the necessary repairs to reduce liability.
The sidewalk sweeper worked excellent again this year.

Parks And Rec.

Grass has been growing like crazy, Jon is doing his best at keeping up, we have been pitching in.
Public works repaired a missing section of the dock.
Nydock has installed the docks that they can, they are coming to install the section that went missing during the flood.

Health Centre

Dan has been keeping busy with contractors and maintenance in the building.

Regards,

Derek Smith

Public Works, Foreman



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Public Works report for Dump Trailer

Council meeting for June 16, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS: To purchase a new Bluewater dump trailer (model D610-10-PS-20).

BACKGROUND/ITEMS TO DISCUSS/ACTIVITY:

Public Works uses the current dump trailer on an almost daily basis. The trailer was purchased new in 2011 and has been certified annually since that time. During this year's inspection, the trailer failed due to several deficiencies, including issues with the brakes, tires, and frame.

Given the frequency of use and its importance to daily operations, Public Works recommends replacing the trailer. Staff suggest purchasing a slightly larger model to better accommodate snow removal operations. However, it should not be significantly larger, as doing so would require additional licensing for operators and would reduce maneuverability in confined or tight-access areas.

ANALYSIS:

I compared 3 dump trailers, comparing the sizing, frame strength, materials and pricing. We are looking for a 6'x10' galvanized trailer. Galvanized should last longer, our last trailer lasted 15 years and wasn't galvanized.

| Make | Miksa | Bluewater | Action |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| GVWR | 9,900 lbs. | 9,900 lbs. | 10,000 lbs. |
| Weight empty | 2,200 lbs. | 2,335 lbs. | 3,751 lbs. |
| Jack | 2,000 lbs. | 7,000 lbs. | 12,000 lbs. |
| Doors | Barn | Combo | Combo |
| Side height | 24" | 20" | 27" |
| Price | \$12,807 | \$12,789.00 | \$14,369 |
| HST | \$1,664.91 | \$1,647.11 | \$1,852.44 |
| Total | \$14,471.91 | \$14,436.11 | \$16,220.99 |

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT:

The human resource impact would be ordering the new trailer and picking it up.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Financial impact is a total of \$14,436.11. This item is not a budgeted item; it is suggested that the money for this item comes from the Roads reserve which has \$137,046.

OPTIONS / END WITH RECOMMENDED OUTCOME:

1. Approve the purchase of the Bluewater Dump Trailer.
2. Do not approve Recommended purchase.
3. Choose a different Dump trailer.

Signature, Department

Burks Falls Swabbing Summary:

On May 27, 2026, we swabbed Queen St. from Main to Ontario. We ran 20- 8" swabs through until the water ran clear. The swabs mostly came out shredded leading to believe the watermain is heavily encrusted with tuberculation. We were able to remove some tubercules and a lot of sediment. The pictures show heavily colored water. The first run came out black indicating a high level of manganese in the system that was removed with the flushing of the swabs.



Cl2 residuals were 1.52 mg/l after swabbing Queen St.

Findings and recommendations:

Swabbing will only remove so much tuberculation. We could use more rigid swabs but risk getting them stuck or use a more aggressive tactic such as scraping and relining that section.

Swabbing Queen St. main has provided important information regarding the condition of the watermain. At this time further swabbing would aid in removing sediment and colored water from the system thus improving chlorine residuals and is cost effective. Continued cl2 monitoring or flushing will determine how quick the watermain will start building up sediment and coloured water

The results clearly show swabbing Queen St. was beneficial in removing heavily coloured water from the system.

Tim Fraser

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OCWA Senior Water Wastewater Operator
North Eastern Ontario Hub
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ARBFMA Manager's Report – June 2026

Date: June 15th, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Accept this report as information.

BACKGROUND

The past month has been a productive month for staff working on cleaning, scrubbing, painting, organizing, and serving facility renters.

There have been a few different events that were hosted at the ARBFMA which includes, Roller Derby, Huntsville Lacrosse practices, School Trip, Ball Hockey, Cadets, Kick Boxing Classes, 2 birthday parties, a Buck & Doe, 1 Meeting, the Cadets Parade, Bible group meetings, Bingo, Seniors exercises and The Friends

Staff had the ice plant started on June 11th and ice making was scheduled to commence on June 13th or 14th which depends on the weather and the operations of the plant.

The summer ice program is set, and staff anticipate a busy summer with a strong possibility of being 30 to 40 hours busier than in 2025.

ANALYSIS

- Staff have had a handyman in to dismantle and remove the stove from the facility
 - A new electric stove has been purchased and staff anticipated that stove be delivered on the 10th or 11th of June.
 - There is free skating on June 28th from 1:30 to 3 pm – this is offered to get some skaters on the ice surface to test it for any air pockets or impurities before the season starts.
 - Staff have added a trial 3 weeks of public skating this summer. July 12th, 19th and 26th from 12 pm to 1:30 pm. If there is no community response the skating will not be offered into August.
 - Winning Techniques comes in for their staff skate on the 28th which they use as a team building exercise.
 - Staff were contacted by Huntsville Minor Lacrosse for practices near the end of May and beginning of June. The Baysville arena where they normally practiced was closed temporarily this spring, and we were able to help relocate some of their practice needs.
 - There are only 2 capital projects left to complete, and staff anticipate them both to be completed before the end of June.
 - The sewage site has been active so far this spring
 - The September and fall/winter ice season is booked for all annual renewed contracts and Minor Hockey. AMHA games will be booked once the season starts and their teams are prepared.
 - Staff are working together with Legion staff to address the parking overflow that ARBFMA customers use at the Legion.
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FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

HUMAN RESOURCE IMPACT

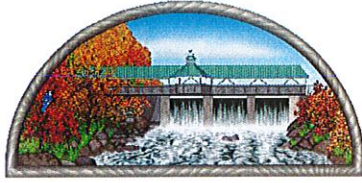
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OPTIONS

The Council accepts this report as information and discussion

Graham Smith

Graham Smith RRFA/CIT
ARBFMA Manager



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Medical Building Air Conditioning Unit Replacement

Date: June 1, 2026

PURPOSE

To provide Council with information regarding the replacement of the air conditioning unit at the Medical Building.

BACKGROUND

Near the end of the 2025 summer season, the air conditioning unit serving the Medical Building failed. Eagle Lake Heating and Cooling explored the possibility of replacing the unit under warranty however, as the unit was classified as commercial use, warranty coverage was not available. Following the failure, the Maintenance Manager sought quotations from qualified contractors for the replacement of the unit.

ANALYSIS

The following quotations were obtained:

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Quotation Amount</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Eagle Lake Heating and Cooling | \$3,000.00 |
| Exl-Aire Mechanical | \$7,240.00 |
| Martin Mechanical | Unable to provide a quotation due to product requirements |

Given the cost difference between the quotations received and the need to restore air conditioning services in advance of the warmer weather, the Village proceeded with the quotation submitted by Eagle Lake Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$3,000.00, plus applicable HST.

The expense has been allocated to the Building Maintenance budget line within the approved budget, and the A/C unit has been installed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information.

Camille Barr
Deputy Clerk



Rural Youth Group Committee Meeting

May 4 , 2026, at 5:30pm at 136 Yonge Street, Burk's Falls

Present: Chair Barry Burton, Co-Chair Ashley Brandt, Mary Thomson (Zoom), Corrine Penstone, Recording Secretary

Guests: None

Regrets: Jeannette Godfrey, Mayor Chris Hope

Delegations: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:38pm by Chair B. Burton
2. **Land Acknowledgement:**
C. Penstone provided the Land Acknowledgement for the Committee.
3. **Disclosure of Interest:**
None
4. **Amendments to the Agenda:**
Moved by C. Penstone - Seconded by A. Brandt
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following items be added to the Rural Youth Group Advisory Committee agenda:
Item 8 a) Closed Session-Volunteer
Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25,
Section 239 (2) (b) regarding an identifiable individual, or municipal employee.
Carried.
5. **Acceptance of the Agenda:**
Moved by A. Brandt - Seconded by M. Thomson
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group Advisory Committee approves the amended agenda of May 4, 2026.
Carried.
6. **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
Moved by C. Penstone - Seconded by M. Thomson
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group approves the minutes of the meeting held on.
Carried.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Update on location options**
Committee members viewed a potential new location that possessed many desirable qualities. It was noted that upgrades would be required to ensure accessibility compliance. At this time, the owner is uncertain regarding the future direction for the building.

The Committee expressed interest in the potential for the new space to generate additional revenue due to its layout.

C. Penstone and B. Burton will draft a proposal regarding the space for Council's consideration for the May 12 meeting. B. Burton will ensure the Mayor is advised that the document will be forthcoming.

b) Update on secondary interviews

The Village attempted to schedule interviews; however, the candidates were unavailable. Interviews will be scheduled in the coming weeks based on candidate availability.

c) Draft memorandum of understanding

The item was not ready for this meeting and was deferred.

7. New Business

Social media posts drafted by C. Penstone were approved by the office.

The group discussed arranging for a group photo and having each member prepare a short biography for the webpage.

8. Closed Session- Volunteer

Moved C. Penstone - Seconded by A. Brandt

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group Committee Advisory Committee now enters closed session at 6:10pm pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Item 8 a) Volunteer

Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25,

Section 239 (2) (b) regarding an identifiable individual, or municipal employee.

Carried.

Moved C. Penstone - Seconded by A. Brandt

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group Committee Advisory Committee reconvenes to regular session at 6:13 pm.

Carried.

9. Recommendations to Council

None

10. Date of Next Meeting: June 8 , 2026, at 5:30pm

11. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm. Moved by C. Penstone – Seconded by M. Thomson

Signature of Chair



Rural Youth Group Committee Meeting

June 8, 2026, at 5:30pm at 136 Yonge Street, Burk's Falls

Present: Chair Barry Burton, Co-Chair Ashley Brandt, Mayor Chris Hope, Jeannette Godfrey (zoom), Corrine Penstone (zoom) Recording Secretary

Guests: None

Regrets: Mary Thomson

Delegations: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair B. Burton
2. **Land Acknowledgement:**
C. Penstone provided the Land Acknowledgement for the Committee.
3. **Disclosure of Interest:**
None
4. **Acceptance of the Agenda:**
Moved by C. Penstone - Seconded by A. Brandt
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group approves the agenda of the meeting of June 8, 2026.
Carried.
5. **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by A. Brandt
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group approves the minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2026.
Carried.
6. **Old Business:**
C. Hope reported that meetings have been held with the candidates and the Personnel Committee. Further information will be provided following the next Council meeting.
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Review proposal for location on Ontario Street**
Chair B. Burton reported that a tentative lease agreement has been negotiated with the owner of 222 Ontario Street. The Committee passed a resolution recommending that Council approve the lease agreement. Inspections of the premises will be required prior to signing off on the lease. Chair B. Burton will contact the Chief Building Official to arrange the necessary building inspection and will also contact the Health Unit to arrange any required inspections.

Chair B. Burton will request a delegation to present to Council at the next meeting.

b. Review revised budget

Chair B. Burton presented an updated draft budget to the Committee. The Committee passed a resolution recommending that Council approve the proposed budget.

J. Godfrey will obtain pricing information for computer equipment to confirm actual costs.

C. Penstone will investigate furniture options that align with the draft budget.

c. Set dates for renovations at new location

The committee set a tentative date of June 18th for renovations to begin.

d. Set date for grand opening

Deferred to next meeting.

8. Recommendations to Council

Moved A. Brandt - Seconded by C. Hope

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group Committee recommends the following to Council:

That Council approve the offer to lease 222 Ontario Street as presented:

- 1 year lease
- \$1300.00 per month plus hst
- Utilities
- June access, rent begins in August
- Pending approval of Health Unit and Chief Building Official

Carried.

Moved by A. Brandt - Seconded by C. Hope

That Council approved the revised budget as presented.

Carried

9. Date of Next Meeting: July 6, 2026, at 5:30pm

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Signature of Chair

Rural Youth Group Centre
222 Ontario Street

Monthly Expenses

| | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| Month to Month rental Agreement | | |
| \$1,300.00 + HST \$169.00 = \$1,469.00 X 12 months | | \$17,628.00 |
| Utilities \$250.00 month X 12 months | | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Internet | \$150.00 x 6 months | \$900.00 |

| | | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|
| Director Contract Income | | |
| Facility open from 4:00pm to 8:00pm + ½ hour Start & End | | |
| Open 4 days a week Tuesday to Friday | | |
| 20 hours per week X \$25.00 + \$500.00 per week | | |
| \$500.00 x 4.33 weeks/month = \$2,165.00 | \$2,165.00 x 6 months | \$12,990.00 |
| Misc. Expenses | \$200.00 x 6 months | \$1,200.00 |

Start Up Expenses

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------------|
| Front Desk (existing donation) | | |
| Installation of Accessible Washroom New Wall Material | | \$1,100.00 |
| 2 Computers Purchase \$400.00 each | \$400.00 x 2 | \$ 800.00 |
| Paint | | \$300.00 |
| TV & Game Console | | \$1,000.00 |
| Misc. Furniture | | \$500.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$39,418.00 |



Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
June 2, 2026 at 5:30pm, at 172 Ontario St., Council Chambers

Present: Chair Councillor Ashley Brandt, Debbie Hope, Matthew Orr, Brady Peever, Krista Trulsen, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Diane Landstrom, Councillor Ryan Baptiste

Guests: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Councillor A. Brandt
2. **Disclosure of Interest:** Matt Orr declared pecuniary interest for item 5.(c) Skate Park- Painting and Fundraising.
3. **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2026-03** Moved by K. Trulsen – Seconded by D. Hope
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Village of Burk's Falls Recreation Advisory Committee approves the minutes of April 13, 2026. Carried.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Downtown Celebration**

The Committee reviewed the Downtown Celebration Summary Report provided by the Recording Secretary. The report highlighted event successes, opportunities for improvement, and ideas for future events.

The Committee discussed the continued growth and popularity of the event. Members noted concerns regarding pedestrian safety during the event, citing three near misses involving vehicle traffic. The Committee discussed the possibility of revisiting a road closure on Ontario Street during future Downtown Celebrations. Members acknowledged that some businesses had not supported a road closure in previous years; however, given the event's demonstrated growth over the past four years, the Committee felt the discussion should be revisited.

The Committee discussed a potential road closure area from 172 Ontario Street to 206 Ontario Street, while maintaining full access to the convenience store and gas station. A detour route utilizing Queen Street and Yonge Street was also discussed.
 - b) **Summer Recreation- End of Year BBQ- Task**

The Committee reviewed plans for the Summer Recreation Program End of Year BBQ and discussed the tasks required to support the event. A volunteer sign up sheet was circulated and responsibilities were assigned for event coordination, food preparation and service, photography, and sponsor and coach recognition. The Committee was satisfied that all key responsibilities had been assigned and preparations for the event were progressing as planned.
 - c) **Santa Skate/ Tree Lighting- Partnership**

The Recording Secretary advised the Committee that the Santa Claus Parade Committee has confirmed interest in partnering with the Recreation Advisory

Committee to combine the Tree Lighting/Santa Skate events with the Burk's Falls Santa Claus Parade. The Committee discussed the proposed event format and potential benefits of coordinating the two community events.

The proposed plan would see the park light up remain unchanged while the Santa Claus Parade proceeds through its route. The addition of more lights had already been planned for this year. The parade would conclude at the arena and Legion, with Santa arriving at the arena to participate in the event.

The Committee discussed holding the event entirely on the lower level of the arena, noting that there was no longer a need to expand the footprint of the event.

Proposed activities included a decorated Christmas tree in the arena lobby, a Santa photo area, a children's craft room in a changeroom space, and the serving of hot chocolate, coffee, and baked goods from the concession area.

The Committee discussed offering all activities and refreshments free of charge. Members also discussed tracking product usage to facilitate an inventory transfer between the arena and recreation budgets.

The Committee supported bringing forward recommendations regarding a date change to the first Saturday in December and approval for the use of the arena concession space.

5. New Business:

a) Pickleball Coaching Change

The Committee was advised of a coaching change within the Pickleball program. It was noted that Matt Orr would be stepping down from the coaching role and Councillor Sean Cotton would be assuming coaching responsibilities for the program.

b) Canada Day Celebration- Tasks

A Canada Day task sign up sheet was distributed to Committee members to assist with volunteer coordination and event planning. Volunteers signed up for event setup, food service, children's activities, photography, and event support tasks. The Recording Secretary advised that the sign up sheet would assist with final event planning and identifying any remaining volunteer needs.

The Committee discussed providing a small selection of games and activities for children attending the fireworks display. Members felt that dedicating a portion of the Canada Day budget toward these activities would help enhance the family experience and provide additional entertainment for youth attending the event. The Committee discussed recommending an allocation of \$50 to \$100 for the purchase of game supplies and activity materials.

d) Skate Park- Painting and Fundraising

Matt Orr declared a pecuniary interest for this item. Mr. Orr presented his proposal to the Committee and answered questions before refraining from discussion and voting on the matter.

Mr. Orr advised the Committee that he would like to complete maintenance painting at the skate park. He noted that painting at the facility had previously been permitted; however, several areas now require touch-ups and repairs. The work would be completed on a volunteer basis and at no cost to the Village.

The Committee discussed the proposal and noted that a Volunteer Risk Assessment and Volunteer Waiver would be completed prior to any work being undertaken. Mr. Orr requested the use of three to four large traffic pylons and printed "Wet Paint" signs to assist with public safety while the work is being completed.

The Committee supported the proposal and agreed to bring forward a recommendation to Council for consideration.

6. Closed Session

The Committee entered closed session at 7:02 p.m.

a) Committee Volunteer

Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25:

Section 239(2) (b) regarding an identifiable individual, or municipal employee

b) Committee Volunteer

Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25:

Section 239(2) (b) regarding an identifiable individual, or municipal employee

The Committee exited closed session at 7:11 p.m.

7. Recommendations to Council:

2026-03 Moved by K. Trulsen – Seconded by D. Hope

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Burk's Falls Recreation Advisory Committee recommends the following to Council:

1. THAT Council approve the closure of Ontario Street from 172 Ontario Street to 206 Ontario Street during future Downtown Celebration events, while maintaining full access to the convenience store and gas station, with a detour route utilizing Queen Street and Yonge Street.
2. THAT Council approve moving the annual Tree Lighting and Santa Skate event to the first Saturday in December.
3. THAT Council approve the use of the arena concession space for the Tree Lighting and Santa Skate event.
4. THAT Council approve an allocation of \$50.00 to \$100.00 from the Canada Day budget for children's games and activity supplies during the Canada Day celebrations.
5. THAT Council approve the request from Matt Orr to complete volunteer maintenance painting at the skate park, subject to the completion of a Volunteer Risk Assessment and Volunteer Waiver, and the provision of Village-owned traffic pylons and "Wet Paint" signage.

Carried.

8. Attachments: Downtown Celebration 2026: Event Summary Report

9. Date of Next Meeting: To be determined

10. Meeting Adjourned: 7:23 p.m.

Moved by K. Trulsen – Seconded by B. Peever. Carried.

Chair Signature



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Downtown Celebration 2026: Event Summary Report

TO: Village of Burk's Falls Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Tara Schaack, Administrative Assistant

DATE: May 28, 2026

The 4th Annual Downtown Celebration took place on Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 11:00am–3:00pm throughout the downtown core of Burk's Falls. The event continued to build on previous years with a stronger focus on business engagement, community participation, family activities, and creating a welcoming festival atmosphere throughout Ontario Street.

This year's event featured:

- A centralized Vendor Market in the municipal parking lot
- The Passport Challenge connecting businesses and vendors
- Live entertainment
- Art in the Park
- Community organizations throughout Ontario Street
- Family activities including face painting and games
- Business of the Year presentation at The Bluebird Theatre

Overall attendance and participation appeared significantly stronger than previous years. Feedback received throughout the day from vendors, businesses, organizations, and patrons was overwhelmingly positive.

Financial Summary

Projected Vendor Revenue: \$400

Actual Vendor Revenue: \$700

Vendor participation exceeded expectations and all vendors spoken to following the event expressed interest in returning next year.

Event Successes

Strong Community Atmosphere

The event successfully created an active and welcoming downtown atmosphere with strong participation from businesses, vendors, community organizations, volunteers, entertainers, and residents.

Passport Challenge

The Passport Challenge proved to be a strong re-addition to the event and encouraged patrons to move throughout Ontario Street visiting participating businesses and vendors. The addition of prizes donated by Deerhurst Resort and The Village Sweets generated strong participation and excitement throughout the day.

Vendor Market

The Vendor Market offered a wide variety of products, food vendors, services, and local artisans. Vendor booths were well presented and contributed significantly to the overall atmosphere and success of the event.

Community Participation

Community organizations and volunteers played an important role in creating a true community celebration atmosphere rather than simply a market event. Participation from organizations throughout Ontario Street helped increase activity and engagement across the downtown core.

Entertainment and Activities

Live entertainment, Art in the Park, family activities, and character appearances added energy and helped create a full festival experience for visitors of all ages.

Considerations for Future Events

Based on observations and feedback from this year's event, several ideas and operational improvements have been identified for future consideration:

Operational Improvements

- Scheduled vendor arrival and setup times
- Further refinement of vendor layout
- Pre-set vendor parking assignments

Potential Future Additions Discussed/ Submitted

- A community car show organized and operated by Northern Mentors
- A live band performance area further up Ontario Street
- Borrowing or renting a stage from a neighbouring municipality
- A reptile or exotic animal educational show within Stan Darling Park

These additions could continue expanding activity throughout the downtown core while building on the strong community atmosphere already established.

Conclusion

The 2026 Downtown Celebration demonstrated continued growth in organization, participation, vendor engagement, and overall atmosphere. The event continues to evolve into a strong community-focused celebration that supports local businesses while creating a positive and welcoming experience for residents and visitors alike.

PETE THE BEAR PLAQUE

Pete the Bear was a beloved roadside attraction in Burk's Falls from the 1950s through the 1970s. Visitors from near and far stopped to see Pete's playful antics and experience a unique piece of northern Ontario tourism history.

This statue commemorates Pete's place in our community's story while recognizing that our understanding of wildlife welfare and humane animal care has evolved over time.

Or

From the 1950s through the 1970s, Pete the Bear was a well-known roadside attraction in the Village of Burk's Falls. Visitors would stop to see Pete splash water, interact with passersby, and enjoy treats from tourists passing through town. For many, Pete became a memorable part of local history and a symbol of a different era in northern tourism.

This statue commemorates Pete's place in the story of our community, while also recognizing that our understanding of wildlife care and animal welfare has evolved over time. Today, we view the keeping and treatment of wild animals through a different lens — one grounded in respect, conservation, and humane care.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS
BY-LAW NO. 22-2026**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR
ADVANCE VOTES TO BE HELD PRIOR TO VOTING DAY**

WHEREAS Section 43(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996 provides that a municipal council shall pass a by-law establishing one or more dates for an advance vote, and the hours during which voting places shall be open on that date or dates; and

WHEREAS Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Burk's Falls takes the democratic process seriously and wants to ensure accessibility for all voting opportunity;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Burk's Falls enacts as follows:

1. An advance vote shall be held on the 16th day of October 2026 between the hours of 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm
2. An advance vote shall be held on the 17th day of October 2026 between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm
3. All advanced votes shall be located at the Young at Heart Seniors Centre, 39 Copeland Street in the Village of Burk's Falls
4. Proxy vote paperwork will be available to be processed at the municipal office during advance vote times

AS READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

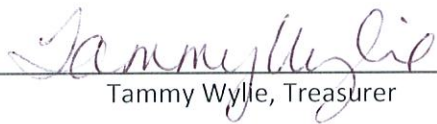
MAYOR, CHRIS HOPE

SEAL

CAO-CLERK, DENIS DUGUAY

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| | Village of Burk's Falls | |
| | May/June List of Accounts for Approval | |
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| Balance Forward (Cheques/Other/EFT) | | |
| | AP Batch 2026-00020 - 2026-00022 | 322,758.54 |
| | AP Batch 2026-00026 - 2026-00028 | 327,082.22 |
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| | RBC Activity Fee-May 2026 | 183.03 |
| | First Data-POS May 2026 | 112.96 |
| | First Data 2-POS May 2026 | 64.99 |
| | OCWA-May 2026 | 9,423.10 |
| | Kubota Loan | 1,011.48 |
| | IO Water Tower Debenture | 29,395.95 |
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| | Total Payables-May 5 to June 9, 2026 | 690,032.27 |

Certified Correct this 10th day of June 2026



Tammy Wylie, Treasurer



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE KATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE – APRIL 8, 2026

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| ARMOUR | Rod Ward – Mayor |
| | Dave Gray - CAO |
| | Megan Yemm – Information Officer |
| | Jason Newman – Alternate CEMC |
| MCMURRICH/MONTEITH | Glenn Robinson – Mayor |
| | Vicky Roeder-Martin – Deputy Mayor |
| | Cheryl Marshall – Clerk/Treasurer |
| | Mardi Boshold – Information Officer |
| BURK’S FALLS | Chris Hope – Mayor |
| | Sean Cotton – Deputy Mayor |
| | Denis Duguay – CAO |
| | Camille Barr – Information Officer |
| RYERSON | Glenn Miller – Deputy Mayor |
| | Nancy Field – Clerk |
| | Kelly Morrisette – Information Officer |
| BURKS FALLS DISTRICT FIRE | Joe Readman – Fire Chief |

MINUTES OF EMPC MEETING – June 4, 2025

The minutes of the Program Committee Meeting held June 4, 2025 were reviewed and the Coordinator advised the Committee of specific items for follow-up.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

- a) Draft Evacuation Plan distributed to support agencies for review, revisions were made based on recommendations from the Almaguin OPP detachment;
- b) Evacuation Routes/Areas discussed at Annual Exercise determined unviable, a guide would be better to support residents if the need arises;
- c) Canadian Red Cross contacted for training to arena and Community Centre staff, provide organization and awareness for reception centre activation;
- d) Schedule a meeting with those in charge of designated Reception Centres to review the plans in conjunction with training;
- e) McMurrich/Monteith Community Centre – Reception Centre Plan is in development, CEMC will reach out for review; and
- f) Almaguin Health Centre - Reception Centre requires more consultation with the Health Centre Administration Staff to get a better understanding of the facility and its restrictions should the need for warming or evacuation require activation.

PLAN & PROGRAM – 2025 COMPLIANCE REVIEW

Committee reviewed the combined Compliance Report. CEMC reviewed specific points from the Field Officer and members clarified required information.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE KATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE – APRIL 8, 2026

- a) Training alternate CEMC's was investigated with no opportunities until the fall;
- b) Resolutions were passed to appoint the Village EIO to Ryerson however a new appointment will be made when the By-law is amended later this year. Several updates will be required, such as the Plan that is in Draft;
- c) Agreements were in place for the use of neighbouring facilities. New fire hall will house the primary EOC for three of the four AMBR municipalities. McMurrich/Monteith's primary EOC will remain within its boundaries, with the alternate being the Burks Falls & District Fire Hall EOC;
- d) A virtual EOC has now been established and will be reviewed if time permits today;
- e) Public Education and awareness – please save a copy for compliance submission; and
- f) Draft Emergency Response Plan ready for review. To be discussed at our next EMPC meeting.

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT

- a) Emergency Management Program Committee reviewed the assessment plan. Current HIRAs were reviewed with recommendations to amend based on the Provincial categories and definitions;
- b) A brief presentation provided the Committee with training on the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and how to apply the basics to evaluate the currently identified hazards; and
- c) Committee reviewed the Provincial top 5 in relation to each municipal HIRA. Using the 2024 exercise scenario on Wildland Fire, each municipality assessed the hazard and identified the consequences, discussed prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recover.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- a) The Committee reviewed the Critical Infrastructure Lists as submitted for compliance in 2025 and discussed Critical Infrastructure Interdependency. Also reviewed the categories during the HIRA review.

AMBR EMERGENCY PLAN & ANNEXES – DRAFT REVIEW

- b) Draft Emergency Response Plan was presented and distributed for review. Annexes were discussed and will be reviewed at the next meeting;
- c) Annex D – Emergency Operations Centre – the activation of the virtual EOC was reviewed and discussed. CEMC demonstrated the links in the document. Committee discussed access to the document and how functional it would be on desktop versus mobile device;



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE KATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE – APRIL 8, 2026

- d) Recommendation to exercise on the new plan while activating the virtual EOC. CEMC to discuss with Field Officer to determine if acceptable for annual compliance; and
- e) Clerk's/CAO's and Fire Chief to review for further discussion.

2026 TRAINING & EXERCISE

- a) CEMC reviewed the training requirements for the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) and recognized that the Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC) are one and the same. Some of the materials reviewed at the EMPC are the same as the training requirements for the MECG;
- b) Recommendations for training all staff and council were discussed with options for 2026 compliance and after the fall election; and
- c) CEMC will consult with the Field Officer on the recommendation for the 2026 exercise and report back to the Committee.

Open Floor Discussion

The issue of social media and residents threatening staff was raised for discussion. Several issues that had already been addressed by others were presented as solutions. Most of the Committee agreed that this should be dealt with as a criminal matter, but it should also be considered as an emerging hazard as mental health issues are on the rise. Jason Newman, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement, will reach out to colleagues for recommendations and report back as he serves for the municipality that raised the concern.

Meeting adjourned 2:40 p.m.

Follow Up for CEMC

- a) Discuss 2026 Exercise with Field Officer.
- b) Schedule Red Cross training for Arena and Community Centre Staff.
- c) Complete and review the McMurrich/Monteith Reception Centre Plan.
- d) Schedule follow up meeting for EMPC.



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Minutes: April 2, 2026, 10:00 am via Zoom and at the Township of Perry Municipal Office

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Vicky Roeder-Martin (Vice- Chair), Sean Cotton, Brad Kneller, Norm Hofstetter, Jim Ronholm, Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Luke Preston, Deb Duce (Secretary), Sandy Zurbrigg, Cheryl Harrison, David Gray, Joel Baylis, Courtney Metcalf.

Regrets: Dr. Sarah MacKinnon, Deb Raynard, David Gravelle.

Called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair R. Ward

1. 2026-08 Moved by Brad Kneller - Seconded by Jim Ronholm
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of March 5, 2026, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** None
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:** None
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**
 - a) **150 Houston Building Deficits**

Discussion of challenges with the report and options for the future to ensure accuracy and to prepare for the new Councils in plan following fall elections. Township of Armour CAO provided recommendations.
 - b) **Update on AHHC Progress Infographics Report**

C. Metcalf shared that the report will be ready for review in the next week.
 - c) **Updates**
 - a. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare**

C. Harrison shared information on a recent meeting with municipal leadership, Hospital fundraising, and capital development status.

6. ADJOURNMENT

2029-09 Moved by Vickey Roeder-Martin - Seconded by Norm Hofstetter

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 10:56 a.m. to meet again on May 7, 2026, at 10:00 am at Perry Township.

Carried.



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Minutes: Thursday, May 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom and at the Township of Perry Municipal Office

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Vicky Roeder-Martin (Vice-Chair), Sean Cotton, Brad Kneller, Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Luke Preston, (Secretary), Sandy Zurbrigg, Cheryl Harrison, Joel Baylis.

Regrets: Norm Hofstetter, Jim Ronholm, David Gravelle, Sarah MacKinnon, Deb Raynard

Guests: Austin Toth, Leah Toth, Bobbie Clark, Sarah Cooke.

Called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair R. Ward

1. 2026-10 Moved by Margaret Ann MacPhail - Seconded by Sean Cotton.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of April 2, 2026, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** Austin Toth & Leah Toth
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**
 - a) 2026-10: Approve AHHC minutes from April 2, 2026.
 - b) 2026-12: Approve payment of \$271.20 to Vista Print for hosting AHHC website.
 - d) 2026-13: Accept bank statement for period of Mar. 31 to Apr. 30, 2026.
 - e) 2026-14: Approve the AHHC Infographic.
 - f) 2026-15: Adjourn the meeting.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

a) Petition for Cancer Clinic to Remain in Huntsville (Austin Toth)

Introductions presentation by Almaguin Highlands residents Austin & Leah Toth who shared their story and purpose of the petition, followed by discussion of oncology care options, MAHC capital planning and decision-making guidelines, and AHHC options.

Links will be shared with meeting participants and the Toth's will present delegations to Councils throughout the region.

Town of Kearney will share the wording of their resolution for Councils to use.

b) Payment of Invoice | Vista Print for Hosting of AHHC Website (Rod Ward)

2026-12 Moved by Tom Bryson - Seconded by Sean Cotton.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council approve payment of the Vista Print Invoice for the amount of \$271.20 for hosting the AHHC website for one year. Carried.

c) Accept Bank Statement | March 31, 2026 to April 30, 2026 (Rod Ward)

2026-13 Moved by Margaret Ann MacPhail- Seconded by Sean Cotton.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council accept the RBC Bank Statement for the period from March 31, 2026 to April 30, 2026. Carried.

d) Update - Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (Cheryl Harrison)

Awaiting news on capital development but great work occurring as well as annual recognition of volunteers.

e) Update – MAOHT PFCPAC (Sandy Zurbrigg)

MAOHT communications and engagement at events such as Belonging Without Borders (May 7th Gravenhurst) and Healthy Living Fair (June 10th Bracebridge). PFCPAC is open to attending events in Almaguin. Also, there is someone who can share the palliative care voice/story, please connect with the MAOHT.

MAOHT leads (PCN and Admin) met with Dr. Jane Philpott to share information. The AHHC will invite the MAOHT to attend the next AHHC meeting to share highlights of the meeting.

e) Almaguin Highlands Health Council Infographic (Rod Ward | Courtney Metcalf)

Overview of the infographic that highlights key areas, accomplishments, how it can be used and shared to build stronger relationships.

2026-14 Moved by Brad Kneller - Seconded by Cheryl Philip.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council approve the AHHC Infographic as agreed at the AHHC meeting of May 7, 2026. Carried.

f) Extension of Township of Armour EOI | Almaguin Health & Innovation Hub (Rod Ward)

The EOI has been extended to June 10, 2026.

6. ADJOURNMENT

2026-15 Moved by Sean Cotton - Seconded by Tom Bryson.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:22 pm to meet again on June 4, 2026 at 10:00 am at Perry Township. Carried.



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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Armour Council Chamber, Burk's Falls
Monday, April 20, 2026**

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Jenny Hall - Treasurer
Charlene Watt – Deputy Treasurer/Secretary
Nancy Kyte
Jarv Osborne
Peter Hall
Krista Trulsen
Nieves Guijarro
Lynn McGregor (New Member)

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Guests: Danika McCann and Melissa Marshall

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members. Regrets from Barry Burton. Members welcomed Lynn McGregor as a new Member.

Election of Director and Nomination of Vice-President:

As noted in the February minutes, Barry Burton was elected as a Director and nominated for the position of Vice-President by Diane Brandt, seconded by Jarv Osborne. As Mr. Burton was not in attendance at that time and unable to attend this meeting, consideration of the nomination was deferred to the May 2026 meeting.

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance of minutes and adoption of the March 23, 2026 AGM and regular meeting minutes as circulated: **Moved by Krista Trulsen, Seconded by Jenny Hall. Carried**



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report was presented by Jenny Hall. The main bank account balance on March 1, 2026 was \$8,006.95. During the month, expenses totalled \$67.76 for fixed telephone and internet costs, while revenue totalled \$130.00 from eleven individual memberships and one family membership. This resulted in an end-of-month balance of \$8,069.19. All account records for the period March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026 have been submitted for audit. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Nancy Kyte, Seconded by Peter Hall. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

Diane Brandt reported to Members that the schoolhouse requires spring cleaning. A quote has been received. Carol and Michelle, cleaners for the Township of Armour municipal office, have proposed Monday, May 4, 2026 for the spring cleaning of the Schoolhouse. They indicated they can pick up the key from the Ryerson Township office at 10:00 a.m. and return it upon completion of the work. Their quoted rate for 2026 is \$75.00 per hour for both cleaners. They also confirmed they will bring their own water and are awaiting approval to proceed. **Motion to authorize the spring-cleaning services of the Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse up to the amount of \$375 + HST from Michelle Woodman and Carol Pease: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Krista Trulsen. Carried**

Watt Farm House Update:

Diane Brandt advised that the Heritage Centre is currently closed for the season and will require light spring cleaning. She will coordinate the organization of the facility and ensure it is prepared for the upcoming seasonal opening.

Membership Committee:

Peter Hall advised members that there are 12 paid individual memberships and 1 family membership for the year to date.

Facilities and Function Committee:

No report for April, 2026.

Heritage Day:

Members discussed the annual event with the Township of Armour's Recreation Co-ordinator. Members reviewed the Staff Report dated April 7, 2026 to the Council of the Township of Armour that provided three options on the event. Council deferred a decision until the Recreation Co-ordinator discussed the topic with the Historical Society. Members agreed that, with summer approaching, it is unlikely the event can be organized in time, as no date has



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been confirmed and volunteer availability has declined. Option #3 proposes deferring the event to allow for strategic planning toward 2027, supporting the development of sustainable programming models, improving overall quality, and reducing pressure on volunteers. This approach would enable greater focus on planning rather than delivering an event solely to maintain continuity. Members further noted that deferring the 2026 event may create opportunities for more meaningful fundraising initiatives. Members will discuss fundraising ideas as an agenda item in the May, 2026 meeting. **Motion to make a decision on the direction of the 2026 Heritage Day: That the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society acknowledges the April 7, 2026 Staff Report regarding Heritage Day and the Township of Armour's Council request for consultation through the Recreation Co-ordinator, and supports Option #3 to defer the event as outlined in the report regarding Heritage Day 2026: Moved by Nancy Kyte, Seconded by Peter Hall. Carried**

Correspondence:

Members were informed of an email from Travis Shaw regarding a research consent inquiry. Questions were asked and answered.

General Business:

Annual Audit:

Jarv Osborne reported that the audit of the 2025 Financial Statements were completed. Jarv Osborne and Krista Trulsen, as bona fide Members of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society, have reviewed the revenues and expenses recorded for 2025 to 2026 which comprised of the statement of financial position as of February 28, 2026, the statement of cash flows for the year and notes to the financial statement and records of activity. The financial reviews were considered sufficient and appropriate to provide the opinion that the records and banks statements are true and accurate. **Motion to accept the 2025 Report on the Audit of Financial Statement and Records of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society and the recommendation in the Report: Moved by Peter Hall, Seconded by Nancy Kyte. Carried**

New Business:

Young Canada Works – Heritage Co-ordinator Summer Student:

Diane Brandt updated Members on the status of the Young Canada Works program. The Historical Society was approved for \$6,000 this year. Diane discussed the requirement for summer staff. The employment opportunity notice has been circulated with a closing date for submissions being May 15, 2026. Questions were asked and answered.

The Interview Committee will consist of Diane Brandt and Jenny Hall.



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Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026 at the Armour Township Council Chambers. There being no further business, **Nieves Guijarro moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Deputy-Treasurer/Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President



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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Armour Township Council Chambers, Burk's Falls
Monday, May 18, 2026**

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Barry Burton – Vice President
Charlene Watt – Deputy Treasurer/Secretary
Nancy Kyte
Peter Hall
Krista Trulsen
Nieves Guijarro
Lynn McGregor
Leo Petipas (New Member)

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members. Members welcomed Leo Petipas and his family as new Members.
Regrets from Jenny Hall.

Delegation:

There were no delegations.

Election of Director and Nomination of Vice-President:

As noted in the March 23, 2026 minutes, Barry Burton was elected as a Director and nominated for the position of Vice-President by Diane Brandt, seconded by Jarv Osborne. As Mr. Burton was not in attendance at that time and unable to attend the April 20, 2026 meeting, consideration of the nomination was deferred to the May 2026 meeting. Barry Burton accepted the nomination.



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Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance of minutes and adoption of the April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes as circulated:
Moved by Nancy Kyte Seconded by Peter Hall. Carried

Treasurer's Report:

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Correspondence:

Charlene Watt advised Members that an obituary notice was received for Bruce Campbell. Mr. Campbell was an active Historical Society Member until 2021 and an advocate for preserving local history. A Celebration of Bruce's Life will be held June 6, 2026, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 405, 9 Mary Street. Dress code is Toronto Maple Leafs apparel or blue and white clothing. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hospice Huntsville or Sick Kids (The Hospital for Sick Children). **Motion to donate \$100 to Hospice Huntsville in memory of Bruce Campbell: Moved by Barry Burton, Seconded by Leo Petipas. Carried**

Diane Brandt advised Members that she had received a request from Ingrid Gorman of South River offering a donation consisting of a Tabor organ and a settee. Photographs of the items were circulated for review. Diane advised that the donations will be accepted on behalf of the Historical Society. Due to limited space currently available at the farmhouse, the Gorman family has agreed to retain the furniture until suitable accommodations can be arranged.

Committee Reports:

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

Members were advised that the Township of Ryerson will not be hosting the annual Ryerson Community Yard Sale in June. Additionally, the Heritage Centre has been spring cleaned and is prepared to open for the season. It is planned to open the facility in early July and to be open on weekends. A volunteer sign-up calendar will be presented at next month's meeting to coordinate assistance with operating hours throughout the summer season.

Watt Farm House Update:

Members were advised that the Heritage Centre is prepared to open for the season.

Membership Committee:

Peter Hall advised members that there are 12 paid individual memberships and 2 family membership for the year to date. The honorary membership for Bruce Campbell will be removed from the count. There has been no change since last month.



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Facilities and Function Committee:

Members were advised by Diane Brandt and Barry Burton that Armour Township has approved the 2026 budget, which includes provisions for heating the red building. Representatives of the F&F Committee subsequently met onsite with the CAO and the Chief Building Official to review and assess the proposed heating system and determine whether it will adequately meet the facility's operational requirements. Barry Burton will follow up with the Chief Building Official regarding the requirement for a secondary review. In addition, revisions to the accessible washroom design are required to incorporate a change table in accordance with accessibility requirements.

Hiring Committee:

Members were advised that Diane Brandt and Dave Gray, CAO for the Township of Armour will review the submissions and report next month on the selected Heritage Co-ordinator Summer Student hire. Jenny Hall is unable to commit to the Hiring Committee at this time.

General Business:

Members reviewed the public notice from the Township of Armour stating that Heritage Festival 2026 has been cancelled. It was agreed with the Historical Society that after careful consideration, we would not be proceeding with the Heritage Festival for the current year. The Township and Historical Society recognized the importance of the event within the community and acknowledged the support we had received over the years. It was further noted that the Township and Historical Society was exploring alternative community events and programming that would be more sustainable and cost-effective while still bringing residents together. Additional information will be shared as plans are developed. Peter Hall and Nancy Kyte advised that they will continue to follow up with the Township of Armour's Recreation Department to work on planning next year's event.

New Business:

Fundraising Ideas:

Fundraising was recognized as essential to supporting the Historical Society's programs, events, preservation efforts, and ongoing community initiatives.

One suggestion was proposing a community-driven fundraising initiative centered on the creation of a heritage cookbook. More than a traditional recipe collection, the project would preserve and celebrate the culinary traditions, family stories, and everyday history of Burk's Falls, Ryerson Township, and Armour Township. Community members would be invited to contribute family recipes, personal memories, and historical photographs, helping create a living archive of local heritage that reflects rural traditions. The cookbook would also include educational historical inserts. Proceeds from cookbook sales would support the Historical



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Society's fundraising project for many years and promote preservation efforts while strengthening community connection, encouraging intergenerational participation, and creating a lasting cultural legacy for future generations.

Another suggestion discussed was approaching local businesses to request permission to place donation jars at customer checkout areas in support of Historical Society initiatives. Proposed wording for jar labels included: "Every Donation Helps Protect Our Heritage," "Your Donation Helps Keep History Alive," "Support Heritage Preservation in Our Community," and "Every Dollar Helps Preserve Our Shared Story."

Peter Hall and Nancy Kyte presented a compiled list of potential fundraising initiatives for consideration. The proposed activities include a spaghetti dinner, bingo event, silent auction, themed dances, chili cook-off, bake sale, rubber duck races, production of an annual calendar, establishment of a legacy giving program, and a music concert in collaboration with the Theatre Committee. Additional ideas include maple syrup production activities and various raffle-based fundraising opportunities.

Peter Hall and Nancy Kyte will undertake a further review and evaluation of the proposed fundraising initiatives. They will assess the feasibility, community interest, resource requirements, and expected revenue generation associated with each idea, and will provide recommendations at the next meeting. A report outlining their findings and suggested next steps will be presented for consideration next month.

Mailbag Donation:

Barry Burton presented to Diane Brandt a mailbag from the historic Katrine Post Office from the 1940s. Members expressed gratitude for the donation. Barry will request the donor complete the donation form for our records and return to Diane.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at the Armour Township Council Chambers. There being no further business, Barry Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Deputy-Treasurer/Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President



HERITAGE FESTIVAL UPDATE

After careful consideration, the Township of Armour will not be proceeding with the Heritage Festival this year.

We recognize the importance of this event within our community and appreciate the support it has received over the years.

At this time, the Township is exploring alternative community events and programming that are more sustainable and cost-effective, while still bringing residents together.

More information will be shared as plans develop.

Thank you for your understanding.

Project Brief

This report outlines a proposed community fundraising initiative centered on the development and publication of a locally inspired heritage cookbook celebrating the people, traditions, and culinary history of Burk's Falls and surrounding communities.

Tentatively titled “**From Hearth to Home: Recipes & Memories from the Past,**” the cookbook would combine treasured family recipes with personal stories, historical commentary, and educational features exploring everyday life in the Burk's Falls region during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

More than a cookbook, this initiative is intended to serve as:

- A **fundraising project** supporting the Historical Society's preservation efforts
- A **community engagement initiative** encouraging participation across generations
- A **living archive of local oral history and tradition**
- A **regional keepsake** celebrating the identity and heritage of Burk's Falls, Ryerson Township, Armour Township, and surrounding areas

The publication would feature:

- Community-submitted recipes and memories
 - Historical inserts on pioneer cooking, food preservation, and seasonal living
 - Stories reflecting rural, logging, railway, and river life in the Almaguin Highlands
 - Feature sections on cooking methods and daily life in early northern Ontario
 - Keepsake pages for future family recipes and memories
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Purpose of the Initiative

The proposed cookbook aligns strongly with the Society's mandate to preserve and share local heritage in meaningful and accessible ways.

The project aims to:

- Capture stories that may otherwise be lost over time
 - Encourage residents to contribute to local history preservation
 - Create a unique publication with both educational and emotional value
 - Generate revenue through cookbook sales, events, and local partnerships
 - Strengthen community connection through shared experiences and traditions
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Fundraising & Community Value

The cookbook presents a practical and culturally significant fundraising opportunity with long-term potential.

Expected Benefits

- Direct fundraising revenue from cookbook sales
- Increased visibility and engagement for the Historical Society
- Opportunities for partnerships with local businesses and events
- Tourism appeal as a locally themed historical keepsake
- Potential for future editions or expanded community history projects

Because the project combines storytelling, food, and regional history, it has strong appeal to:

- Local families
- Former residents
- Tourists and cottagers
- Genealogy and history enthusiasts
- Community supporters seeking meaningful local initiatives

Historical & Educational Features

To distinguish the cookbook from standard fundraising publications, the proposal includes historically themed educational inserts throughout the book.

Topics include:

- Cooking without electricity
- Seasonal eating in the early 1900s
- Food preservation methods before refrigeration
- Lumber camp meals and pioneer cooking
- Farm kitchen traditions
- Life along the Magnetawan River and early rail routes

These sections provide historical context while reinforcing the Society's educational mission.

Proposed Cookbook Structure

Suggested chapters include:

1. **Breads & Basics**
2. **Soups, Stews & Simple Meals**
3. **Farm & Garden Fare**
4. **Preserves & Pantry**
5. **Sunday & Special Dishes**
6. **Sweets & Treats**
7. **Kitchen Traditions & Memories**
8. **Cooking & Life in 1900**

Additional keepsake pages titled “**Your Kitchen, Your Story**” would encourage families to continue recording recipes and memories for future generations.

Community Participation

Community involvement is central to the success of the project.

Residents would be invited to submit:

- A favourite family recipe
- A personal memory or story connected to the recipe
- Optional historical photographs or family images

The submission process is designed to be simple, welcoming, and accessible to all ages and experience levels.

Promotion Strategy

Potential promotional efforts include:

- Local newspaper and community outreach
- Social media storytelling campaigns
- Displays at local markets and festivals
- Partnerships with businesses, libraries, and community groups
- Cookbook launch events and seasonal sales opportunities

Production & Printing Considerations

Several Canadian and local printing providers have been identified for consideration, including:

- [Staples Canada](#)
- [CanadaCopy](#)
- [Book Print Canada](#)

Local print providers may also offer flexible production options and community collaboration opportunities.

Estimated production costs for a 150–200 page cookbook printed in bulk are approximately:

- **\$10–\$20 per copy**, depending on quantity, format, and finishing options.
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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society proceed with the development of this cookbook as a flagship fundraising and heritage preservation initiative.

The project offers a rare opportunity to:

- Preserve local stories and traditions
 - Build stronger community participation
 - Create a lasting historical resource
 - Generate meaningful fundraising revenue
 - Celebrate the unique identity of Burk's Falls and surrounding communities
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Closing Statement

This cookbook represents far more than a collection of recipes.

It is a celebration of community memory, pioneer resilience, family traditions, and the shared experiences that helped shape Burk's Falls and the surrounding region. Through food and storytelling, the project preserves not only how people cooked, but how they lived, gathered, worked, and cared for one another.

By collecting these recipes and memories today, the Historical Society helps ensure that the voices, traditions, and spirit of the past continue to live on for future generations.

Fundraising Proposal: Community Heritage Cookbook

A Taste of Our Past: Burk's Falls and District Edition

This report presents a community-driven fundraising initiative centered on the creation and publication of a heritage cookbook. The project is designed not only to generate revenue in support of the Society's ongoing preservation work, but also to capture and celebrate the living history of Burk's Falls and surrounding communities through food, memory, and storytelling.

Project Overview & Community Engagement



Help Us Bring History to Life — One Recipe at a Time

Our Historical Society is creating a special community cookbook: **“From Hearth to Home: Recipes & Memories from the Past”**

And we'd love your help.

Do you have a family recipe that's been passed down through generations?
A dish that reminds you of childhood, a loved one, or a special moment?

We're inviting you to contribute:

-  A favorite recipe
-  A short story or memory about why it matters to you

It doesn't have to be fancy—simple, meaningful recipes are often the most special.

Your contribution will help preserve not just food, but the stories and traditions that make our community unique.

Selected entries will be included in our printed cookbook, with proceeds supporting our ongoing work to preserve local history.

To submit:

Please complete the following submission form.

Submission deadline: [Insert Date]

Let's celebrate our shared history—through the meals, memories, and moments that connect us.
We look forward to reading (and cooking!) your stories.

Community Submission Form

Kitchen Table Stories

Your Details

Full Name: _____

Phone or Email (optional): _____

How would you like your name printed in the cookbook?

- Full name
- First name only
- Family name
- Anonymous

Example listing name (if different): _____

Your Recipe

Recipe Title: _____

What type of recipe is it?

- Main dish
- Bread or baking
- Soup or stew
- Dessert
- Preserves / canning
- Other: _____

Ingredients:

(Please list clearly. Approximate measurements are fine.)

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Instructions:

(Write steps in your own words. Don't worry about being perfect.)

Your Story (Very Important!)

Tell us why this recipe is meaningful to you.

Examples:

- Who gave it to you?
- When do you make it?
- What memories does it bring back?
- Why is it special?


Optional Additions

- I have a photo related to this recipe or memory
- I am willing to have my story lightly edited for clarity
- I would like to be contacted if more details are needed

Submission

Please return this form to:

 Email: _____

 Mail / Drop-off: _____

Deadline: _____

Thank You

Thank you for helping preserve our community's food traditions and memories. Your contribution becomes part of local history.

Fundraising Value & Benefits

- **Revenue Generation:** Cookbook sales provide direct funding for Society initiatives
 - **Community Engagement:** Encourages participation across generations
 - **Historical Preservation:** Captures oral histories that might otherwise be lost
 - **Tourism Opportunity:** A unique local product tied to regional identity
 - **Legacy Project:** Can be reprinted or expanded in future editions
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Promotion Strategy

- Local outreach through community groups and events
 - Social media storytelling (feature submitted recipes and stories)
 - Partnerships with local businesses and markets
 - Launch event and seasonal sales (holiday markets, festivals)
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“Did You Know?” Educational Inserts

To enrich the cookbook, short historical inserts will be included throughout, providing context on early life and cooking practices.

Cooking Without Electricity

1. Wood-fired cooking techniques
Cooking over wood required skill in managing flame, coals, and airflow to achieve consistent heat—“In early Burk’s Falls homes, a steady fire was as valued as a steady hand.” This method produced rich, smoky flavors while demanding constant attention and experience—“Old settlers said the fire would teach you, if you were willing to watch it.”
2. Open-fire meal preparation
Meals cooked over an open fire relied on simple tools like tripods, grates, and hanging pots—“Along the Magnetawan River, a pot over flame fed more stories than any table.” This approach allowed for versatile cooking but required careful control to avoid burning or undercooking—“Too close to the flame, and supper turned to lesson.”
3. Cooking with coal or kerosene stoves
Coal and kerosene stoves offered more controlled heat than open flames but still required manual regulation—“When stoves came to Burk’s Falls, folks said comfort had finally learned to sit still.” They became essential for indoor cooking where wood fires were less practical—“A good stove meant fewer worries when winter winds pressed at the door.”
4. One-pot meals suited for low, steady heat
One-pot meals were efficient and made the most of limited fuel and cooking space—“In lumber camps near Burk’s Falls, one pot fed many, and waste fed none.” These dishes often combined meats, grains, and vegetables into hearty, slow-cooked meals—“If it simmered long enough, it could carry you through a day’s work.”
5. Baking bread without electric ovens
Bread baking relied on wood-fired or brick ovens, where temperature was judged by experience rather than gauges—“They’d say you knew the oven was ready when it ‘felt right’ on your cheek.” Techniques like retained heat baking ensured even cooking after the fire was removed—“Good bread came from patience more than precision.”
6. Managing heat zones for simmering vs. boiling
Cooks created different heat levels by moving pots closer to or farther from the fire—“Every hearth in Burk’s Falls had its hot corner and its gentle side.” Mastering these zones allowed for multiple dishes to be prepared at once—“A skilled cook could tend three meals without ever leaving the fire.”
7. Cooking with limited tools
Without electric appliances, all preparation was done using manual tools like hand grinders and knives—“A sharp blade and strong hands built most kitchens in the early days.” This required more time and physical effort but encouraged resourcefulness—“If you couldn’t buy it, you learned to make do.”

8. **Water heating and safe boiling methods**
Heating water was a daily necessity for cooking, cleaning, and safety—“In Burk’s Falls, a kettle was rarely cold for long.” Boiling ensured water was safe to use, especially where clean sources were uncertain—“Better to wait for the boil than risk the unknown.”
 9. **Outdoor cooking methods for all seasons**
Outdoor cooking was common year-round, even in harsh weather conditions—“Snow or shine, the fire outside still had to burn.” Seasonal adjustments were necessary to maintain heat and protect the cooking area—“A wise cook learned to cook with the wind, not against it.”
 10. **Time-based cooking vs. temperature-controlled cooking**
Cooking times were estimated based on experience rather than precise measurements—“In Burk’s Falls kitchens, time was told by smell and sound.” This required attentiveness and intuition to achieve consistent results—“The pot would speak, if you knew how to listen.”
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Seasonal Eating in 1900

1. **Spring: early greens and root cellar leftovers**
Spring meals relied on hardy greens and the last of stored root vegetables—“After a Burk’s Falls winter, even the simplest greens felt like a feast.” Fresh ingredients were limited, making simple, nourishing dishes essential—“You ate what the land was ready to give.”
 2. **Summer: fresh vegetables, berries, and dairy**
Summer brought an abundance of fresh produce and increased dairy production—“Berry season along the Magnetawan was a time no one hurried.” Meals were lighter and often featured ingredients at their peak freshness—“Best to eat it fresh, before the sun took it back.”
 3. **Late summer preservation season**
Late summer was a busy time focused on preparing food for the colder months—“In Burk’s Falls, August meant jars on every shelf.” Families worked to preserve surplus produce through canning and drying—“What you saved in summer, saved you in winter.”
 4. **Autumn: harvest meals and grains**
Autumn meals were hearty and celebrated the harvest of grains and root crops—“Harvest time filled both barns and tables.” This season marked a transition toward more filling, sustaining foods—“You ate with winter in mind.”
 5. **Winter: preserved foods and stored staples**
Winter diets depended heavily on preserved foods and pantry staples—“By January, every jar told a story of summer.” Variety was limited, but careful planning ensured adequate nutrition—“A full shelf meant peace of mind.”
 6. **Foraging traditions**
Foraging supplemented diets with wild plants, berries, and mushrooms—“The woods around Burk’s Falls always had something to offer.” Knowledge of safe and seasonal options was passed down through generations—“What you knew could feed you.”
 7. **Seasonal meat availability**
Meat consumption followed natural cycles of farming and hunting—“There was a time for slaughter and a time for saving.” Preservation methods were essential to extend availability—“Nothing was wasted if it could be kept.”
 8. **Dairy cycles**
Milk production fluctuated with the seasons, affecting the availability of butter and cheese—“Spring milk was plenty; winter made it precious.” Preservation helped extend dairy use into less productive months—“Butter churned in time could last the cold.”
 9. **Community harvests and shared labor**
Harvest time often involved entire communities working together—“In Burk’s Falls, neighbors showed up when it mattered.” Food preparation and preservation were shared tasks—“Many hands made winter lighter.”
 10. **Seasonal meal planning without refrigeration**
Meals were planned around what was available or could be safely stored—“You planned for the season, not the day.” This required creativity and careful management—“A thoughtful kitchen wasted little.”
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How Food Was Preserved

1. **Canning basics**
Canning involved sealing food in jars to prevent spoilage—“Rows of jars in Burk’s Falls kitchens were a sign of careful living.” Early methods required attention to cleanliness and timing—“A missed step could cost a season’s work.”

2. **Drying foods**

Drying removed moisture from foods, making them less prone to spoilage—“Apples hung to dry were a common sight in early homes.” This method was used for fruits, herbs, and meats—“The air itself became the preserver.”

3. **Salting and curing meats and fish**

Salt was used to draw out moisture and inhibit bacterial growth—“Salt barrels were as valuable as any tool.” Curing allowed long-term storage without refrigeration—“Well-cured meat meant security through winter.”

4. **Smoking techniques**

Smoking added flavor while helping preserve food—“Smokehouses stood quietly behind many Burk’s Falls homes.” It was often combined with salting—“Layered methods meant longer keeping.”

5. **Pickling vegetables and eggs**

Pickling preserved foods in vinegar or brine—“A crock of pickles was never far from the table.” It added distinct flavors to meals—“A sharp bite brightened even the plainest dish.”

6. **Root cellaring**

Root cellars provided a cool, stable environment—“Burk’s Falls cellars were built as carefully as the homes above them.” Proper conditions extended freshness—“The earth itself kept watch over the harvest.”

7. **Fermentation**

Fermentation used natural processes to preserve foods—“Crocks of cabbage quietly worked through the weeks.” It produced staples like sauerkraut and sourdough—“Time and patience made flavor.”

8. **Sugar preservation**

Sugar preserved fruits in jams and jellies—“Berry preserves brought summer back in winter.” High sugar content prevented spoilage—“Sweetness was its own safeguard.”

9. **Storing grains and preventing spoilage**

Grains were kept dry to protect against moisture and pests—“A dry bin was a farmer’s quiet pride.” Proper storage ensured a reliable supply—“What you stored well, you could count on.”

10. **Icehouses and early cold storage**

Icehouses stored blocks of ice to keep food cool—“Winter ice cut from nearby lakes served through summer.” This extended the life of perishables—“Cold, carefully kept, was as useful as fire.”

Personal Touch Pages


To strengthen emotional connection and encourage purchases:

Front:

- A welcome message from the Society

Back:

- A thank-you page listing contributors

 People value recognition and connection—this increases both submissions and sales.

Cookbook Structure & Chapters

1. Breads & Basics

“Bread was not just food—it was made daily, shared freely, and never wasted.”

2. Soups, Stews & Simple Meals

“A pot on the stove meant warmth, nourishment, and something to gather around.”

3. Farm & Garden Fare

“What grew nearby filled the table—each season bringing its own flavors and work.”

4. Preserves & Pantry

“To preserve food was to prepare for tomorrow.”

5. Sunday & Special Dishes

“Some meals were more than food—they were an occasion.”

6. Sweets & Treats

“Sweet things were rare, and all the more cherished.”

7. Kitchen Traditions & Memories

“Every kitchen holds its own stories—told in recipes, remembered in moments.”

8. **Cooking & Life in 1900 (Feature Section) See below**

“Cooking was not a task apart from life—it was woven into every part of it.”

Here’s a curated list of recipe ideas suited for the **Cooking & Life in 1900 (Feature Section)**—focused on simplicity, historical accuracy, and ingredients that would have been common in and around Burk’s Falls and nearby rural communities.

Cooking & Life in 1900 – Recipe Ideas

Open-Fire & Hearth Cooking

1. Campfire Bean Stew (slow-simmered with salt pork)
 2. Open-Fire Bannock Bread
 3. Iron Skillet Fried Potatoes and Onions
 4. Dutch Oven Rabbit or Chicken Stew
 5. Salt Pork and Cabbage Supper
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Lumber Camp & Workday Meals

6. Lumberjack Flapjacks with Molasses
 7. Salt Pork and Beans (overnight baked)
 8. Hearty Barley and Vegetable Soup
 9. Fried Fish with Simple Flour Coating (river catch style)
 10. Thick Oatmeal Porridge with Cream
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Everyday Farm Kitchen Staples

11. Homemade Brown Bread (molasses-based)
 12. Boiled Root Vegetables with Butter
 13. Simple Meat Pie (using leftover meats)
 14. Creamed Turnips or Carrots
 15. Homemade Butter and Fresh Bread
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Seasonal & Foraged Foods

16. Wild Berry Cobbler (blueberry or raspberry)
 17. Dandelion Greens with Bacon
 18. Apple Crisp (early settler style)
 19. Stewed Rhubarb with Sugar
 20. Mushroom and Onion Fry
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Preserved & Pantry-Based Meals

21. Salt Cod Cakes
 22. Pickled Beet Salad
 23. Sauerkraut with Sausage
 24. Dried Apple Pie
 25. Canned Tomato Stew
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Special Occasion & Sunday Meals

26. Roast Chicken with Root Vegetables
 27. Beef Pot Roast with Gravy
 28. Yorkshire Pudding (served with drippings)
 29. Baked Ham with Mustard Glaze
 30. Traditional Meat and Potato Supper
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Simple Sweets & Treats

31. Molasses Cookies
 32. Rice Pudding with Nutmeg
 33. Bread Pudding with Raisins
 34. Maple Sugar Fudge
 35. Gingerbread Cake
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Breads & Baking Without Modern Tools

36. Soda Bread (no yeast required)
 37. Biscuits Cooked in Cast Iron
 38. Cornmeal Johnnycakes
 39. Flatbread Cooked on a Griddle
 40. Hand-Rolled Pie Crust Pastries
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Historical Context Section (Included Content)

Life in Burk's Falls in the early 1900s was shaped by water, wood, and rail, with each season tied closely to the industries and routes that sustained the community and its neighbours in Ryerson Township and Armour Township. The Magnetawan River served as both highway and workplace—spring log drives sent white pine downstream to mills, while in summer steamboats carried passengers, freight, and mail from the railhead in Burk's Falls to settlements along the waterway, making the river the lifeline of the region.

Logging camps and sawmills defined much of daily life, with the first mills established along the river to take advantage of both water power and the steady flow of timber from surrounding forests. By the time the railway arrived in 1885, connecting Burk's Falls to southern markets, the village had become a bustling hub where logs, goods, and people transitioned between rail and river transport. The combination of train and steamboat travel allowed supplies, tourists, and settlers to move efficiently through what had once been a remote frontier.

Steamships such as the locally built Armour—often remembered as the great Armour Steamship—were central to this seasonal rhythm, departing after the morning train and distributing goods and passengers along the lakes and river settlements. In town, Ontario Street and surrounding roads were lined with early general stores, bakeries, and trades that served both residents and travelers, reflecting a surprisingly vibrant commercial life for a small northern village.

Seasonally, life shifted with necessity: winters were quieter but demanding, with families relying on stored food while logging operations continued in the frozen bush; spring brought dangerous river work and renewed travel; summers filled the waterways with boats and visitors; and autumn was a race to harvest, preserve, and prepare. Across Burk's Falls and the surrounding townships, survival and success depended on adapting to these cycles—where the sound of an approaching train, the whistle of a steamboat, or the rush of the river all marked the passing of time as clearly as the seasons themselves.

In the early years of Burk's Falls, the village quickly developed a busy commercial centre along Ontario Street, rooted in the enterprise of the Burk family and the determination of neighbouring settlers such as the Knight family. David Francis Burk established what became known as Burk's Hotel—a central hub that served not only as lodging, but also

as a general store, post office, and gathering place for the growing settlement. Around it, a variety of early businesses emerged, including multiple general stores, a butcher shop, bakery, hardware store, and trades such as shoemakers and harness makers, reflecting a surprisingly active village economy by the late 1800s .

Figures like James Sharpe were part of this early commercial and civic life, and while specific stores such as “Sharpe’s” are remembered locally through family and oral history, the broader record confirms that several independently run shops lined the street, serving both townspeople and those arriving by train and river. Industry also played a major role: the Magnetawan River Tannery Company, established in 1894, employed dozens of residents and became a key employer, alongside the Knight Brothers’ mill and factory operations. The Henry Knight family, who famously contested the naming of the village before settling it with a coin toss, were deeply involved in this industrial growth, particularly in milling and manufacturing.

Together, these stores, mills, and family-run enterprises created a self-sufficient and tightly connected community, where commerce, industry, and daily life were intertwined—each storefront and workshop contributing to the rhythm of a village built from forest, river, and the ambition of its earliest families.

Keepsake Feature: Blank Family Recipe Pages

Title: “Your Kitchen, Your Story”

Prompts include:

- Who shared this recipe?
- When do you make it?
- What does it mean to you?

 This transforms the book into a personal heirloom rather than a one-time read.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society proceed with the development of this cookbook as a flagship fundraising and community heritage project. The initiative aligns strongly with the Society’s mandate and offers both immediate and long-term cultural and financial benefits.

Closing

This project is more than a cookbook—it is a collection of voices, memories, and traditions that define the identity of Burk's Falls and its surrounding communities. By preserving recipes, we preserve stories—and in doing so, we ensure that the spirit of the past continues to live on at today’s kitchen tables.

Printing – Budget:

These are best if our group can handle layout/design ourselves.

- Book Print Canada
- We Print Books -
- Copywell
- Printing Legacy
- Sure Print & Design
- CanadaCopy
- Staples Canada

Local Print Shop:

Olympic Printing - 705-685-7796

Aben Graphics – 705-789-4404

Typical cost:

- ~\$10–\$20 per copy for 150 pages (bulk 100–1000 copies)
- Example: ~150–200 page books can drop to ~**\$10–13 per copy at volume**

Pros

- Cheapest per book
- Local, fast turnaround
- Flexible quantities

Cons

- You must handle design, recipe collection, formatting

**JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL PERMIT SUMMARY
2026**

| Month | No. of Permits | Permit Fees | Project Values | Size (sq.m) |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| January | 3 | \$1,950.00 | \$110,000.00 | 137 |
| February | 3 | \$5,380.50 | \$338,765.00 | 154 |
| March | 4 | \$14,686.00 | \$952,400.00 | 511 |
| April | 6 | \$13,185.00 | \$845,000.00 | 1882 |
| May | 14 | \$24,507.00 | \$1,540,460.00 | 1140 |
| June | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| July | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| August | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| September | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| October | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| November | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| December | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 30 | \$59,708.50 | \$3,786,625.00 | New Construction 3824 |
| | | | | Demolitions 0 |

**JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL PERMIT SUMMARY
2026**

| Month | No. of Permits | Permit Fees | Project Values | SFD'S, Seasonal Dwellings and Multi-Unit Dwellings | |
|---|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|------------|
| | | | | 2025 | 2026 |
| Burks Falls | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 1 | 0 |
| Joly | 2 | \$9,932.00 | \$648,800.00 | 0 | 2 |
| South River | 5 | \$5,510.00 | \$340,000.00 | 0 | 1 |
| Machar | 7 | \$12,550.00 | \$790,000.00 | 1 | 1 |
| Strong | 6 | \$9,343.00 | \$582,860.00 | 2 | 1 |
| Ryerson | 7 | \$18,338.50 | \$1,175,965.00 | 1 | 2 |
| Sundridge | 3 | \$4,035.00 | \$249,000.00 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 30 | \$59,708.50 | \$3,786,625.00 | | 7 |
| Permit activity at end of May 31, 2026 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 54 | \$151,242.50 | \$9,339,372.00 | 18 | |
| Permit activity at end of May 31, 2025 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 24 | \$91,534.00 | \$5,552,747.00 | | -11 |
| Difference from previous year | | | | | |



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Date: May 12, 2026

Resolution Number: R- 84 - 26

Moved by: Councillor Robertson,

Seconded by: Councillor Abbott,

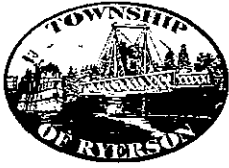
Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the recommendation to reschedule the TRI Council meeting originally set for May 25, 2026 to June 22, 2026 to be hosted by the Township of Armour and further supports the cancellation of the TRI Council meeting scheduled for August 24, 2026.

Carried Defeated

(Chair Signature)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

| RECORDED VOTE | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-----|-----|------------|--------|
| Vote called by Clerk in random order, Chair to vote last | | | | | |
| Members of Council | | Yea | Nay | Abstention | Absent |
| Councillors | Beverly Abbott | | | | |
| | Glenn Miller | | | | |
| | Delynne Patterson | | | | |
| | Dan Robertson | | | | |
| Mayor | George Sterling | | | | |



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Date: May 26, 2026

Resolution Number: R- 92 - 26

Moved by: Councillor Robertson,

Seconded by: Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the petition brought forward by Austin Toth;

And further that the Council of the Township of Ryerson supports the request for the retention of the Cancer Clinic/oncology clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site.

Carried **Defeated**

(Chair Signature)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

| RECORDED VOTE | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Vote called by Clerk in random order, Chair to vote last | | | | | |
| Members of Council | | Yea | Nay | Abstention | Absent |
| Councillors | Beverly Abbott | | | | |
| | Glenn Miller | | | | |
| | Delynne Patterson | | | | |
| | Dan Robertson | | | | |
| Mayor | George Sterling | | | | |



Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2025 - 090

Date: April 30, 2026

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney wishes to thank Austin Toth for his delegation and presentation to Council;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the retention of the Cancer Clinic / Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staffs to allow the collection of signatures via a copy of the petition available to the public at the municipal office *and further that Council sends a letter of Support to MPP Brad Smith & the appropriate members*

CARRIED *Philip*

DEFEATED _____

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Beaucage, Keven | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pateman, Heather | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Philip, Cheryl – Mayor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sharer, Jill | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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Village of Sundridge Council Resolution
May 27, 2026
Agenda Item 5 (A.1)

Austin Toth – Huntsville Cancer Clinic

Resolution #2026-131

Moved By: Fraser Williamson

Seconded By: Sharon Smith

WHEREAS the council for the Village of Sundridge thank Austin Toth for his deputation regarding the Huntsville Cancer Clinic,

AND WHEREAS the Huntsville Cancer Clinic currently provides vital oncology services to residents in the Almaguin Area,

AND WHEREAS cancer patients often require frequent visits for treatment, making proximity to care a critical factor in patient well-being, treatment adherence and overall outcomes and relocating these services to Bracebridge would require significantly farther distances for treatment, increasing hardship for individuals already facing serious health challenges,

AND WHEREAS rural and northern residents already experience barriers to accessing healthcare including transportation limitations, weather conditions, and financial constraints and maintaining equitable access to healthcare services across the region is essential to supporting healthy communities, and healthcare in the almaguin area is a priority of the Almaguin Highlands Health Committee,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Village of Sundridge opposes the relocation of the Huntsville Cancer Clinic to Bracebridge and further calls upon the Government of Ontario, the Ministry of Health, and Ontario Health to retain cancer care services in Huntsville,



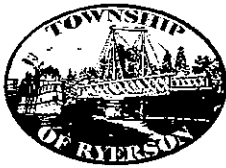
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AND THAT Council authorizes the collection of petition signatures to be available to the public at the municipal office,

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Muskoka Parry Sound, the Honourable Scott Aitchison MP Muskoka Parry Sound, FONOM, AMO, NOMA, and all affected municipalities in the Almaguin Area.

| Recorded Vote | For | Against | Abstain |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Preston, Luke | Y | | |
| Smith, Sharon | Y | | |
| Whitmell, Vicki | Y | | |
| Williamson, Fraser | Y | | |
| Jackson, Shawn | Y | | |
| CARRIED. | | | |



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Date: May 26, 2026

Resolution Number: R- 93 - 26

Moved by: Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by: Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township receive resolution 2026-168 from the Township of Perry; And Further that the Township of Ryerson Council request that the province considers making the following changes:

- Implementation of stronger legislative measures addressing interference with municipal workers.
• Enhance protection for municipal workers.
• Improve enforcement and coordination with police services;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
• Michelle Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
• Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
• Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
• Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
• Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound – Muskoka
• Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
• Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)

Carried [checked] Defeated [unchecked]

[Handwritten signature of Glenn Miller]

(Chair Signature)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Table with 5 columns: Members of Council, Yea, Nay, Abstention, Absent. Rows include Beverly Abbott, Glenn Miller, Delynne Patterson, Dan Robertson, and George Sterling.





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

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| Resolution # RC26117 | Meeting Order: 6 |
| Moved by:  | Seconded by:  |

WHEREAS the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors has raised serious concerns regarding the increasing incidents of harassment, threats, intimidation, and physical interference directed toward municipal public works employees and winter maintenance operators across Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipal public works staff and contractors perform essential services that are critical to maintaining safe roads, sidewalks, bridges, and municipal infrastructure, particularly during significant weather events and emergency situations; and

WHEREAS incidents involving threats of violence, obstruction of snowplows and equipment, and dangerous confrontations with municipal workers create unacceptable risks to employee safety, public safety, and municipal service delivery; and

WHEREAS the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors has requested that the Province of Ontario strengthen legislative protections for municipal workers by amending the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, establishing enhanced public safety interference provisions, and considering safe following distance requirements for snowplows similar to Manitoba's Bill 38;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa hereby supports the requests and recommendations submitted by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to the Province of Ontario regarding enhanced protections for municipal public works employees, winter maintenance operators, and contractors; and



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to review and implement legislative and regulatory changes that improve worker safety, deter interference with municipal operations, and recognize municipal public works employees as essential service providers during significant weather events and emergencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, and Ontario municipalities for information and support.

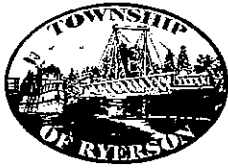
| RESOLUTION RESULT | | RECORDED VOTE | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | CARRIED | MAYOR AND COUNCIL | YES | NO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEFEATED | Mitch Hatfield | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | TABLED | Cathy Cannon | | |
| <input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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

| MAYOR - MELANIE PILON | CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL |
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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Date: May 26, 2026

Resolution Number: R- 94 - 26

Moved by: Councillor Robertson,

Seconded by: Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the draft shared services agreements for the Armour, Ryerson, and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and the TRI R Landfill and Recycling centre in principle.

Carried **Defeated**

(Chair Signature)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

| RECORDED VOTE | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Vote called by Clerk in random order, Chair to vote last | | | | | |
| Members of Council | | Yea | Nay | Abstention | Absent |
| Councillors | Beverly Abbott | | | | |
| | Glenn Miller | | | | |
| | Delynne Patterson | | | | |
| | Dan Robertson | | | | |
| Mayor | George Sterling | | | | |



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Date: May 26, 2026

Resolution Number: R- 95 - 26

Moved by: Councillor Abbott,

Seconded by: Councillor Robertson,

That the TRI Sub Committee recommend that the TRI Council partners approve changing the regular October 2026 meeting date from Monday, October 26, 2026, to be Monday, October 5, 2026, due to the conflict with Municipal Election Voting Day.

Carried Defeated

(Chair Signature)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

| RECORDED VOTE | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-----|-----|------------|--------|
| Vote called by Clerk in random order, Chair to vote last | | | | | |
| Members of Council | | Yea | Nay | Abstention | Absent |
| Councillors | Beverly Abbott | | | | |
| | Glenn Miller | | | | |
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| Mayor | George Sterling | | | | |

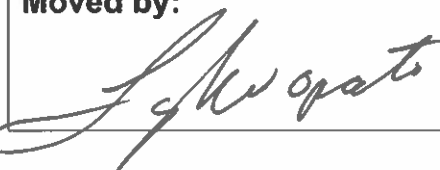
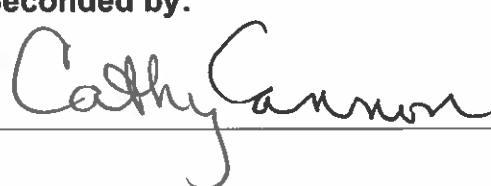


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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| Resolution # RC26104 | Meeting Order: 4 |
| Moved by:  | Seconded by:  |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

| DEPUTY MAYOR - MITCH HATFIELD | CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL |
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| <i>Mecheline Hatfield</i> | <i>Maury O'Neill</i> |



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 - 072

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: June 2, 2026

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

MOVED BY:


SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: DEFEATED: Postponed to:

That the Council of the Corporation of Town of Parry Sound supports the request by the Durham District School Board regarding school board governance with the following requests:

1. That the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees;
2. That the Province of Ontario ensures that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, The Near North District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, the Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey

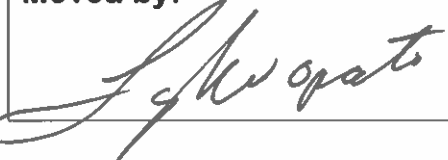
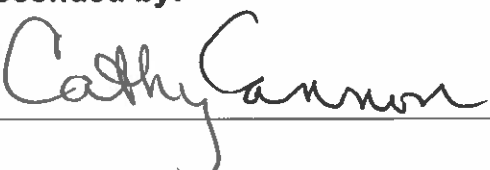


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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|---|---|
| Resolution # RC26104 | Meeting Order: 4 |
| Moved by:  | Seconded by:  |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

| DEPUTY MAYOR - MITCH HATFIELD | CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL |
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

| RESOLUTION RESULT | RECORDED VOTE | YES | NO |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> CARRIED | MAYOR AND COUNCIL | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED | Mitch Hatfield | | |
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

| DEPUTY MAYOR – MITCH HATFIELD | CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL |
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| <i>Michelle Hatfield</i> | <i>Maury O'Neill</i> |

To: Scott.Aitchison@parl.gc.ca; Candy Shuker <admin@burksfalls.ca>
Subject: Almaguin Data Centre

Dear MP Aitchison,

I am writing as a concerned resident/member of the Almaguin and Parry Sound—Muskoka community regarding the proposed Almaguin Data Centre planned for the Armour Industrial Park near Burk's Falls.

We understand the proposed development may begin as a 2 MW data centre, with future expansion potential reportedly up to 10 MW. For a small rural community surrounded by vacation properties, farmland, farm animals, forest, lakes, and long-standing rural homes, this is not a minor industrial use. This is a major high-demand infrastructure project with potential consequences that must be fully understood before any approvals, incentives, servicing commitments, or expansion pathways are allowed to proceed.

Our concern is not simply that a data centre is being proposed. Our concern is that this type of facility appears fundamentally mismatched with the scale and character of this area. If the business model depends on cold climate, industrial power capacity, and large-scale infrastructure, then it should be directed to a location already suited for that level of demand, such as a larger northern industrial centre or a properly serviced industrial corridor. It should not be inserted into a small rural community at the edge of cottage country, surrounded by residents and small businesses already struggling with rising utility costs and affordability pressures.

The people who live here are already carrying the cost of rural infrastructure, high hydro bills, limited services, and increasing cost-of-living pressures. Many residents, seasonal property owners, and small businesses are deeply concerned that a project of this nature could create long-term pressure on electrical infrastructure, municipal services, emergency response capacity, roads, environmental systems, and local affordability. Once a 2 MW facility is approved, the community fears the 10 MW expansion becomes much easier to justify later, even if the original public review did not properly assess the full buildout.

Before any level of government supports, funds, promotes, or facilitates this project, we ask that your office advocate for full transparency and proper public scrutiny, including:

A complete Hydro One capacity and infrastructure impact review, including who pays for any required upgrades.

A full municipal servicing and cost impact study, including roads, drainage, fire response, emergency access, fuel storage, backup generation, and long-term municipal risk.

A noise and vibration study addressing cooling systems, transformers, standby generators, exhaust fans, and 24/7 operations.

Full disclosure of backup power systems, diesel or natural gas generation, fuel storage, emissions, testing schedules, and fire/environmental risk.

A cooling and heat-rejection plan, including water use if applicable, stormwater management, and environmental impact.

A clear review of whether the project is being assessed as a 2 MW project only, or as a staged 10 MW development.

Binding agreements ensuring that local taxpayers are not left paying for infrastructure upgrades, road damage, environmental remediation, emergency service burdens, or abandoned/obsolete industrial assets.

A requirement that any future expansion beyond the initial phase be subject to a new public process, not handled quietly through administrative approvals.

Meaningful public consultation with residents, local businesses, seasonal property owners, and nearby landowners before the project advances.

We are asking for your support in ensuring this project does not move forward without proper review, public transparency, and enforceable protections for the community.

Rural Ontario should not become the dumping ground for high-load industrial projects simply because land is cheaper and municipalities are desperate for tax revenue. These communities are not empty spaces on a map. They are homes, farms, forests, lakes, family properties, retirement communities, small businesses, and places people have worked their whole lives to preserve.

Please advise what steps your office can take to ensure the federal government, provincial partners, Hydro One, and local decision-makers properly assess the full impact of this proposed data centre before any approvals or support are granted.

Respectfully,
Tania Heinemann Kelsall



The Corporation of the Town of Bruce Mines

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May 14, 2026

Sent by email: Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026 – Schedule 7

At its Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2026, the Council of the Town of Bruce Mines reviewed the changes introduced through Schedule 7 of Bill 97, which amends the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

At that meeting, Council adopted a resolution expressing concern regarding these amendments and their impact on transparency and public access to information.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution supported by Bruce Mines Council.

Sincerely,

Tarra Lapensee
Deputy Clerk
info@brucemines.ca
705-785-3493

cc:

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
The Honourable Bill Rosenberg, Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Patricia Kosseim
All Ontario Municipalities

WHEREAS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (FIPPA) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT IN 1987, COMING INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1988; AND

WHEREAS THE MUNICIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (MFIPPA) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT IN 1990, COMING INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1991; AND

WHEREAS BOTH ACTS PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH A LEGAL RIGHT OF ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT-HELD INFORMATION, REFLECTING THE PRINCIPLE THAT SUCH INFORMATION BELONGS TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THERE IS A VALID REASON TO WITHHOLD IT; AND

WHEREAS THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO HAS REINFORCED THAT ACCESS TO INFORMATION IS “ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTHY FUNCTIONING OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY” AND TO TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE; AND

WHEREAS BILL 97 (2026): PLAN TO PROTECT ONTARIO ACT (BUDGET MEASURES) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT ON APRIL 24, 2026, INTRODUCING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RULES, INCLUDING NEW EXEMPTIONS FOR MINISTERS’ OFFICES; AND

WHEREAS RECORDS HELD BY THE PREMIER, CABINET MINISTERS, PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS, AND THEIR OFFICES ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS AND ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED FOI-ELIGIBLE RECORDS; AND

WHEREAS COUNCIL IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE PASSAGE OF BILL 97 REPRESENTS A STEP BACKWARD FROM LONG-STANDING PROVINCIAL COMMITMENTS TO OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES FORMALLY EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN WITH THE PASSAGE OF BILL 97 (2026) AND FINDS THAT IT CONSTITUTES A REGRESSION FROM ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES OF TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO REPEAL THIS PROVISION OF THE LEGISLATION; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO, DOUG FORD; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ONTARIO, DOUG DOWNEY; THE MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, BILL ROSENBERG; THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO); THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES (FONOM); AND THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO, PATRICIA KOSSEIM, AND THAT IT BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN ONTARIO.



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SENT VIA EMAIL

May 21, 2026

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

Dear Premier Ford:

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

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

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

Yours truly,

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

A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

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



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June 2, 2026

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

Sent by Email: rob.flack@pc.ola.org

RE: Clearview Council Support Resolution – Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 1, 2026, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Whereas Council of the Township of Clearview understands the vitality of main streets across Ontario are essential to the economic, social and cultural health of the community; and,

Whereas numerous long-term vacant commercial storefronts, which detracts from the character of the community, reduces pedestrian traffic, discourages business investment, and negatively impacts the viability of surrounding small businesses; and,

Whereas the current Municipal Act, 2001 does not provide municipalities with the explicit legal authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax," although other jurisdictions are actively advocating for such tools to address similar challenges;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding the request to allow municipalities to institute a vacant commercial storefront tax; and,

That Council requests that the Government of Ontario amend the Municipal Act, 2001, to grant Ontario municipalities the permissive authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax" or similar levy to encourage the productive use of long-term vacant retail properties; and,

That this support resolution be forwarded to the Minister Rob Flack of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Premier Doug Ford, Simcoe Grey MPP Brian Saunderson, and the 444 municipalities of Ontario for their consideration. Motion Carried.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sasha HelmKay-Playter', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sasha HelmKay-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Premier Doug Ford
Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament – Simcoe-Grey
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby

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Friday, May 29, 2026

SENT VIA E-MAIL

RE: Municipal Heritage Register Extension

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on Monday May 25, 2026, approved the following motion:

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

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

Whereas many municipalities have been actively engaging in research, documentation, and consultation to ensure that listed cultural heritage resources are adequately evaluated to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

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

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



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Whereas since 2023, the Town of Grimsby has consulted over 200 property owners regarding designation, started the designation process on 63 properties, and completed designation on 49 properties, 47 of which did not go to the Ontario Land Tribunal; and

Whereas the Town of Grimsby values its heritage resources and has also been working with property owners and developers on plans to restore, adapt, and meaningfully incorporate heritage buildings into their upcoming new, large scale rental housing developments. This collaborative work is evidence that protected heritage properties are not obstacles that inherently restrict development, but valuable assets that have the potential to contribute to the betterment of both the site and future of the community; and

Whereas since 2023, the Town of Grimsby has implemented the new heritage property grant program and tax relief incentive program to support the long-term preservation of the Town's invaluable heritage resources. Thus far, 13 heritage property grants and 26 tax relief rebates have been awarded; and

Whereas the Grimsby Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of May 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Grimsby endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to maintain the municipal heritage registers indefinitely, or if more appropriate extend the deadline to January 1, 2030, for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022.

Be it further resolved that the extension of the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe, will provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and



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Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

If you require any other additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC:

Hon. Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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All Ontario Municipalities



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April 28, 2026

Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Legislative Building
Toronto, Ontario
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RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on April 28, 2026:

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering a resolution passed by the Town of Lincoln regarding extending the deadlines for notices of intention to designate listed heritage properties, endorse the resolution:

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

WHEREAS the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Town of Lincoln endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and
2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and
3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Should you have any questions, please contact Julia Wushke, by email at jwushke@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

C.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mike Harris, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association
all Ontario municipalities

The Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

Resolution No. CC-098-2026

Date: May 21, 2026

Moved by *Alic Hoogenboom*

Seconded by *Michael Cameron*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried Defeated Deferred


Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden



MATACHEWAN

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February 18, 2026

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2026-039

Agenda Item # 5.4 Regular Council Meeting - Council Chambers

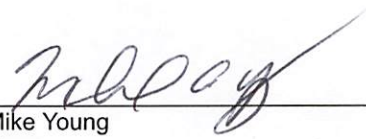
Moved By : Cheryl Drummond

Seconded By : Paul Day

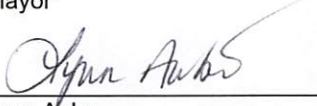
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan support the City of Brantford's resolution regarding a Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried



Mike Young
Mayor



Lynn Aube
Acting Clerk



Village of Merrickville Wolford

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May 26, 2026

Re: OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its Regular Meeting on May 25, 2026, passed the following motion pertaining to the OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques:

Resolution #: R-24-05-25-26

Moved by: Councillor Maitland

Seconded by: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the resolution from the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board dated May 7, 2026 regarding traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the resolution from the OPP Detachment Board and direct staff to circulate the resolution of support to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MPP Steve Clark, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards, and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca.

Thank you.

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman
Clerk



May 7, 2026

Traffic Calming/Speeding Mitigation Techniques

The North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board, at its Meeting on May 7, 2026, passed the following motion with the request for municipal support:

Moved by: Ian Fraser

Seconded by: Jim Goodman

WHEREAS history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing across Ontario;

WHEREAS the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

WHEREAS this commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

AND WHEREAS such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grenville 1 OPP Detachment Board respectfully request North Grenville and Merrickville-Wolford Councils advocate that the province expand its stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the following:

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Transportation

Minister of Finance

MPP Steve Clark

AMO

ROMA

All Ontario Police Service Boards

And all 444 Municipalities in Ontario

Carried.



May, 27, 2026

Re: OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville, at its Regular Meeting on May 26, 2026, passed the following motion pertaining to the OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques:

Resolution #: C-2026-215

Moved By: Deputy Mayor John Barclay

Seconded by: Councillor Deb Wilson

THAT Council accept the OPP Board Resolution - Traffic Calming/Speeding Mitigation Techniques as information as submitted and circulated.

FURTHER THAT Council consider the request to support the OPP Board resolution as attached.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at clerk@northgrenville.on.ca.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsey Lee".

Lindsey Lee
Municipal Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

April 23, 2026

Sent via Email:

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, pm@pm.gc.ca
Senator Robert Black, robert.black@sen.parl.gc.ca
The Honourable Steve MacKinnon, Minister of Transportation, steven.mackinnon@parl.gc.ca
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
M.P. Emma Harrison, Emma.Harrison@parl.gc.ca
M.P.P. David Piccini, david.piccinico@pc.ola.org
Liberal Riding Association, ontario@liberal.ca
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Rgiroux@fcm.ca
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, amo@amo.on.ca
Rural Ontario Municipal Association, roma@roma.on.ca
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, info@eowc.org
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan Resolution - ALTO High Speed Rail

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, at its meeting on April 20th, 2026 passed the following resolution:

R83-2026

The council of the Township of Otonabee South Monaghan wishes to formally register opposition to the ALTO High Speed rail project as it is currently proposed. We find the first round of consultation to be inadequate, and critical information is lacking. This includes but is not limited to:

- the location of the route and the social and economic impact that will divide communities,
- how landowners directly and indirectly affected by this route will be compensated,
- how much agricultural land will be taken out of production,
- how environmental impact will be mitigated,
- how municipalities will be compensated for land assessment loss,
- how many rural roads will be dead ended at the tracks,
- where overpasses will be constructed,

- how municipalities will be compensated for increased road maintenance and emergency response costs due to these closures,
- how a project which travels through a small section of Canada and benefits a very small percentage of our urban population can be considered “Nation Building”,
- a very weak and extremely long-term business case with no unknown long term financial impact,
- a project that will add substantially to an already crippling national debt load of approximately \$1.4 trillion, which currently costs Canadians about \$75 million/day to service.

Moved by: Nick Powers; seconded by: Bonnie Clark

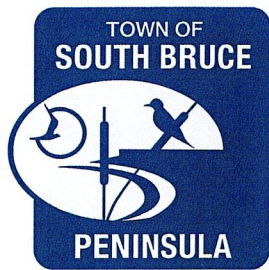
Yes: Bonnie Clark, Joe Taylor, Mark Allen, Terry Holmes, and Nick Powers

Carried 5-0

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan



Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk



Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2026

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

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

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

R-151-2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

April 30, 2026

**RE: Oxford County Resolution re: Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS)
Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety**

At its meeting held April 8, 2026, Oxford County Council passed the following Resolution:

Moved By: Phil Schaefer
Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that Correspondence Item 7.1 on the Open meeting Agenda of April 8, 2026 be received;

And further, be it resolved that Oxford County Council supports the resolution from Township of Oro-Medonte regarding the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors request for Provincial Legislation Amendments to strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors.

And that a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

1. The Premier of Ontario
2. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
3. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
4. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
5. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation
6. MPP Ernie Hardeman
7. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
8. Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)
9. Ontario municipalities

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Enclosed herein you will find a copy of Correspondence Item 7.1 (Township of Oro-Medonte) from the April 8, 2026 Agenda for ease of reference.

Thank you,



Lindsey A. Mansbridge
County Clerk

March 13, 2026

Hon. David Piccini
Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
14th Floor, 400 University Ave
Toronto ON M7A 1T7

Re: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns

Dear Minister Piccini,

At its meeting of Council on March 11, 2026, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte received correspondence from Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the above-mentioned request for support.

The Township of Oro-Medonte fully supports AORS in their request, as our staff have, on numerous occasions, been subjected to abusive and aggressive behaviour from members of the public. We respectfully request your support in advancing measures that will strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors. With provincial partnership, municipalities can better safeguard the individuals who work tirelessly to maintain critical services and keep our communities functioning safely.

Sincerely,



Mayor Randy Greenlaw

Cc: Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation
Hon. Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure
Doug Downey, MPP Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)
Ontario Municipalities
Members of Oro-Medonte Council



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

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

Walid Abou-Hamde, Ontario Road Builders' Association Chief Executive Officer



Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner
George Drew Building, 25 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise serious concerns regarding the safety of municipal workers and subcontractors who are increasingly facing harassment, threats, and dangerous interference from members of the public while delivering essential municipal services - particularly during winter maintenance and emergency operations.

Across Ontario, municipal public works teams are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure that residents depend on every day, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, and drainage systems. During significant weather events, these workers are frontline responders, ensuring emergency vehicles can travel safely and that communities remain connected and accessible. However, the behaviour directed at them has escalated well beyond routine complaints and has become a direct threat to both worker safety and public safety.

Through consultations with AORS members province-wide, we continue to receive troubling reports that illustrate the seriousness of this issue. These include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snowplow and refusing to get off until the driver agreed to plow his road next.
- Two staff members confronted and aggressively accosted in public - one at a gas station and another while simply waiting in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions and a mailbox strike that were not even related to that municipality.
- A voicemail threatening to shoot a plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident jumping in front of an active plow during a major snow event and refusing to move, delaying operations for over an hour and jeopardizing service levels and overall emergency response.

These examples represent only a small sample of the experiences municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are facing across the province. What was once occasional frustration has escalated into intimidation, threats of violence, and direct interference with equipment and operations.

Equally concerning is that municipalities do not always receive consistent enforcement support when these incidents occur. We have heard directly from members who contacted the Ontario Provincial Police for assistance and were advised that, unless a physical assault had already taken place, the situation was "not a police matter." Waiting until a worker has been physically harmed before intervention is neither preventative nor acceptable.

This gap leaves municipalities and workers vulnerable and sends an unintended message that threatening or obstructive behaviour toward municipal staff carries little consequence. It also places supervisors and by-law officers in situations that may exceed their authority or capacity to manage safely.

We believe a proactive and coordinated response is needed. Municipal workers and their subcontractors should not have to choose between their personal safety and providing critical services during storms and emergencies.

We respectfully ask that the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police take a clear and strong stance that interference, threats, and harassment directed at municipal public works staff will not be tolerated. Specifically, we would welcome:

- Clear direction and guidance to police services, including the OPP, that threats, intimidation, and obstruction of municipal workers performing essential duties warrant timely enforcement and support.
- Recognition that interference with winter maintenance and emergency public works operations presents a broader public safety risk, not merely a municipal operational issue.
- Enhanced coordination between municipalities and local police services during significant weather events and emergency responses to ensure worker safety and continuity of service.
- Consideration of legislative or policy tools that provide stronger deterrence and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal staff and contractors.

Municipal public works professionals are essential workers. They keep roads open for ambulances, fire trucks, school buses, and the travelling public. Their safety should be treated with the same seriousness as that of other frontline responders.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns and explore practical steps to ensure consistent enforcement support and stronger protections for municipal workers across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued leadership in public safety.

Sincerely,



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



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)
Premier Doug Ford

Date: 13 May 2026

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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

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

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

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

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred

May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding improved accessibility to home insurance for owners of properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. **2026-209**

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Pennell**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

WHEREAS the historic built and cultural heritage of Prince Edward County is recognized as a fundamental part of its community character and identity, and is a driver of the local tourism economy;

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act encourages municipalities in Ontario to designate and protect properties that meet provincial criteria related to design, historical and contextual value;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated, and continues to encourage owners of heritage properties to protect those attributes which exemplify design, historical, and contextual value and interest by consenting to designation of those properties as being of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated properties of heritage value and interest in the Picton Heritage Conservation District and Wellington Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS homeowners require insurance to protect their homes, which is often their most significant investment, and can be required to maintain a mortgage; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has stated that a heritage designation does not place additional requirements on insurers and that insurance premiums should not go up because of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS some owners of designated properties have reported that their premiums have gone up as a result of a heritage designation or they have been denied an insurance policy as a result of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS as a result of insurance concerns, some homeowners have objected to proposed heritage designation on their property; and

WHEREAS this directly threatens the unique and irreplaceable heritage character of Prince Edward County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward calls on the Provincial Government to:

1. Investigate why some insurers are raising premiums on heritage designated properties or are denying insurance policies as a result of a heritage designation in contravention of provincial guidance;
2. Bring insurance regulators, insurance industry representatives and heritage professionals together to find solutions that enable the continued protection of heritage properties without unwarranted financial burden on homeowners;
3. Regulate the impact of heritage designation on insurance premiums through enforcement, education and new solutions; and

THAT the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee be directed to continue exploring ways to educate homeowners regarding insurance for heritage designated properties; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Bay of Quinte M.P.P. Tyler Allsopp; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Financial Services Regulatory Authority; the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators, and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Pennell, Councillor Hirsch





MATACHEWAN

PO Box 177 , Matachewan , Ontario , P0K 1M0
Tel: 705-565-2274

February 18, 2026

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2026-040

Agenda Item # 5.5 Regular Council Meeting - Council Chambers

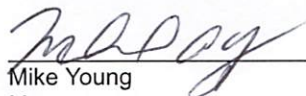
Moved By : Cheryl Drummond

Seconded By : Paul Day

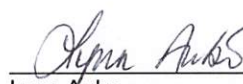
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan support the Town of Aylmer's resolution regarding a Call for Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried



Mike Young
Mayor



Lynn Aube
Acting Clerk



Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Via Email:
premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier of Ontario
and Minister of Health
Via Email:
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Road 34
Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0
www.puslinch.ca

May 25, 2026

Honourable Marjorie
Michel, Minister of Health
Via Email:
hcminister.ministresc@hc-
sc.gc.ca

The Ontario Medical
Association
Via Email: info@oma.org

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

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

Resolution No. 2026-128:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.8 be received; and

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

CARRIED



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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

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



Monday, April 20, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried.

Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Marcus Ryan
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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


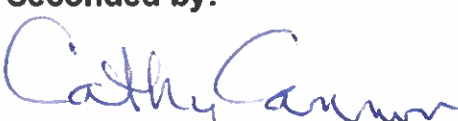


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

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| Resolution # RC26116 | Meeting Order: 5 |
| Moved by:  | Seconded by:  |

WHEREAS while these changes have improved opportunities for inclusion and independence, the current system of supports is often delivered across multiple programs and providers and may not fully address the long-term need for integrated living environments that combine housing, supports, and meaningful daily participation; and

WHEREAS there is an increasing need for innovative, sustainable, and inclusive models of care that support independence, dignity, and community integration for adults with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS opportunities may exist to explore models that provide safe and supportive living environments for adults with developmental disabilities while also offering structured, voluntary, and supported participation in day-to-day activities that foster a sense of purpose, skill development, and social connection; and

WHEREAS such models, if thoughtfully designed, could complement existing care environments and contribute positively to the overall well-being of both participants and residents; and

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York is responsible for a range of human services including housing, community services, and the operation of long-term care homes, and is therefore well-positioned to explore integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to care;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the resolution passed by the City of Richmond Hill requesting that the Regional Municipality of York consider exploring innovative models of housing and support for adults with developmental disabilities, including the potential for an "Integrated Living and Participation Model"; and



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

THAT Council supports consideration of opportunities for co-location or partnership with existing regional services, including long-term care and community housing, where appropriate; and

THAT Council supports a model that emphasizes voluntary, supported, and meaningful participation in activities that enhance quality of life, social inclusion, and community engagement, without displacing existing workforce roles; and

THAT Council supports engagement with relevant stakeholders, including developmental service organizations, families, and advocacy groups, in considering such approaches; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Richmond Hill, the Regional Municipality of York, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, local MPPs, and Ontario municipalities for information.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

| MAYOR - MELANIE PILON | CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL |
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: Councillor Geary

NO 104-26

SECONDED BY: Councillor Krystoff

DATE: May 19th, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

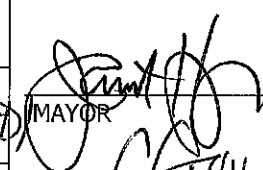
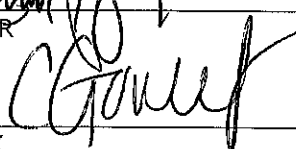
WHEREAS the costs of other measures, such as providing provincial court security, are rising and are not part of providing core, adequate, and effective municipal policing; and

WHEREAS these developments especially negatively impact rural municipalities;

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

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

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

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| Declaration of Interest (*) | NAME OF COUNCIL MEMBER | YEAS | NAYS | | |
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June 5, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday June 1, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0107 regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0107.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Ontario Minister of Natural Resources
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
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Ontario Invasive Plant Council
Landscape Ontario
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association
All Ontario municipalities



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Resolution No.: 2026-0107

Title: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Date: June 1, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 12.3

WHEREAS invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species, seeds and nursery stock can cause significant damage to municipal infrastructure, roadsides, stormwater systems, parks, trails, natural heritage areas, agricultural lands, woodlots, shorelines, private property and local biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities and conservation authorities are estimated to spend approximately \$50.8 million annually managing invasive species, and the average annual cost per Ontario municipality has been estimated at \$218,148, with approximately 80% of expenditures directed toward control and management rather than prevention; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS these costs are ultimately borne by local taxpayers, conservation authorities, property owners, farmers, volunteers and community groups who are often left to manage invasive species after they have already been introduced, sold, planted, escaped cultivation and spread;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Invasive Species Act, 2015, which allows species to be listed as prohibited or restricted, and which can make it illegal to import, possess, transport, propagate, buy, sell, lease or trade listed invasive species; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS the concern is not with plants that are already clearly prohibited or restricted, but with invasive species and seeds and nursery stock that may

continue to be sold or distributed before modernized provincial rules, public guidance and retail practices have fully caught up with current science and local experience;

AND WHEREAS garden centres, nurseries, landscape suppliers, seed distributors, online retailers, landscapers and residents all have an important role to play in preventing the spread of invasive plants before they become a costly municipal and environmental problem;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead program promotes native and non-invasive alternatives for healthy, diverse and wildlife-friendly gardens, and its updated Southern Ontario guide includes additional invasive plants and alternatives to help residents, gardeners and landscapers make better choices; (Ontario Invasive Plant Council)

AND WHEREAS recent local reporting in Halton Hills has highlighted the importance of choosing native alternatives to invasive garden plants, including through Grow Native Halton and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead resources;

AND WHEREAS the continued sale and distribution of invasive ornamental plants undermine the work of municipalities, conservation authorities, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, local volunteers and residents who are investing time and taxpayer dollars to remove and manage these same species;

AND WHEREAS prevention at the point of sale is more cost-effective, more practical and more respectful of taxpayers than asking municipalities and property owners to pay for removal after invasive species have spread across property lines and municipal boundaries;

AND WHEREAS invasive plants do not recognize municipal boundaries, and effective prevention requires coordinated action by the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, the nursery and landscape sector, retailers, landowners and residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills respectfully request that the Province of Ontario, in consultation with municipalities, AMO, ROMA, conservation authorities, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, the nursery and landscape sector, garden centres and other relevant stakeholders, undertake a review and modernization of Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework;

AND FURTHER THAT this review include consideration of expanding and regularly updating the list of prohibited and restricted invasive plant species, including invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species,

seeds and nursery stock that pose a risk to Ontario's natural heritage, agriculture, municipal infrastructure, parks, trails, roadsides, stormwater systems and private property;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to prohibit the sale, distribution, propagation and trade of listed invasive plant species through garden centres, nurseries, landscaping suppliers, online retailers, seed distributors and other commercial pathways;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to develop clear labelling, public education and retailer guidance requirements so that residents, gardeners, landscapers and retailers can easily identify invasive species and choose native or non-invasive alternatives;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to work with the nursery, garden centre and landscape sectors on a practical transition plan that supports compliance, protects small businesses, promotes native and non-invasive alternatives, and prevents invasive plants from continuing to enter communities through ordinary consumer purchases;

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Canada be requested to review and strengthen, where appropriate, federal import, border, labelling and online sales rules related to invasive plants, seeds and nursery stock entering Canada, so that provincial prevention efforts are not undermined by interprovincial or international trade;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada be requested to support municipalities, conservation authorities and community partners with stronger prevention tools, updated science-based lists, public education materials and funding programs that prioritize prevention over costly long-term control and removal;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Halton-area MPs and MPPs, the Region of Halton, HRFA, OFA, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, Grand River Conservation Authority, AMO, ROMA, FCM, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Landscape Ontario, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.



Mayor Ann Lawlor