

Township of McMurrich/Monteith
Regular Council Meeting - Agenda
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 7:00pm

Meeting to be held inside Municipal Office/Fire Hall

1. Call to Order:
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:
 - 2.1 Council – April 7, 2026
 - 2.2 Recreation Committee – April 14, 2026
 - 2.3 Strategic Planning Committee – April 15, 2026
3. List of proposed resolutions for the meeting:
4. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof:

- should a member have a disclosure of pecuniary interest, they are to declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting
5. Delegations:
 - 5.1 Staff Report: Bylaw Enforcement – 1st Quarter 2026 report
 - 5.2 Staff Report: Landfill – 2025 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report – prepared by Greenstone Engineering
 - 5.3 Staff Report: Recreation Committee resolution re: permission to donate proceeds of a Family Night event to community member attending National Barrel Racing Association's World Championship
 - 5.4 Staff Report: Fire Chief – Request for Proposal – 2026-01 - 1500 Series Pickup Truck or SUV
 - 5.5 Staff Report: PW Superintendent – Tender 2026-02 – Supply and Apply Crushed Granite
6. Business Arising From a Previous Meeting:

None
7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's:

None
8. Accounts for Approval:

None
9. Applications:

None
10. Bylaws:
 - 10.1 24-2026 Confirm Council Meeting – March 17, 2026
11. Council Reports:

None

12. Correspondence:

12.1 Belvedere Heights – Minutes – January 25, 2026

12.2 Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth – invitation to showcase our community

12.3 AH OPP Detachment Board – Agenda package – April 8, 2026

12.4 FONOM – 2026 Conference – being held in Timmins May 11-13, 2026

12.5 R. Alward and neighbours – concern re: proposed modifications to Taylor Road

12.6 AH Health Centre – Minutes – March 5, 2026

12.7 DPS Municipal Association Meeting – Friday, May 29th – Town of Kearney

12.8 FONOM – urges Ontario to act as Manitoba advances compassionate intervention legislation

12.9 MMAH & AMCTO – Ontario introducing Legislation to strengthen Regional Governance

13. New Business:

None

14. Closed Session: Section 239 (2)

None

15. Adjournment:

Dates to Remember:

Interim Tax Notices – Installment due dates – March 27 and May 27

Thursday, April 16th - Information Session for Municipal Election Candidates – 6-8pm – BF Arena

Friday, April 17th – Recreation Event – Family Fun Night – 5-9pm Sprucedale Community Centre

Sunday, April 19th – Volunteer Appreciation BBQ 12noon – 2pm

Tuesday, April 21st – Regular Council Meetings – 7pm

Sunday, May 3rd – Recreation Event – Mother’s Day Bracelet Making Workshop - 12-2pm Sprucedale Community Centre

Thursday, May 7th – Cemetery Committee Meeting – 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 12th – Recreation Committee Meeting – 7pm

Friday, May 1st – August 21st at 2pm – Nomination period for 2026 Municipal Elections

Reminder to verify and/or update elector information - Check <https://www.registertovoteon.ca/>

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**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met Tuesday, April 7, 2026, inside the Council Chambers

Present: Mayor: Glynn Robinson; Council Members: Vicky Roeder-Martin, Daniel O'Halloran, Terry Currie, and Craig White.

Staff present: John Theriault, CAO, Terry Sararas, Incoming CAO, Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer, Allyson Pedwell, Deputy-Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer, and, Neil Hellam, Public Works Superintendent.

Audience:

- 1. Opening of the meeting by the Mayor;**
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting;**
 - 2.1** Council – March 17 and 24, 2026.
- 3. List of proposed resolutions for the meeting.**
- 4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the nature thereof;**
There were no declarations made by members of council.
- 5. Delegations;**
 - 5.1** Council reviewed and discussed the staff report from the Public Works Superintendent. The Public Works Superintendent will bring back a final report on sidewalks after he receives input from MTO. Council discussed the maintenance of seasonal roads and agreed with the Public Works Superintendent's proposed maintenance.
 - 5.2** Council reviewed the monthly report from the Fire Chief. Council discussed the proposed Live Fire training Unit Agreement and directed staff to forward their concerns to the Regional Fire Chief's next meeting.
 - 5.3** Council reviewed and discussed a report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the replacement of the Axe Lake Road bridge. Council passed a resolution approving the recommendation included in the report.
 - 5.4** Council reviewed the 2026 final budget presentation, Questions were asked and answered. Council will entertain passing a by-law to approve the 2026 budget.
- 6. Business arising From a Previous Meeting;**
None
- 7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's;**
None
- 8. Accounts for Approval;**
Council reviewed the March 2026 accounts.
- 9. Applications;**
None

10. By-laws;

- 10.1 20-2026 – To update our inventory of municipal maintained roads and our minimum maintenance standards by-law.
- 10.2 21-2026 – To adopt budget estimates and set final tax rates for 2026.
- 10.3 22-2026 – To confirm Council Meeting – March 17 and 24, 2026.
- 10.4 23-2026 – To appoint a Chief Administrative Officer.

11. Council Reports;

- 11.1 Council reviewed a report on the use of artificial intelligence in meetings. Based on the report, Council was favourable to initiate a pilot program at the Strategic Plan Committee and evaluate the results. Staff will prepare an Artificial Intelligence policy and bring to a future meeting.

12. Correspondence;

- 12.1 Council reviewed a letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit advising that they are discontinuing routine sampling of public beaches.
- 12.2 Council reviewed a request for the Township of Oro Medonte asking for their support on asking for provincial legislation amendments for health and safety concerns. Council passed a resolution of support.
- 12.3 Council reviewed the March 26, 2026 Almaguin Community Economic Development agenda package.
- 12.4 Council reviewed FONOM's review of the Ontario 2026 budget.
- 12.5 Council reviewed the 2025 Integrity Commissioner's report issued by ADR Chambers.
- 12.6 Council reviewed a notice from Hydro One advising that they are proposing to build a transmission line between Barrie and Sudbury. If anyone is interested there will be several open houses in the area to meet the team and ask questions.

Members reported some concerns: timeline for required work to be completed at the Horn Lake Subdivision, some Strategic Plan action items not being fulfilled, and the Province proposing to appoint District government chairpersons instead of being elected

13. New Business

None

14. Closed session

None

15. Adjournment: Council adjourned this meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Resolutions:

2026-76 Currie/ Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council approves the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 17 and 24, 2026. **Carried**

2026-77 Currie/ Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that the Staff Report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated April 7, 2026, regarding the replacement of the Axe Lake Road Bridge be received

and that Council approves the road closure proposal put forward by the contractor and that the replacement of the bridge be delayed until the fall of 2026. **Carried**

2026-78 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 21-2026 to adopt the budget estimates and set final tax rates for the year. **Carried**

2026-79 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 20-2026 to record the inventory of municipal maintained roads and to adopt Minimum Maintenance Standards. **Carried**

2026-80 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 22-2026 to confirm the council meeting held March 17 and 24, 2026. **Carried**

2026-81 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 23-2026 to appoint Terry Sararas as Chief Administrative Officer and to repeal Bylaw 15-2024. **Carried**

2026-82 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that 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 the Premier of Ontario, Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation, MPP Ernie Hardeman, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS) and all Ontario municipalities **Carried**

2026-83 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council adjourns this meeting at 9:00p.m. until Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 2:00 pm. **Carried**

Mayor, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

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**McMurrich/Monteith Recreation Committee
Minutes of Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 7:00 PM**

Present Darlene Pedwell, Melissa Marshall, Jodie Armstrong, Annette DeCoste (Members); Craig White, Terry Currie (Council Representatives); Allyson Pedwell (Municipal Staff)

Absent: Stephanie Piercey

Volunteers/Guests: Glynn Robinson, Caitlin & Nikolas Hall

1. Call To Order

Terry Currie called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting

The Committee accepted the Minutes of the meetings held March 10 2026.

4. Delegation

Caitlin Hall of My Love, The Moon – proposed a workshop event co hosted with the Recreation Committee. The event will be free of charge Mother's Day bracelet making workshop.

5. Old Business

5.1 Family Fun Night – The Committee discussed the April Family Fun Night set up time and preparation. The Committee also discussed a fundraiser fun night for a local resident.

5.2 Summerfest- The Committee discussed actions items: concert performers, intro to a new race, RFQ for breakfast, adding farmers market.

6. New Business

None

7. Information Sharing

Craig White: inquired about the lacrosse program.

8. Resolutions

2026-11 Armstrong/Marshall

Be It Resolved that the Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held March 15, 2026. **Carried**

2026-12 Pedwell/White

Be It Resolved the Committee agrees to have 1 family fun night as a fundraiser for a local community member who is going to the world championship in barrel racing. **Carried**

2026-13 Marshall/DeCoste

Be It Resolved the Committee agrees that the budget for the mechanical bull is \$2,000.00 **Carried**

2026-14 White/Pedwell

Be It Resolved that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm until May 12, 2026 at 7pm. **Carried**

Chairperson – Terry Currie

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Allyson Pedwell

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McMurrich/Monteith
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – 3:00PM

Present: Vicky Roeder-Martin (Chairperson), Craig White (Council Member), Annette DeCoste, Joanne Baker (Member)

Guests: Glynn Robinson

Recording Secretary: Allyson Pedwell (Municipal Staff)

1. Call To Order at 3:09pm

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting:

The Committee accepted the minutes from February 26, 2026.

4. New Business:

None

5. Old Business:

5.1 The Committee continued their discussion on AI use and incorporating AI into Committee and Council meetings, as well as internal staff use.

5.2 ACED survey update: Staff updated the Committee on responses. Member Baker will contact businesses by telephone regarding survey.

5.3 Review of Strat Plan: The Committee reviewed the Township mission statement. Members discussed GOAL ED-2 Support Economic and Business Development, improving communication and Town Hall Meetings. The Committee discussed having supporting documentation for goals met as evidence.

6. Information Sharing:

The Committee briefly discussed the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ.

7. Adjournment:

The Committee adjourns this meeting at 4:50 pm until the call of the chair.

8. Resolutions:

2026-06 White/Baker

Be It Resolved that the Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held February 26, 2026. **Carried**

2026-07 DeCoste/White

Be It Resolved that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm to meet at the call of the chair. **Carried.**

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BYLAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

DATE: April 21st 2026

TO: Members of Council

FROM: Bryan Austin and Jason Newman By-Law Enforcement Officers

RE: 2026 Q1 Staff Report to Council

Introduction

This report provides an overview of By-Law Enforcement activities for the period of January to March 2026 for the Municipality of McMurrich Monteith.

The department has continued to make steady progress in achieving compliance among residents and visitors. Call volumes remain consistent with the winter trends in the Almaguin region, with an anticipated increase as the municipality enters the spring and summer seasons.

By-Law Updates

The Fire Prevention and Protection Act (FPPA) has been successfully incorporated into the Administrative Monetary Penalty By-law. Staff have been working closely with Fire Chief McFarland, resulting in smooth and efficient operations. This collaboration facilitated the development and introduction of a new Open Air Burning By-law within the municipality.

In addition, By-Law Enforcement continues to coordinate effectively with the newly established Building Department.

Upcoming Season Priorities

As the municipality transitions into the busier enforcement season, the department will focus on the following priorities:

- **Property Standards Remediation:** Increased attention will be directed toward property standards enforcement, with an emphasis on proactive inspections, timely compliance, and adherence to Council direction and community expectations.

- **Continued Legislative Updates:** The department will continue to review and update municipal by-laws to ensure they remain current, enforceable, and aligned with the needs of the community.

Conclusion

By-Law Enforcement activities have remained steady in the first quarter of 2026, and the department is well-positioned to respond to increased seasonal demand. Staff appreciate the ongoing support and direction provided by Council and remain committed to maintaining the standards that contribute to the quality of life in McMurrich Monteith.

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2025 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report

Site: McMurrich & Monteith Township Waste Disposal Site

The Corporation of the Township of McMurrich & Monteith

Attention: Ms. Cheryl Marshall, Clerk Treasurer
PO Box 70
Sprucedale, ON P0A 1Y0

March 31, 2026

Project Reference Number: 24187

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Greenstone Engineering Ltd. (Greenstone) was commissioned by Ms. Cheryl Marshall of the Township of McMurrich and Monteith (herein referred to as the “Client”) to complete the 2025 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report for the McMurrich and Monteith Township Waste Disposal Site located at 2161 Highway 518 West, Sprucedale, Ontario (hereafter referred to as the “Site”). This report was prepared to satisfy the requirements of Provisional Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) No. A522301, issued on September 4, 1997 (Appendix A).

1.2 LOCATION

The Site is located at 2161 Highway 518 West in Sprucedale. The Site and its pertinent features are included in Figures 1 and 2. Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinates for the Site, acquired through the use of a GPS surveying system (NAD83) with a horizontal accuracy of less than 5 centimeters, are Zone 17T, 621709.10.00 meters (m) Easting and 5038870.09 m Northing.

1.3 SITE OWNERSHIP AND KEY PERSONNEL

The Site is owned and operated by the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich and Monteith. With respect to this Project, the Township representative and key personnel are as follows:

Contact	Information
Primary Contact Designate	Ms. Cheryl Marshall, Clerk Treasurer Township of McMurrich and Monteith PO Box 70 Sprucedale, Ontario, P0A 1Y0 705-685-7901 clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com
WDS Operator	Mr. Neil Hellam Township of McMurrich and Monteith PO Box 70 Sprucedale, Ontario, P0A 1Y0 705-571-0373 roads@mcmurrichmonteith.com
Competent Environmental Practitioner	Mr. Christian Tenaglia, M.Env.Sc., P.Eng., QP Greenstone Engineering Ltd. 67 Elgin Street, Suite 1 Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 2Y4 705-971-1563 chris@greenstoneengineering.ca



1.4 DESCRIPTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE

The Township of McMurrich and Monteith operates a Waste Disposal Site (WDS), having started as a dump site in the late 1950s or early 1960s. The Site property is owned by the Township of McMurrich and Monteith and the surrounding properties in all directions from the WDS are vacant, undeveloped forested land. The current ECA includes a landfilling area of 1.2 hectares (ha) within the 56.6 ha property. The Site is approved to receive solid, non-hazardous waste (i.e., municipal waste) as defined under Ontario Regulation 347 and can only receive waste from within the boundaries of the Township of McMurrich and the east half of the former unorganized Township of Monteith.

The Site operates as a natural attenuation landfill, utilizing the naturally occurring chemical, physical and biological processes to reduce contaminant concentrations to meet MECP standards prior to reaching the property boundaries. The waste at the Site is currently deposited using the “area” method; the waste is placed in layers 0.6 to 1.0 m in height which are then compacted by a landfill compactor.

Access to the Site is located on Highway 518 West, with a gate limiting public access to Site operating hours. The main on-site road allows for waste haul trucks and the public to deposit within designated active fill areas. The Site also has a reception office and recycling areas for managing recyclable materials for the Townships. Clean wood, brush and leaves are segregated on-site and composted.

Greenstone completed an estimation of the remaining landfill capacity in November 2025. The findings were discussed in the Greenstone report entitled “*Waste Capacity Assessment, Township of McMurrich & Monteith, Sprucedale, Ontario*” (2025 Waste Capacity Estimate). At the time of this inspection, the estimated fill rate was 623 cubic metres (m³) per year with an estimated 24,150 m³ of remaining capacity. Based on this estimate, the landfill has an approximate remaining operational lifespan of 39 years.

1.4.1 SITE DOCUMENT REVIEW

Greenstone was provided with the following reports for the Site:

- “*Township of McMurrich Monteith Landfill Site, 2009 Monitoring Report*” prepared by Integrated Earth & Environmental Limited and dated February 26, 2010 (2009 Annual Monitoring Report).
- “*Township of McMurrich Monteith Landfill Site, 2010 – 2018 Monitoring Report*” prepared by Mr. Hachkowski and Mr. Kaleny and dated November 15, 2018 (2010-2018 Annual Monitoring Report).
- “*Township of McMurrich Monteith Landfill Site, 2019-2022 Monitoring Report*” prepared by Mr. Hachkowski and Mr. Kaleny and dated January 6, 2023 (2019-2022 Annual Monitoring Report).



- “2024 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report, McMurrich & Monteith Township Waste Disposal Site” prepared by Greenstone and dated March 31, 2025 (2024 Annual Monitoring Report).
- “Waste Capacity Assessment, Township of McMurrich & Monteith, Sprucedale, Ontario” prepared by Greenstone and dated November 11, 2025 (2025 Waste Capacity Assessment).

Greenstone relied on the information available in these previous environmental reports as part of this assessment. A copy of these documents can be obtained from the Client.

1.5 MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND REQUIREMENTS

The objectives of this monitoring and operations study were to satisfy the reporting requirements identified in Ontario Regulation 232/98 “Landfilling Sites” (O. Reg. 232/98). O. Reg. 232/98 requires the following:

The owner and the operator of a landfilling site shall ensure that,

- a) within three months after each anniversary of the date on which waste was first accepted at the site, an annual report is prepared respecting the operations of the landfilling site, including a summary of results from monitoring programs; and*
- b) all of the reports are retained until at least two years after the site is closed.*

Additionally, Condition 11 of the Provisional ECA No. A522301 requires:

Condition 11:

- (a) By November 7, 1997, the Municipality shall submit to the District Manager for the approval of the Director, a monitoring program that is consistent with section 4.23 of the Ministry’s “Guidance Manual for Landfill Sites Receiving Municipal Wastes” dated November 1993.*
- (b) The monitoring program approved in Condition 11 (a) above shall be implemented immediately.*
- (c) By January 1, 1999 and January 1, 2000, the Municipality shall provide to the District Manager a report outlining the results of monitoring program for the previous year.*
- (d) By April 1, 2005 and every five (5) years thereafter, the Municipality shall submit to the District Manager a summation of the monitoring data and conclusions, and/or recommendations based on the findings of the analysis results.*



1.6 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The work completed was performed in general accordance with the following regulations, guidance documents and standards for environmental landfill engineering and consulting practices:

- MECP document entitled *"Guidance on Sampling and Analytical Methods for Use at Contaminated Sites in Ontario"* revised December 1996 (MECP Sampling Document).
- MECP document entitled *"Technical Support Document for Ontario Drinking Water Standards, Objectives and Guidelines"* dated June 2003, revised June 2006.
- MECP document entitled *"Water Management Policies Guidelines and Provincial Water Quality Objectives"* (PWQO) dated July 1994.
- MECP document entitled *"Landfill Standards: A Guideline on the Regulatory and Approval Requirements for New or Expanding Landfilling Sites"* dated January 2012 (MECP Landfill Standards).
- MECP documents entitled *"Incorporation of the Reasonable Use Concept into MOEE Groundwater Management Activities, Guideline B-7 (formerly 15-08)"* (Guideline B-7); and *"Determination of Contaminant Limits and Attenuation Zones, Procedure B-7-1"* (formerly referenced by 15-08), dated April 1994.
- MECP document entitled *"Monitoring and Reporting for Waste Disposal Sites, Groundwater and Surface Water, Technical Guidance Document"* dated November 2010.
- Ontario Regulation 232/98, *"Landfilling Sites"* under the Environmental Protection Act (O. Reg. 232).
- Ontario Regulation 347 *"General – Waste Management"* as amended (O. Reg. 347).
- Ontario Regulation 903 R.R.O. 1990, *"Wells"* under the Ontario Water Resources Act (O. Reg. 903).
- Ontario Regulation 169/03, *"Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards"* (ODWQS) under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002.

1.7 SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work for the annual landfill monitoring program included:

- Initiate a kick-off meeting with the Township to discuss the groundwater monitoring locations and any health and safety and site security/access concerns.
- All monitoring wells will be developed prior to sampling events. It is proposed that two groundwater monitoring events will take place during the spring (May/June) and fall (September/October).
- Prior to sampling, static groundwater levels will be measured using a 30 m water level tape. Measurements will be collected from the top of riser pipe and will be compared to previously collected data to determine the water-table trends and anomalies, the hydraulic vectors and



gradients, and to determine whether rising or falling groundwater elevations significantly affect contaminant migration.

- Each monitoring well shall be purged during the sampling event prior to the collection of the sample. Monitoring wells shall be purged using new or existing 5/8" Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) tubing sampling equipment. Groundwater monitoring wells will be purged a minimum of three (3) well volumes or more until the well volume column is representative of the surrounding formation.
- Samples collected during the spring and fall event will be analyzed for the parameters listed in Column 1 of Schedule 5 of the MECP Landfill Standards.
- Groundwater sample results will be compared to the applicable landfill standards, for naturally attenuating landfill sites in accordance with Guideline B-7.

1.8 DEVIATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The scope of this assessment was limited to the objectives and scope of work identified in Section 1.7 above and does not constitute an exhaustive investigation of the Site for potentially unknown contaminants and/or other unknown sources of environmental impact. No deviations from the scope of work outlined above occurred during the investigation.

2.0 LOCATION AND SITE CHARACTERISTICS

2.1 GEOLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGY

A review of the Ontario Geological Survey (OGS) Bedrock Geology dataset indicates that the regional physiography at the Site is composed of migmatitic rocks and gneisses of undetermined protolith, commonly layered biotite gneisses and magmatic quartzfeldspathic gneisses, orthogneisses and paragneisses. No bedrock outcrops were noted on the Site.

The Site and surrounding area generally slopes easterly towards a wetland area. Historical well records show native material generally consists of sands with overburden consisting of gravel. Borehole logs completed by Hydroterra Limited and Integrated Earth & Environmental Limited are included in Appendix B.

2.2 SURFACE WATER FEATURES

There is no surface water on the property. A wetland is located approximately 750 m southeast of the Site. The inferred flow from the wetlands is northeasterly towards Doe Lake. Due to the site being on a high permeability sand plain, very little surface water runoff is expected to reach the wetlands. As such, there is no surface water component to this annual monitoring report.



2.3 HISTORICAL DATA

Greenstone reviewed the 2009 Annual Monitoring Report, 2010-2018 Annual Monitoring Report, 2019-2022 Annual Monitoring Report and 2024 Annual Monitoring Report to assess the existing groundwater conditions at the Site. No other water quality data was available for review.

2.3.1 HISTORICAL GROUNDWATER DATA

Greenstone reviewed the groundwater analytical data available in the previous 2009 through 2024 Annual Monitoring Reports identified above in Section 1.4.1. The background well MW96-3R was determined to have marginally elevated concentrations of alkalinity, conductivity and dissolved organic carbon (DOC); however, the general concentrations of parameters analyzed confirmed MW96-3R would be representative of background concentrations at the McMurrich and Monteith WDS.

There were several Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards (ODWQS) exceedances during the 2022 monitoring events. All exceedances of the ODWQS were related to aesthetic objectives or operational guidelines associated with drinking water systems set by the ODWQS; the exceedances were not considered to be a significant concern to the environment or human health. It does not appear that a previous analysis of the water quality results was completed with respect to Guideline B-7.

During the fall 2024, monitoring event, in comparison to background water quality, groundwater observed south to southeast of the waste fill area at MW96-2 was observed to have marginally higher (and even comparable) concentrations of conductivity, alkalinity, TDS, sodium, chlorides, DOC, iron and manganese indicating temperate impacts from the landfill, which is consistent with historical observations at this location. It is expected that the groundwater at this location is impacted with minor amounts of landfill leachate considering its close proximity to the active fill zone. When compared to Guideline B-7 RUC, no exceedances were noted emanating from the landfill as water quality at this cross / downgradient monitoring well generally appears to significantly improve through the natural attenuation process when compared to the leachate source well.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

3.1 SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT

Prior to commencing the field component of this Investigation, an EHSP was developed and all safety, health, and environmental concerns relevant to the Site were reviewed with the field technicians, as well as the tasks involved with completing the field work that would identify any hazards to the workers, the public and/or the environment. At the time the field activities took place, no health, safety, or environmental concerns were identified that would pose unsafe or hazardous working conditions. Safe work practices were implemented throughout the entirety of the project, and no injuries or impairment to the environment were reported.



3.2 GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS

A network of three monitoring groundwater monitoring wells were installed in 1996. Due to lack of water in MW96-3 over multiple years, a replacement well, MW96-3R, was installed in 2013. The locations of these wells and their coordinates are shown in Figure 3 and Table 1, respectively. Tables are provided in Appendix C.

All groundwater monitoring wells were monitored during the spring and fall 2025 sampling events. The table below provides a description of the location and rationale for each groundwater monitoring well included in the existing network:

Monitoring Well ID	Location	Rationale
MW96-1	South central portion of the active fill area	Source Well
MW96-2	South-southeast of the landfill	Cross / Downgradient Well
MW96-3R	East of the landfill	Background Well
GAR	West perimeter of the landfill, behind the garage	On-site non-potable water well that supplies water to the washroom

3.3 MONITORING PARAMETERS

3.3.1 GROUNDWATER MONITORING PARAMETERS

Groundwater samples were submitted for laboratory analysis of the parameters listed in Column 1 of the Schedule 5 MECP Landfill Standards.

3.4 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

Within the current Provisional ECA, Greenstone did observe any additional requirements beyond those stated above in Section 1.5.

3.5 MONITORING PROCEDURES AND METHODS

3.5.1 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Greenstone's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for groundwater sampling were followed by Greenstone's field technicians during each sampling event. All of Greenstone's SOPs were developed in accordance with the MECP Sampling Document and are consistent with standard engineering practices.



3.5.2 GROUNDWATER MONITORING ACTIVITIES

Field work pertaining to the collection of groundwater monitoring samples included:

- The Greenstone field technician notified the Client of field activities and picked up the key for the landfill gate at the Township of McMurrich office. The spring groundwater monitoring event took place on June 20, 2025. The fall groundwater monitoring event took place on October 9, 2025.
- Static groundwater levels were measured from the top of the well pipe were collected using a Heron oil/water interface probe and water level meter.
- Prior to collecting the groundwater sample, each monitoring well was purged using high-density polyethylene (HDPE) 3/8" tubing and a Waterra™ inertial footvalve. Employing the HDPE tubing and footvalve purging system minimizes sediment and particulates within each sample, minimizes sample agitation and well trauma. This purging and sampling system complies with the MECP Sampling Document. A minimum of three purge volumes was removed from each groundwater monitoring well prior to sampling. All purge water was disposed of on the ground surface down gradient of each monitoring well.
- Groundwater samples were collected using the HDPE and footvalve system, in accordance with the MECP Sampling Document. Sampled water for dissolved metals was filtered through a 0.45 micron dedicated, disposable filter. Collected samples were submitted to Eurofins in Ottawa, Ontario. All parameters were analyzed using procedures approved by the MECP.
- The groundwater samples collected were analyzed for the parameters listed in Column 1 of Schedule 5 of the MECP Landfill Standards. Groundwater analytical results were compared to the ODWQS criteria. Additionally, groundwater analytical results were compared to the reuseable use parameters and were assessed using Guideline B-7 to determine contaminant concentrations being discharged to the surrounding groundwater formation, as considered acceptable by the MECP for naturally attenuating landfill sites, with respect to human consumption and potable considerations.

3.5.3 GROUNDWATER FIELD MEASUREMENTS

Greenstone measured the groundwater levels at each groundwater monitoring well prior to beginning purging and sampling activities. Groundwater levels were measured using a Heron 30 m electronic oil/water interface probe and water level meter. The tape is calibrated to 1.0 millimetre (mm) increments. Reproducibility between depth measurements is typically 2.0 mm or less.



3.5.4 RECORD KEEPING AND FIELD NOTES

All relevant information collected in support of each sampling event is preserved and retained in Greenstone's custody. This data includes:

- Dates and time of work being completed on site;
- Instrumentation and sampling equipment being used during field work;
- Field technicians completing the work;
- Field methods used;
- Sample identification and preparation methods;
- Anomalous conditions (i.e., monitoring well conditions, dry sampling locations, etc.); and
- Photographs of monitoring well conditions and sampling locations.

3.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

Greenstone's sample collection, handling and equipment decontamination procedures are consistent with generally accepted professional practices and are in accordance with the MECP Sampling Document. Greenstone's field technicians follow all standard operating procedures for field sampling, sample collection, handling, preservation, and transportation were adhered to during the sampling events.

All dedicated sampling equipment, which contacts groundwater directly (i.e., interface probe, etc.) was thoroughly cleaned between sampling sites and monitoring wells. Cleaning procedures included the use of distilled water, Alconox and the use of protective nitrile gloves during all sampling, handling, and decontamination activities.

The samples collected from the site were submitted to Eurofins Environment Testing Canada Inc. (Eurofins) in Ottawa, Ontario, which is accredited by the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation Inc. (CALA) in accordance with the *"International Standards ISO/IE C 17025 – General Requirement for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories"*, dated December 15, 1999. All contaminants were tested for using the analytical methods prescribed in the *"Protocol for Analytical Methods Used in the Assessment of Properties under Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act"*, dated July 1, 2011. Eurofins analyzed all samples using method detection limits at or below the applicable criteria used for comparison in this annual monitoring report.



3.7 DATA QUALITY EVALUATION

Groundwater samples collected by Greenstone were completed in accordance with acceptable procedures. Receipt of all samples to the laboratory was below 10 °Celsius and all samples were analyzed within analytical hold times.

As part of Greenstone's QA/QC program, the relative percent difference (RPD) was calculated between the sample and its field duplicate. The RPD is the absolute difference between two values divided by the average value and is presented as a percent. RPD values of 50% or less are considered an acceptable level when considering analytical uncertainty. When RPD values between a sample and a duplicate exceed 50% for any given analyte, it demonstrates analytical uncertainty and creates potential for interpretation errors based on the analytical results. Calculating an RPD value for an analyte where the measured concentration is within a multiple of 5 of the method detection limit (MDL) is not required as there is increased uncertainty with these reported analytical results.

Greenstone's field technicians completed a calibration or rented calibrated equipment for all field activities. Cleaning procedures included the use of distilled water, Alconox and the use of protective nitrile gloves during all sampling, handling, and decontamination activities. No deviations from Greenstone's sampling plan occurred during field activities.

4.0 SITE CONDITIONS AND RESULTS

4.1 GROUNDWATER QUALITY MONITORING

The MECP Guideline B-7 Reasonable Use Concept outlines the role of a "reasonable use" approach in the MECP's activities related to the protection of groundwater quality. It establishes procedures for determining what constitutes the reasonable use of groundwater on property adjacent to sources of contaminants and establishes limits on the discharge of contaminants from facilities, approved by the MECP, that are used for the disposal of waste into the shallow subsurface.

Two calculations are required to determine the amount of contamination that can discharge from a disposal site onto the adjacent property. The first calculation addresses the total contaminant impact at that location from all sources of contamination. The second addresses the permissible impact from the particular disposal site.

The maximum concentration (C_m) of a particular contaminant that would be acceptable in the groundwater beneath the adjacent property is calculated in accordance with the following relationship:

$$C_m = C_b + x(C_r - C_b)$$



The terms are defined as follows:

Cb

This is the background concentration of the particular contaminant in the groundwater before it has been affected by human activity. This allows consideration to be given to the amount of increase in contaminant level. ***For the purposes of this investigation, monitoring well MW96-3R installed east of the municipal landfill was considered to be representative of background conditions.***

Cr

This is the maximum concentration of the particular contaminant that should, in accordance with the Province's water management guideline be present in the groundwater. This value is dependent on the use (reasonable use) to be made of that groundwater. It allows consideration of the total amount of contamination.

x

This is a constant that reduces the contamination to a level that is considered by the Ministry to have only a negligible effect on the use of the water. For drinking water x is 0.5 for non-health related parameters or 0.25 for health-related parameters. For other reasonable uses it is 0.5.

Levels of contamination greater than C_m may have an appreciable effect on the use of the adjacent property and the Ministry will not support an application for a disposal site with contaminant discharges which would cause this level to be exceeded.

4.2 THE ONTARIO DRINKING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS (ODWQS)

Through the establishment of the ODWQS, the province of Ontario has determined legally enforceable standards on contaminants in drinking water. The standards are designed to protect public health by restricting the quality of specific contaminants in drinking water. Three categories of contaminants are regulated under the Ontario Regulation 169/03 Drinking Water Standards:

- Microbiological – Originating from human and animals waste, coliforms and bacteria are common in the environment. Most are harmless however their presence may be indicative of other harmful bacteria in the water. Under the ODWQS, Escherichia coli (E. Coli), fecal coliforms and total coliforms must be non-detectable in drinking water;
- Chemical – ODWQS regulates maximum quantities of organic and inorganic chemicals allowed in drinking water. Industrial discharges or agricultural runoff are not necessarily removed by drinking water treatment. Consuming water exhibiting a greater concentration of these chemicals than the ODWQS may cause serious health problems; and



- Radiation – Natural and artificial radio nuclides are also regulated in the ODWQS. Standards are expressed as maximum allowable concentrations in becquerels per litre (L). Radiological contaminants include radio nuclides, such as radium 228, which are caused from the erosion of naturally occurring deposits, or artificial radio nuclides, such as tritium, released into the water by nuclear power plants. Radiological contaminants do not naturally occur within the study area and the disposal of radiological waste was not suspected in the Site and as a result radiation was not monitored for this study.

The ODWQS Guideline Document is the MECP technical guidance document which provides guidance on applicability of the ODWQS and also provides applicable interim guidelines where legal standards are absent. Both the ODWQS and Guideline B-7 were used in assessing the groundwater results obtained during the 2025 monitoring program.

4.3 GROUNDWATER RESULTS

The following discussion of parameters documents the groundwater quality in comparison to the calculated reasonable use criteria as per Guideline B-7. The reasonable criteria are MECP's groundwater management strategy for mitigating the effect of contamination on properties adjacent to its source. It establishes procedures for determining what constitutes the reasonable use of groundwater on a property adjacent to sources of contaminants and establishes limits on the discharge of contaminants from landfills which have a potential to migrate hydraulically downgradient and off-site and impair the current and future groundwater use at downgradient properties.

Monitoring well MW96-3R is located potentially hydraulically cross / downgradient of the Site and has been used in estimating the background water quality coming onto the Site. Historical reports indicate that this well is located east of a potential groundwater divide and as such, has been determined to best represent unimpacted water quality the Site. Monitoring well MW96-3R has been applied as the source of background water quality for the Guideline B-7 calculations as analytical results from this well are generally non-detect or below the laboratory method detection limit (MDL).

The analytical data for each well in comparison to the applicable regulatory criteria is provided in Table 2. An evaluation of the RUC criteria in comparison to the cross / downgradient compliance well MW96-2 is provided in Table 3 (Spring) and Table 4 (Fall). A copy of the laboratory analytical report is presented in Appendix D.

The following is a breakdown of the water quality observed at each of the monitoring well locations and a comparison to the background quality and leachate being produced on-Site.



4.3.1 Background Water Quality MW96-3R

Background water quality observed to the east-northeast of the WDS fill area at MW96-3R did not identify elevated levels of common landfill-related contaminant parameters such as conductivity, TDS, alkalinity, chlorides, sulphates, calcium, sodium, potassium or nitrate. During the spring and fall sampling events, concentrations of alkalinity and pH were observed to be marginally outside of the low range provided within the ODWQS. Alkalinity and pH are operational guidelines for drinking water systems set by the ODWQS and are not considered to be a significant environmental concern originating from the Site boundary.

It should be noted that iron, lead and manganese were observed above the ODWQS during the fall 2025; however, the results appear to be anomalous and could be attributed to a faulty metals filter. Continued monitoring will be completed during the spring of 2026 and compared to the fall 2025 data.

4.3.2 Leachate Source Quality Evaluation MW96-1

In comparison to background water quality, groundwater observed within the waste fill area at MW96-1 was observed to have higher concentrations of conductivity, alkalinity, TDS, sodium, chlorides, sulfate and iron indicating temperate impacts from the landfill, which is consistent with historical observations at this location. It is expected that the groundwater at this location is impacted with minor amounts of landfill leachate considering its close proximity to the active and historical fill zone. These parameters are a combination of operational guidelines and aesthetic objectives that are non-health related and appear to generally attenuate to lower-levels in the cross / downgradient monitoring well.

4.3.3 Cross / Downgradient Water Quality Evaluation MW96-2

In comparison to background water quality, groundwater observed south to southeast of the waste fill area at MW96-2 was observed to have marginally higher (and even comparable) concentrations of conductivity, alkalinity, TDS, sodium, chlorides, DOC, iron and manganese indicating minimal temperate impacts from the landfill, which is consistent with historical observations at this location. It is expected that the groundwater at this location is impacted with minor amounts of landfill leachate considering its proximity to the active fill zone. During the fall 2025 sampling round, one marginal Guideline B-7 RUC exceedance was observed at this well for low alkalinity; however, low alkalinity is observed within the background monitoring well also and determined to be naturally occurring. When compared to Guideline B-7 RUC, no other exceedances were noted emanating from the landfill as water quality at this cross / downgradient monitoring well generally appears to significantly improve through the natural attenuation process when compared to the leachate source well.



4.3.4 Cross / Upgradient Water Quality Evaluation Garage (GAR)

In comparison to background water quality, groundwater observed west of the waste fill area at a drilled well behind the on-site garage (GAR) was observed to have comparable concentrations of conductivity, alkalinity, TDS, sodium, chlorides, DOC, iron and manganese indicating minimal temperate impacts from the landfill, if any. It is expected that the groundwater at this location is impacted with minor amounts of landfill leachate considering its proximity to the active fill zone. During the 2025 sampling rounds, marginal exceedances of the ODQWS were observed for iron and manganese; however, this sampling location is retrieved from an exterior tap after being flushed and thus, not field filtered for metals. Low alkalinity and low pH were also observed although these are also observed within the background well.

One marginal Guideline B-7 RUC exceedance was observed at this well for nitrite during the spring although well below the ODWQS (and back to non-detect during the fall). Low alkalinity was observed during both the spring and fall 2025 when compared to the Guideline B-7 RUC; however, low alkalinity is observed within the background monitoring well also and determined to be naturally occurring. When compared to Guideline B-7 RUC, no other exceedances were noted emanating from the landfill as water quality at this cross / upgradient water well generally appears to be of good water quality.

4.4 GROUNDWATER FLOW INTERPRETATION

Historical groundwater flow was estimated to be divided across the Site flowing in easterly and westerly directions. Greenstone completed a survey during the 2024 fall sampling event to establish groundwater flow directions for the 2024 monitoring period. Groundwater flow at the Site may be influenced by seasonal factors (i.e., seasonal variations in precipitation), the aquifer heterogeneity and buried fill at the Site.

During the spring monitoring event on June 20, 2025, groundwater levels were measured at the three monitoring wells on-Site. Groundwater depths ranged from 13.40 metres below ground (mbg) at MW96-3R to 17.82 mbg at MW96-1 with elevations ranging from 87.30 at MW96-2 to 86.60 at MW96-3R.

During the fall monitoring event on October 9, 2025, groundwater levels were measured at the three monitoring wells on-Site. Groundwater depths ranged from 13.37 mbg at MW96-3R to 17.79 mbg at MW96-1 with elevations ranging from 87.32 at MW96-2 to 86.63 at MW96-3R.

Groundwater flow during the 2025 monitoring events was determined to flow towards the northeast. The groundwater contour maps are included in Figure 3 (Spring) and Figure 4 (Fall).



4.5 LEACHATE CHARACTERIZATION

The Site does not have a leachate collection to allow for leachate quality monitoring and characterization to be completed. MW96-1 is located within the active fill area and is considered to be suitable for measuring leachate strength within the WDS.

4.6 CONTAMINANT ATTENUATION ZONE

A Contaminant Attenuation Zone (CAZ) has not been established for the Site. Based on the current observed water quality data, landfill derived leachate impacts appear to attenuate in close proximity to the landfill, as observed in cross / downgradient well MW96-2. Future investigations could involve the development of a CAZ for the Site, if required.

4.7 ADEQUACY OF THE MONITORING PROGRAM

It is recommended that sampling of groundwater twice per year during the spring and fall should continue. However, considering the placement of the existing monitoring well network and groundwater flow direction (i.e., currently estimated to be to the northeast), two additional monitoring wells should be installed approximately 50 to 100 m downgradient of the WDS; one to the northeast of the fill pile; and one to the northwest of the fill pile. The additional monitoring well data will assist in better understanding compliance with Guideline B-7, as well as further understanding groundwater flow direction and trends. The results of inspection and monitoring will be reported every five-years to the MECP. After that time, and with the establishment of further baseline data/source data leachate concentrations, a review of all data will then be used to establish the expected level of impact and the need and scope for long term monitoring.

4.7.1 Monitoring Well Network Efficiency

Greenstone concludes that the current groundwater monitoring well network is considered adequate for evaluating the McMurrich and Monteith WDS geological and hydrogeological characteristics within the central portion of the historical and current fill area (for evaluating leachate strength); and to the south-southeast for evaluating cross / downgradient water quality. The groundwater quality observed in cross / downgradient monitoring well MW96-2 appears to have minor derived impacts (and could be partially attributed to naturally occurring) and as such, has been used within this report for assessing the Site's water quality data to Guideline B-7 RUC (i.e., comparison to the background well). In addition, during 2025, water quality has been analyzed from the on-site water well behind the garage that services the staff washroom with non-potable water.

As discussed above, two additional monitoring wells should be installed approximately 50 to 100 m downgradient of the waste fill pile to the northeast and northwest.



4.7.2 Background Monitoring Well Network Efficiency

Based on a review of the groundwater contaminant data from the Site, monitoring well MW96-3R has been identified as the background location. A review of the dataset did not identify elevated levels of common landfill-related contaminant parameters such as conductivity, TDS, alkalinity, chlorides, sulphates, calcium, sodium, potassium or nitrate and as such, is considered adequate for monitoring background groundwater quality.

4.8 SUPPLEMENTAL MONITORING – SEDIMENT, BENTHIC AND/OR TOXICITY MONITORING

There was no supplemental monitoring completed at the Site as part of Greenstone’s 2025 annual reporting, as none was required.

4.9 ASSESSMENT FOR THE NEED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTINGENCY MEASURES

There are currently no set trigger levels designed for the Site. At the time of this monitoring report, Greenstone does not recommend the implementation of trigger levels.

4.10 WASTE DISPOSAL SITE GAS IMPACTS

Gas pressures and composition data are not currently collected at the Site. There is no evidence to suggest that methane gas generation from the Site would be a significant concern.

4.11 EFFECTIVENESS OF ENGINEERED CONTROLS

There are no operational engineered controls implemented at the WDS. The Client should continue to maintain the integrity of the landfill cover as per the Provisional ECA. Annual monitoring and inspections should continue to be completed to ensure regular maintenance is occurring, as needed. At the time of the monitoring events, no concerns or significant damage were noted.

4.12 CONTROL SYSTEMS MONITORING

Environmental control systems can be designed, implemented and utilized at landfill sites to maintain environmental variables within an acceptable level, preventing negative environmental impacts. Examples of environmental control systems include leachate collection systems or methane gas collection systems. The Site does not currently use any control systems; therefore, monitoring of control systems was not completed during the 2025 monitoring events.



4.13 SITE CAPACITY

The 2025 Waste Capacity Estimate report estimated the fill rate was 623 cubic metres (m³) per year with an estimated 24,150 m³ of remaining capacity. This suggested that at the time of this inspection the landfill had a remaining lifespan of approximately 39 years.

4.14 QA/QC RESULTS

Greenstone implemented a QA/QC program to ensure confidence in the analytical data obtained. The QA/QC program is in accordance with the MECP Sampling Document. Groundwater samples collected by Greenstone were completed in accordance with acceptable procedures. Receipt of all samples to the laboratory was below 10°Celsius and all samples were analyzed within analytical hold times.

A duplicate of the groundwater sample collected at MW96-2 was collected during the fall sampling. All parameters were within the acceptable RDP of 50% or less except for phosphorus which was 66.7% and this marginal exceedance is attributed to sample heterogeneity. Upon overall review of the QA/QC results for the water quality sampling program, Greenstone has not identified any significant concerns that would warrant the invalidation of any of the field or laboratory data, therefore considers the data generated as part of this program to be reliable.

5.0 OPERATIONS

5.1 SITE COMPLAINTS

During the 2025 reporting period, no public complaints were received by the McMurrich & Monteith Township.

5.2 OPERATIONAL ISSUES

During the 2025 reporting period, no operational issues with the facility were identified by the Township.

5.3 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

With respect to the operation and performance of the facility during the 2025 period, there has been no need to amend the design or operation of the Site. Currently there no requirement or need to implement any contingency plans with respect to the facility operations.



5.4 DESIGN AND OPERATION PLAN

At this time Greenstone does not recommend any changes to the current D&O Plan.

5.5 COVER APPLICATION

The active fill area includes the area of interim cover only as part of normal landfilling operations. No areas of the site were applied with final cover or vegetative cover during 2025. No new facility operations or additions are planned during the next reporting period.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the work completed, the following is a summary of the activities and findings of the 2025 water quality monitoring program:

- Groundwater samples collected during the 2025 monitoring events were analyzed for the parameters listed in Column 1 of Schedule 5 of the MECP Landfill Standards.
- Groundwater sample results were compared to the ODWQS and the applicable landfill standards for naturally attenuating landfill sites in accordance with Guideline B-7.

In comparison to background water quality, groundwater observed south to southeast of the waste fill area at MW96-2 was observed to have marginally higher (and even comparable) concentrations of conductivity, alkalinity, TDS, sodium, chlorides, DOC, iron and manganese indicating minimal temperate impacts from the landfill, which is consistent with historical observations at this location. It is expected that the groundwater at this location is impacted with minor amounts of landfill leachate considering its proximity to the active fill zone. During the fall 2025 sampling round, one marginal Guideline B-7 RUC exceedance was observed at this well for low alkalinity; however, low alkalinity is observed within the background monitoring well also and determined to be naturally occurring. When compared to Guideline B-7 RUC, no other exceedances were noted emanating from the landfill as water quality at this cross / downgradient monitoring well generally appears to significantly improve through the natural attenuation process when compared to the leachate source well.

Based on the results obtained from the existing groundwater monitoring wells (and on-site water well), Greenstone has not identified any significant landfill related impacts at the Site. Minor concentrations of landfill-related parameters within the groundwater samples analyzed at the cross / downgradient monitoring location MW96-2 are likely attributed to either naturally occurring conditions within the unconfined aquifer on-site or from temperate impacts from leachate sourced from the waste deposits at the Site (i.e., MW96-1).



Greenstone provides the following recommendations with respect to the Township of McMurrich/Monteith WDS:

- Continue sampling of the groundwater twice per year during the spring and fall for the existing groundwater parameter list.
- Considering the placement of the existing monitoring well network and groundwater flow direction (i.e., currently estimated to be to the northeast), two additional monitoring wells should be installed approximately 50 to 100 m downgradient of the WDS; one to the northeast of the fill pile; and one to the northwest of the fill pile. The additional monitoring well data will assist in better understanding compliance with Guideline B-7, as well as further understanding groundwater flow direction and trends.
- The results of inspection and monitoring will be reported every five-years to the MECP. After that time, and with the establishment of further baseline data/source data leachate concentrations, a review of all data will then be used to establish the expected level of impact and the need and scope for long term monitoring.
- Protect and maintain all existing groundwater monitoring wells in accordance with Ontario Regulation 903.

7.0 MONITORING AND SCREENING CHECKLIST

In accordance with the MECP Landfill Standards, the monitoring and screening checklist has been provided in Appendix E.



8.0 CLOSING AND STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Greenstone is pleased to present this Annual Monitoring report for the above-noted project. This report documents relevant background information, results of our field investigations and analyses and provides findings and conclusions.

To discuss any aspect of this work, please contact the undersigned at the coordinates below.

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- Ontario Regulation 232/98, *“Landfilling Sites”*, under the Environmental Protection Act (O. Reg. 232).
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TOWNSHIP OF MCMURRICH/MONTEITH
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report: To Council

Originator: Allyson Pedwell, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Subject: Family Fun Night Fundraiser

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Recreation Committee that the Family Fun night to be held in September will be a fundraiser for resident who will be representing our Country and Town in the World Barrel Racing Championships, in Perry Georgia, USA

BACKGROUND:

At the April 14th meeting, the Recreation Committee discussed having a fundraiser at their Family Fun Night to support a local athlete. The Committee would donate their net proceeds from their Family Fun Night.

RESOLUTION:

2026-12 Pedwell/White

Be It Resolved the Committee agrees to have 1 family fun night as a fundraiser for a local community member who is going to the world championship in barrel racing. **Carried**

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH

BY-LAW 24 - 2026

Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council
Meeting: April 7, 2026

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 24, as amended, requires a municipal Council to exercise a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights powers and privileges under Section 9, by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith deems it desirable to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting hereinafter set out.

NOW THEREFORE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Ratification and Confirmation

That the action of this Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith at its meetings set out below with respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by this Council at its meetings, except where otherwise required, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if such proceedings and actions were expressly adopted and confirmed by its separate By-law.

Meeting held: April 7, 2026

2. Execution of all Documents

That the Mayor of the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith and the proper officers of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Township to such documents.

Read a first, second and third time, signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed this 21st day of April, 2026.

Mayor
Glynn Robinson

Clerk-Treasurer
Cheryl Marshall

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**District of Parry Sound West
(Belvedere Heights)
Notice of Meeting
Board of Management
Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting – link provided in email**

MINUTES

Board of Management (voting): Joe Beleskey (representing the Town of Parry Sound)
Paul Borneman, Vice Chair (representing the Town of Parry Sound)
Don Carmichael, Secretary/Treasurer (Order in Council Appointment)
Gail Finsson (representing Seguin Township)
Pamela Wing, Chair (representing McDougall, The Archipelago, Carling Townships)
Cheryl Ward (Order in Council Appointment)
Debbie Zulak (representing Whitestone, McKellar, McMurrich/Montieth Townships)

Board of Management (regrets) Don Carmichael left meeting at 09:32

Quorum – for a meeting of the Board shall be a simple majority of the Directors. By-law 8.9

Staff Attending (non-voting): Deborah Randall-Wood, Administrator
John Vanderhorst, Assistant Administrator
Linda Taylor, Program Director, CSS

Staff Regrets (non-voting):

As a result of the COVID 19 pandemic and Provincial requirements for physical distancing, this Committee/Board meeting will be held electronically in accordance with section 238 of the Municipal Act 2001.

1.0 Call to Order: The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 09:07

2.0 Confirmation of Quorum: A quorum achieved

3.0 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: no declared conflicts of interest

4.0 Land Acknowledgement –

We will begin this Board Meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting on aboriginal land of the Ojibiwa/Chippewa peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions of Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made to the stewardship of these lands.

5.0 Approval of Agenda:

D. Zulak requested a discussion regarding the website to be added under new business.

MOTION:

BH#01/26: That the Board of Management accepts the agenda, as amended. Moved by P. Borneman and seconded by G. Finnson. Carried.

6.0 Approval of Minutes:

J. Beleskey noted that he was not at the Dec 10th 2025 board meeting.

MOTION:

BH#02/26: That the minutes of the Belvedere Heights Board of Management meetings held Wednesday, December 10, 2025, be received as amended. Moved by D Carmichael and seconded by D. Zulak
Carried.

7.0 Financial Report:

Note #1 - December 2025 Year End Financial Statements to be presented at the May 2026 Board Meeting (after completion of the audit for 2025).

Note #2 – 2026 Budget to be presented at the February 2026 Board Meeting.

7.1 CSS Reports – L.Taylor (attached)

Linda will clarify the budget increase for this year. She did a \$50,000 adjustment for her march year-end. Transportation continues to be a challenge. Riders assume it should be free

- Linda highlighted significant pressures on the transportation program, which is operating at capacity.
- A 12-week study is underway to analyze specialized transportation needs (e.g., day-away, dialysis, Town of Parry Sound contract).
- A part-time scheduler was hired for 12 weeks to manage the Town of Parry Sound scheduling.
- Challenges include the expectation of free transportation, which is not feasible under current policy.
- **Goal:** Strategic planning is needed for future expansion, including potentially hiring a second paid driver and seeking funding from other municipalities (gas tax) and the United Way (as suggested by Don Carmichael).
- Debbie Zulak informed Linda that the McKellar library board would be reaching out to inquire about exercise and fall prevention programs.

MOTION:

BH#03/26: That the Board of Directors moved by G. Finnson and seconded by D. Zulak receives the Financial Reports as submitted. Carried.

7.2 Life Lease Report - J. Vanderhorst (*verbal*)

- **Fire Plan Update:** John Tuck (consultant) is looking into updating the fire plan for Life Lease due to renovations. Costs may be incurred by the consultant.
- **Construction Noise:** Noise levels from construction are decreasing as the South Penthouse completion nears.

- **Mechanical Issues:**
 - Bathroom exhausts, previously non-operational due to equipment movement, are now fixed.
 - A major heating problem, caused by upstairs construction, was resolved by bypassing a unit, just before a -31°C cold snap.
- **Tenant Concerns (Paul Borneman):**
 - Tenants are happy with snow removal but are approaching the board about foregoing rent increases for 2026 due to prolonged noise and inconvenience from construction.
 - Deborah Randlewood, John Vanderhorst, and Helen meet monthly with Life Lease tenants/leaseholders.
 - **Discussion:**
 - The request for rent consideration and improvements (e.g., carpet replacement) will be calculated and presented at the next budget meeting.
 - Cheryl Ward supported a one-time consideration for owners but questioned a similar benefit for renters.
 - Joe Beleskey emphasized that any financial consideration should be a one-time dollar amount, not a percentage, to avoid a permanent reduction in the base for future increases.
 - Don Carmichael suggested ensuring that expenses like elevator costs are not borne by the home if they are related to the build.
- It was decided to defer full discussion until the February budget meeting, when cost implications are clearer.

8.0 Standing Items:

8.1 Build Update – J. Vanderhorst (*verbal*)

- **Status:** The move to the downstairs area is delayed despite the home's readiness.
- **Reasons for Delay:** Vendor unpreparedness regarding security, access, and PA systems.
- **Board Action:**
 - Cheryl Ward stressed holding the lead consultant (Amber) accountable for financial repercussions due to delays.
 - **Action Item:** Pam Wing and Don Carmichael will meet with Amber to discuss accountability and the fiscal impact of delays. John Vanderhorst will provide necessary documentation.

8.2 OHT Update – C. Ward, D. Carmichael, and D. Randall-Wood (*verbal*)

To be discussed in closed session.

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Flooring – Carpet replacement update - J. Vanderhorst (*verbal*)

Flooring Project: The carpet replacement project is progressing smoothly, exceeding expectations. The "Pine" section is almost complete, and the "Oak" section will begin next week. Residents are reportedly very happy with the new flooring.

9.2 Web Site and Administrative Support (D. Zulak)

- **Problem:** The website is severely outdated (e.g., last minutes from May 2024, newsletter from 2020), and meeting agendas/Zoom links are not being distributed to municipalities as previously done.
- **Root Cause:** Lack of dedicated administrative support, a long-standing issue for the organization.
- **Action:**
 - **Immediate:** Deborah Randal-Wood committed to resuming sending agendas and Zoom links to municipal clerks.
 - **Long-Term:** Deborah Randle-Wood will investigate a full website refresh and assess staffing for dedicated administrative support, possibly engaging Near North Business Solution.
- **Decision:** This item will remain on the agenda until resolved.

10.0 Other Reports:

10.01 Board Chair Report – P. Wind (*verbal*)

- Pam Wing attended the OHT governors' meeting with Gail Finnon and Deborah Randlewood, which will be discussed in the closed session.
- She emphasized the need to ensure staff voices (like John Vanderhorst's regarding the build) are heard and addressed by consultants.
- Acknowledged Deborah Randlewood's extensive workload in addressing past issues and improving operations.

10.02 Administrator's Report – D.Randall-Wood (*verbal*)

- **Dietary Services:**
 - Significant improvements in the dietary department due to a temporary contract with Aramark, which provides consistent leadership and more enthusiastic staff.
 - Many dietary staff have long tenures (20-30 years).
- **HR & Staffing:**
 - Addressed significant HR gaps with support from consultant Catherine.
 - New salary bands were established for non-union staff to ensure fairness and predictability.
 - The home supports approximately 10 staff through complex immigration pathways, aiming for retention of internationally trained professionals despite a lottery process for status.
- **Admissions:**
 - Belvedere Heights currently has two vacant beds.
 - **Challenge:** Ontario Health at Home controls admissions province-wide, prioritizing community admissions, even when hospitals are in "code gridlock." Despite efforts to admit from the hospital (with the Chief Nursing Officer of the hospital advocating), Ontario Health would not bypass its process.
 - **Note:** This means the home cannot directly help relieve hospital overcrowding in such situations.
- **Ministry Inspection:**
 - A "proactive assessment" (formerly "full annual assessment") is currently underway by three Ministry of Health inspectors for about a week, reviewing all operations for improvement opportunities.

- **Winter Challenges:**

- Weather (snow squalls, extreme cold) impacts residents' ability to go outside and causes anxiety about staff attendance.
- An incident involved John Vanderhorst rescuing a resident stuck in snow in a wheelchair, highlighting the challenges of balancing resident independence with safety.

11.0 Correspondence:

11.1 None

12.0 In-Camera:

MOTION:

BH#04/26: That the Board of Directors go to into closed session at . Moved by J Beleskey and seconded by P. Borneman. Carried.

Closed session items included:

- HR update: administrator search
- HR dietary management
- OHT participation

BH#05/26: That the Board of Directors move out of closed session at 12:07 . Moved by J Beleskey and seconded by P. Borneman. Carried.

Direction from closed session: Deborah and Pam will try to meet with Ellen @ OHT to discuss Belvedere's suggested changes to OHT CDMA.

13.0 Adjournment:

MOTION:

BH#06/26:
That there being no further business to conduct, the meeting terminated at 12:08 p.m..
Motion to adjourn: moved by C Ward, seconded by G. Finnson. Carried.

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To Northern Ontario Mayors:

Thank you for your continued cooperation and partnership in our shared mission to build and protect Northern Ontario. Your actions are more important now than ever. With the current economic and trade uncertainty, it's crucial that our province stands united to protect the people and economy in the North.

As the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, I am deeply committed to promoting Northern Ontario. To that end, I am launching a creative social media campaign for summer 2026 to promote tourism across the region. This campaign will feature a variety of tourist destinations over the summer, aimed at encouraging people to explore and experience the beauty of the North.

As experts in your community, I would appreciate your top recommendations for a must-see destination, hidden gem or iconic attraction that we can feature in our campaign. Whether it's a stunning lookout, a renowned landmark or a local tourism business, your insights will be invaluable.

To showcase the beauty of your community, I kindly ask that you send us your best, highest-quality photos of the two to three attractions you would like us to highlight in our campaign. My ministry is looking for an image that captures its essence and invites others to experience it firsthand. By submitting photos, your organization confirms that it has the necessary rights or permissions for their use as described in this letter. If any submitted photos include identifiable individuals, a signed individual consent must be provided as attached. This requirement applies where a person's likeness is recognizable in the image. No further consent is required for landscape or attraction-only photos that do not include identifiable individuals.

Once we gather all the suggested sites, we will create a calendar of featured destinations. As your jurisdiction's day approaches, we will notify you so you can watch for and share the post.

Thank you again for your partnership. Together, we can showcase the incredible offerings of Northern Ontario and inspire visitors to explore our remarkable region.

For all your suggestions and photos, please email bronwyn.gould@ontario.ca or call 437-772-8629 if you have any questions. I look forward to a summer filled with record breaking tourism in Northern Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Pirie".

The Honourable George Pirie
Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth

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**ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT D'ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS
DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE**

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Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Detachment Board

Regular Meeting of the Board

Wednesday April 8th, 2026

5:00 p.m.

Township of Perry Municipal Office

(1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON)

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**
(with reference to this Agenda and any previous meeting)
- 3. Adoption of Minutes**
 - 3.1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, February 11th, 2026
- 4. Delegations - NIL**
- 5. Almaguin Highlands OPP S/Sgt Detachment Commander Updates and/or Reports**
 - 5.1. 2026 Q1 OPP Detachment Board Report {Res}
- 6. Board Business**
 - 6.1. Village of South River – Concerns Regarding Additional Policing Costs {Discussion}
 - 6.2. 2026 Board Budget {Res}
 - 6.3. 2026-01 Meal Allowance Policy {Res}
- 7. Correspondence and General Information**
 - 7.1. Minister Michael Parsa, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – response to letter re: Cecil Facer Youth Centre
 - 7.2. OAPSB – Call for Resolutions – Guidance document
 - 7.3. Inspector General Memo #9: Province-Wide Inspection on Police Integrity and Anti-Corruption Practices
 - 7.4. OAPSB – Quarterly Newsletter – October to December 2025
- 8. By-laws – NIL**

9. Closed Session – NIL

10. Other Business

11. Adjournment - Next Meeting: July 8, 2026

All information including opinions, presentations, reports, documentation, etc. that are provided at a public or open meeting are considered a public record.

This is the true original Agenda distributed to the OPP Detachment Board, copied for public handout, and placed in the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board File. Ref: OPP Detachment Board Agenda 2026 04 08



Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Detachment Board

**Regular Meeting of the Board
Wednesday February 11th, 2026
5:00 p.m.
Electronic Attendance Only**

Any and all Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by the OPP Board at a Regular Meeting.

In Attendance:

Electronic:

Robert Sutherland, Chair & Community Representative, Krista Miller, Vice Chair & Community Representative Board Members Kevin Noaik, Joe Lumley and Neil Scarlett, Beth Morton, Acting Secretary

Regrets:

Dan Robertson

Members of the Public:

n/a

Item 2 - Disclosure of Conflict of Interest- Nil

Item 3 – Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2026-08

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated Wednesday, January 14th, 2026.

Carried

Item 4 Delegations - Nil

Item 5 – Almaguin Highlands OPP Updates and or Reports – Nil

Item 6.1 – Draft 2026 Budget

Resolution No. 2026-09

Moved by: Neil Scarlett

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board has received the Draft 2 – 2026 Budget and hereby directs that the Secretary bring the final budget forward for approval at the April 8, 2026 Meeting.

Carried

Item 6.2 – 2026 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting

Resolution No. 2026-10

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Neil Scarlett

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves Dan Robertson to attend the 2026 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting from June 1 to 3, 2026 in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Carried

Item 6.3 Draft Meal Allowance Policy

Resolution No. 2026-11

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Neil Scarlett

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby directs the Secretary to bring forward a Meal Allowance Policy for consideration and approval at the April 8th, 2026 Meeting.

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:17 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2026.

Robert Sutherland, *Chair*

Beth Morton, *Acting Secretary*



**OPP Detachment Board Report
Collision Reporting System
January - March 2026**

Motor Vehicle Collisions by Type						
January - March						
Year	2024		2025		2026	
CollisionType	Incidents	% Change	Incidents	% Change	Incidents	% Change
Fatal Injury	0	--	1	--	1	0.0%
Non-Fatal Injury	5	-58.3%	5	0.0%	5	0.0%
Property Damage Only	78	13.0%	71	-9.0%	72	1.4%
Total	83	2.5%	77	-7.2%	78	1.3%

YTD						
Year	2024		2025		2026	
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January - March

Year ● 2024 ● 2025 ● 2026

Collision Type	2024	2025	2026
Fatal Injury	0	1	1
Non-Fatal Injury	5	5	5
Property Damage Only	78	71	72

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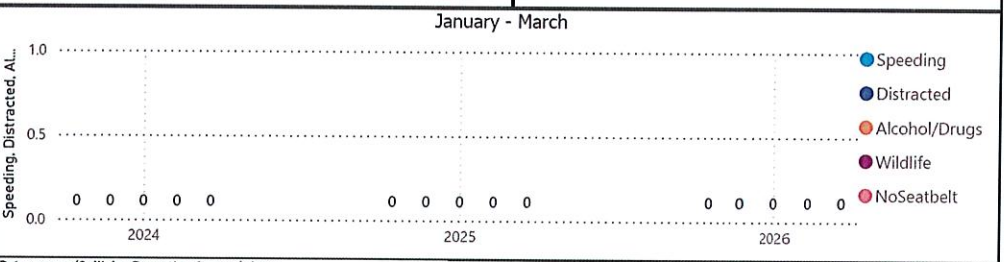
Fatalities in Detachment Area - Incidents									
January - March									
Type	Motor Vehicle			Motorized Snow Vehicle			Off-Road Vehicle		
	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change
2024	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--
2025	0	0	--	0	1	--	0	0	--
2026	0	0	--	0	1	0.0%	0	0	--

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2025	0	0	--	0	1	--	0	0	--
2026	0	0	--	0	1	0.0%	0	0	--

Fatalities in Detachment Area - Persons Killed						
January - March						
Type	Motor Vehicle		Motorized Snow Vehicle		Off-Road Vehicle	
	Persons Killed	% Change	Persons Killed	% Change	Persons Killed	% Change
2024	0	--	0	--	0	--
2025	0	--	1	--	0	--
2026	0	--	1	0.0%	0	--

YTD						
Type	Motor Vehicle		Motorized Snow Vehicle		Off-Road Vehicle	
	Persons Killed	% Change	Persons Killed	% Change	Persons Killed	% Change
2024	0	--	0	--	0	--
2025	0	--	1	--	0	--
2026	0	--	1	0.0%	0	--

Primary Causal Factors in Fatal Motor Vehicle Collisions						
	January - March			YTD		
	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026
Speeding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Speeding % Change	--	--	--	--	--	--
Distracted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Distracted % Change	--	--	--	--	--	--
Alcohol/Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alcohol/Drugs % Change	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wildlife	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wildlife % Change	--	--	--	--	--	--
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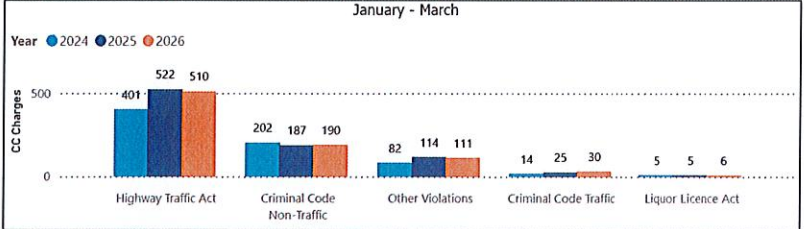


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Criminal Code and Provincial Statute Charges Laid

January - March						
Year	2024		2025		2026	
ChargeCategory1	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change
Criminal Code Non-Traffic	202	12.2%	187	-7.4%	190	1.6%
Criminal Code Traffic	14	-6.7%	25	78.6%	30	20.0%
Highway Traffic Act	401	25.3%	522	30.2%	510	-2.3%
Liquor Licence Act	5	400.0%	5	0.0%	6	20.0%
Other Violations	82	18.8%	114	39.0%	111	-2.6%
Total	704	20.3%	853	21.2%	847	-0.7%

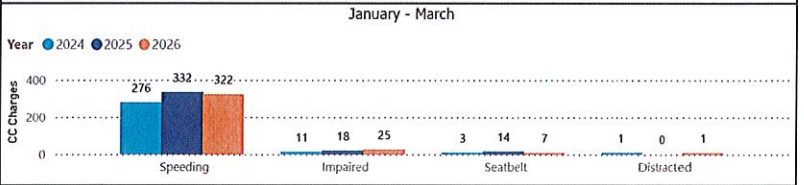
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Traffic Related Charges

January - March						
Year	2024		2025		2026	
ChargeCategory2	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change
Speeding	276	50.8%	332	20.3%	322	-3.0%
Seatbelt	3	-40.0%	14	366.7%	7	-50.0%
Impaired	11	0.0%	18	63.6%	25	38.9%
Distracted	1	-50.0%	0	-100.0%	1	--

YTD						
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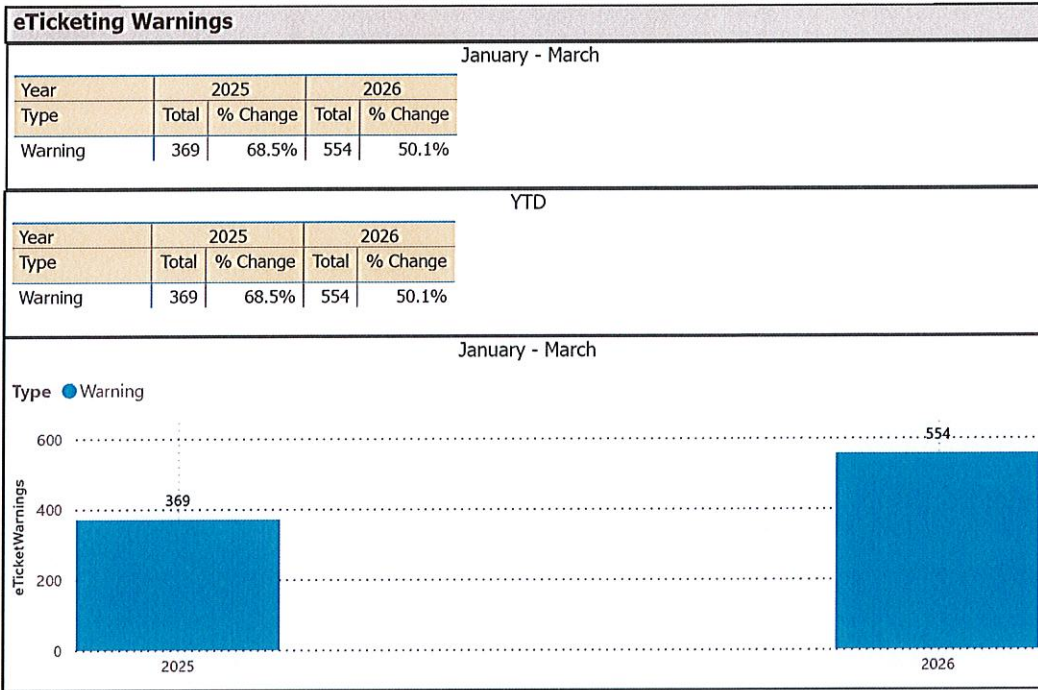
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Note: The eTicketing system was not fully implemented until the end of 2022, therefore data is only available beginning in 2023. % Change in 2023 may appear higher in this report due to the incomplete 2022 data.

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Violent Crime						
January-March						
Year ViolationGrp	2024		2025		2026	
	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
Homicides	0	--	0	--	0	--
Other Offences Causing Death	0	--	0	--	0	--
Attempted Murder	0	--	0	--	1	--
Sexual Offences	7	-22.2%	10	42.9%	1	-90.0%
Assaults/Firearm Related Offences	20	-9.1%	22	10.0%	18	-18.2%
Offences Resulting in the Deprivation of Freedom	0	--	0	--	0	--
Robbery	0	--	0	--	0	--
Other Offences Involving Violence or the Threat of Violence	22	144.4%	21	-4.5%	13	-38.1%
Offences in Relation to Sexual Services	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total	49	22.5%	53	8.2%	33	-37.7%

YTD						
Year ViolationGrp	2024		2025		2026	
	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
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January - March

Category	2024	2025	2026
Attempted Murder	0	0	1
Sexual Offences	7	10	1
Assaults/Firearm Related Offences	20	22	18
Other Offences Involving Violence or the Threat of Violence	22	21	13

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Property Crime

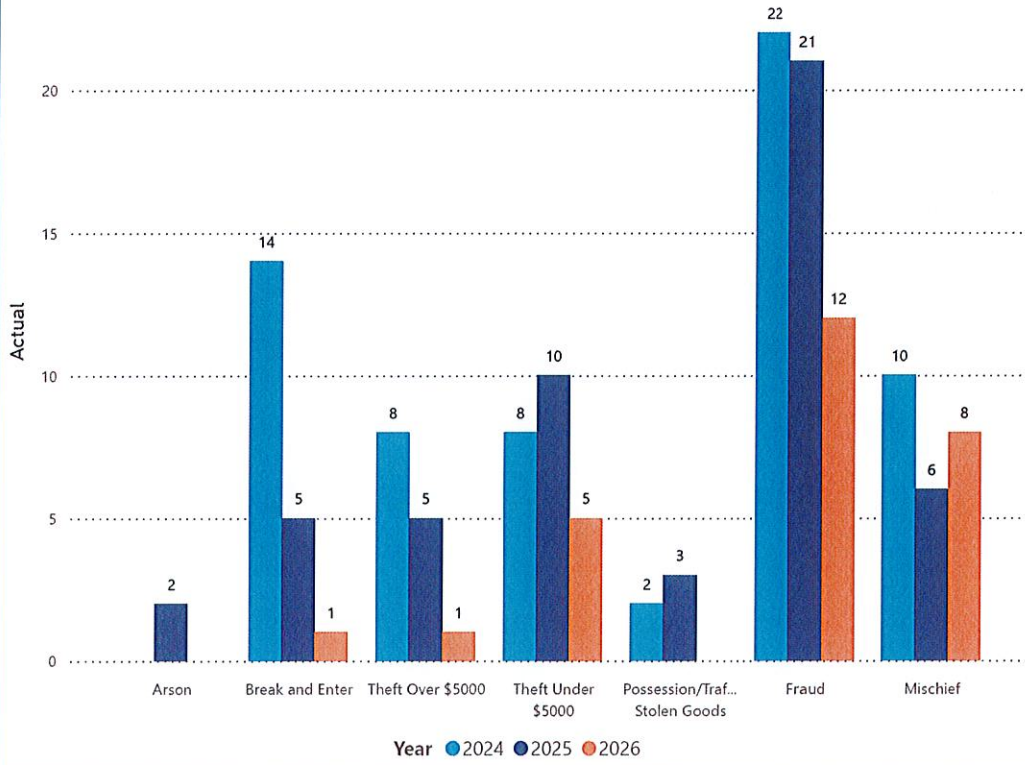
January - March

Year	2024		2025		2026	
	ViolationGrp	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual
Arson	0	--	2	--	0	-100.0%
Break and Enter	14	133.3%	5	-64.3%	1	-80.0%
Theft Over \$5000	8	700.0%	5	-37.5%	1	-80.0%
Theft Under \$5000	8	0.0%	10	25.0%	5	-50.0%
Possession/Trafficking Stolen Goods	2	100.0%	3	50.0%	0	-100.0%
Fraud	22	29.4%	21	-4.5%	12	-42.9%
Mischief	10	233.3%	6	-40.0%	8	33.3%
Total	64	77.8%	52	-18.8%	27	-48.1%

YTD

Year	2024		2025		2026	
	ViolationGrp	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual
Arson	0	--	2	--	0	-100.0%
Break and Enter	14	133.3%	5	-64.3%	1	-80.0%
Theft Over \$5000	8	700.0%	5	-37.5%	1	-80.0%
Theft Under \$5000	8	0.0%	10	25.0%	5	-50.0%
Possession/Trafficking Stolen Goods	2	100.0%	3	50.0%	0	-100.0%
Fraud	22	29.4%	21	-4.5%	12	-42.9%
Mischief	10	233.3%	6	-40.0%	8	33.3%
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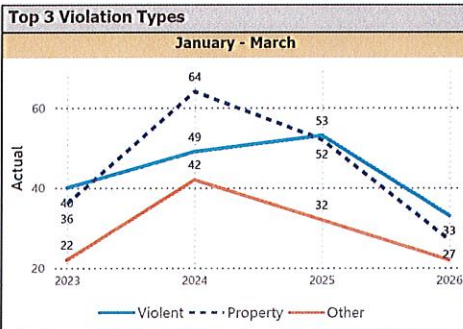
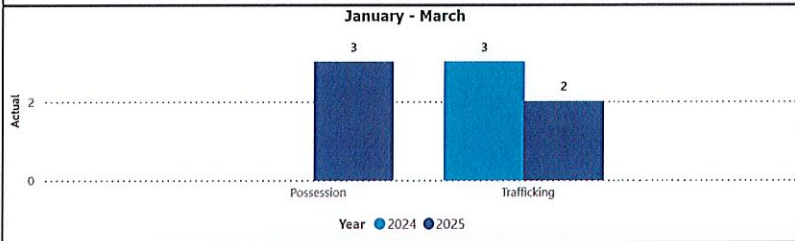
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Drug Crime						
January - March						
Year	2024		2025		2026	
	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
Possession	0	-100.0%	3	--	0	-100.0%
Trafficking	3	200.0%	2	-33.3%	0	-100.0%
Importation & Production	0	--	0	--	0	--
Cannabis Possession	0	--	0	--	0	--
Cannabis Distribution	0	--	0	--	0	--
Cannabis Sale	0	--	0	--	0	--
Cannabis Importation & Exportation	0	--	0	--	0	--
Cannabis Production	0	--	0	--	0	--
Other Cannabis Violations	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total	3	0.0%	5	66.7%	0	-100.0%

YTD						
Year	2024		2025		2026	
	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
Possession	0	-100.0%	3	--	0	-100.0%
Trafficking	3	200.0%	2	-33.3%	0	-100.0%
Importation & Production	0	--	0	--	0	--
Cannabis Possession	0	--	0	--	0	--
Cannabis Distribution	0	--	0	--	0	--
Cannabis Sale	0	--	0	--	0	--
Cannabis Importation & Exportation	0	--	0	--	0	--
Cannabis Production	0	--	0	--	0	--
Other Cannabis Violations	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total	3	0.0%	5	66.7%	0	-100.0%



ViolationGrp	January - March				Total
	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Failure to Comply	14	32	25	19	90
Assaults/Firearm Related Offences	22	20	22	18	82
Provincial Statutes	25	16	28	12	81
Fraud	17	22	21	12	72
Other Offences Involving Violence or the Threat of Violence	9	22	21	13	65

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Other Crime Occurrences

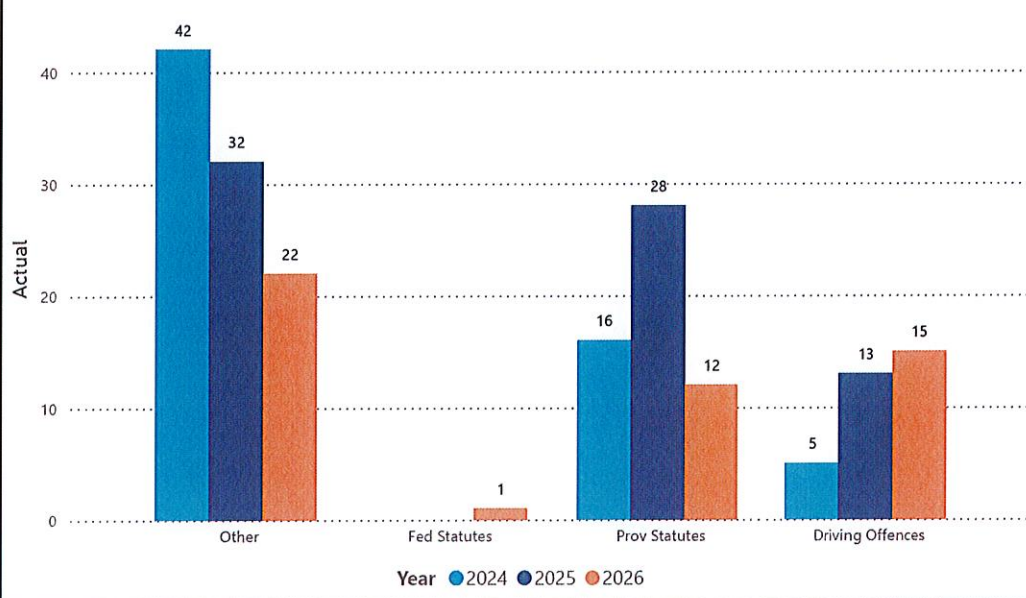
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Year	2024		2025		2026	
	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
Other	42	90.9%	32	-23.8%	22	-31.3%
Fed Statutes	0	--	0	--	1	--
Prov Statutes	16	-36.0%	28	75.0%	12	-57.1%
Driving Offences	5	-16.7%	13	160.0%	15	15.4%
Total	63	18.9%	73	15.9%	50	-31.5%

YTD

Year	2024		2025		2026	
	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
Other	42	90.9%	32	-23.8%	22	-31.3%
Fed Statutes	0	--	0	--	1	--
Prov Statutes	16	-36.0%	28	75.0%	12	-57.1%
Driving Offences	5	-16.7%	13	160.0%	15	15.4%
Total	63	18.9%	73	15.9%	50	-31.5%

January - March



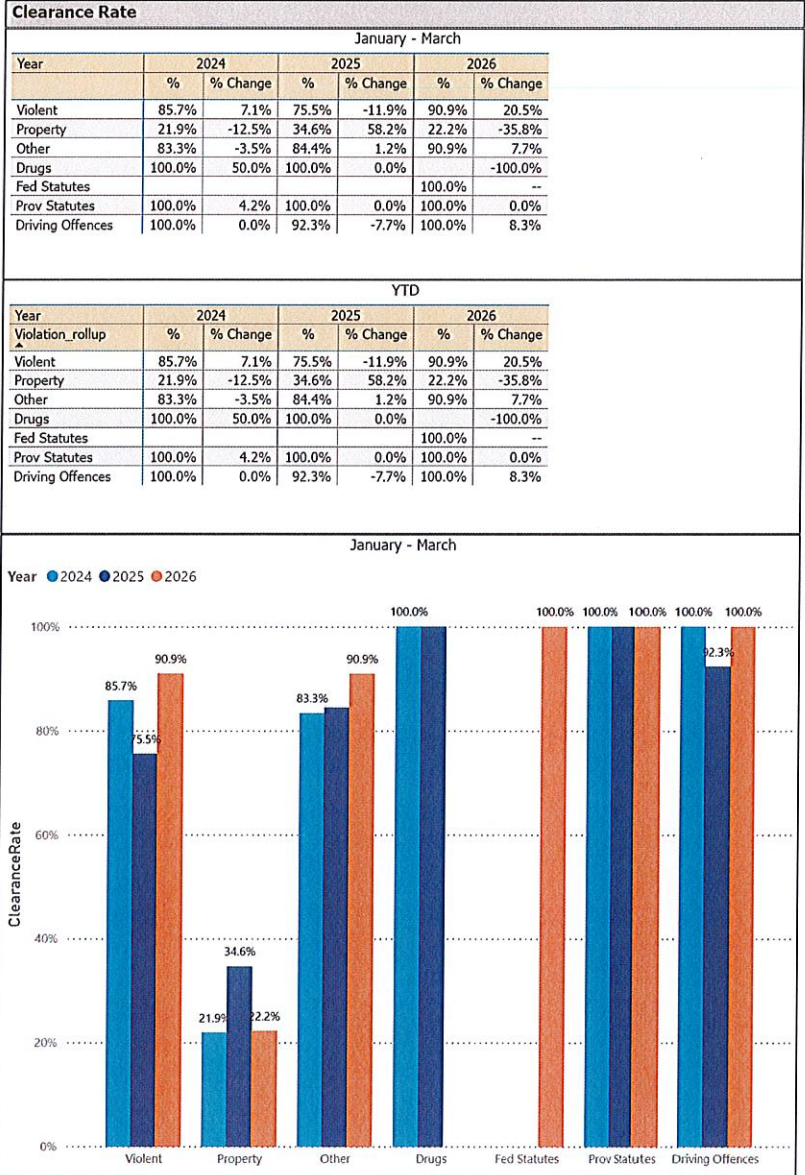
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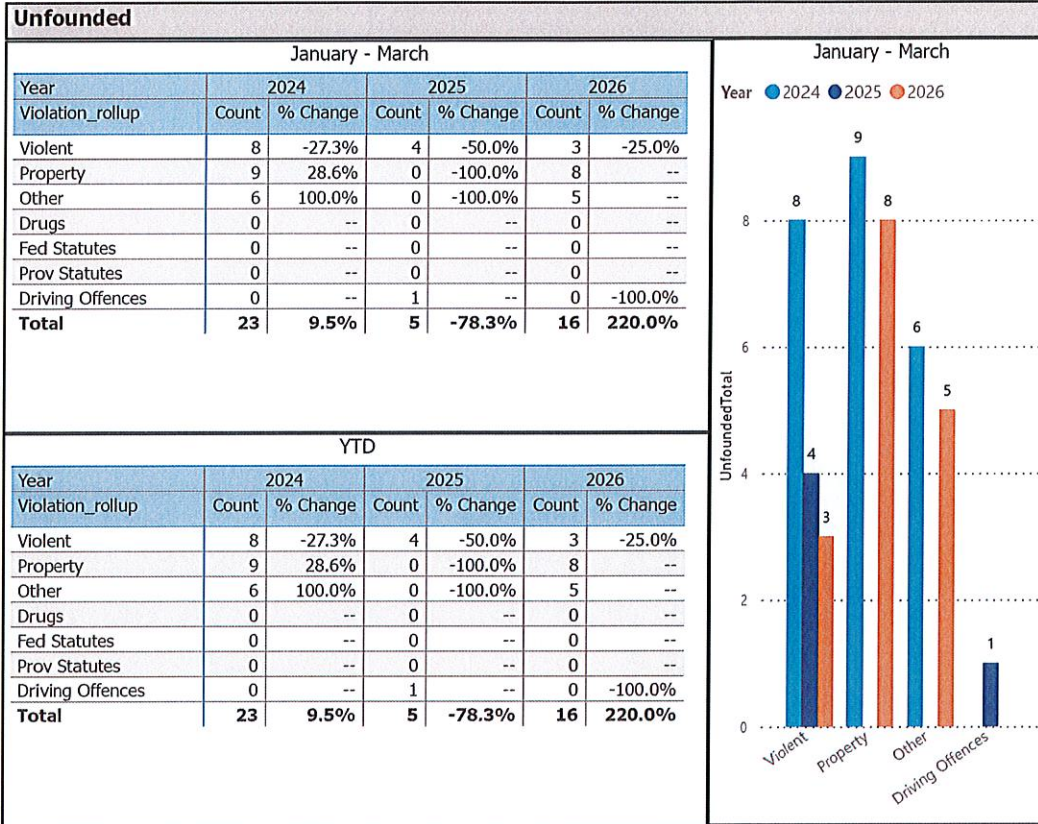
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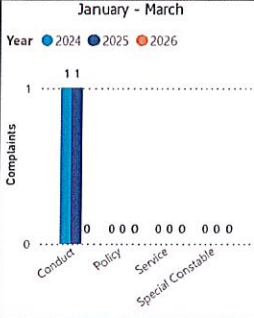
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Public Complaints (Detachment Level Only)						
January - March						
Year	2024		2025		2026	
INCIDENT_TYPE	Count	% Change	Count	% Change	Count	% Change
Conduct	1	-85.7%	1	0.0%	0	-100.0%
Policy	0	--	0	--	0	--
Service	0	--	0	--	0	--
Special Constable	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total	1	-85.7%	1	0.0%	0	-100.0%

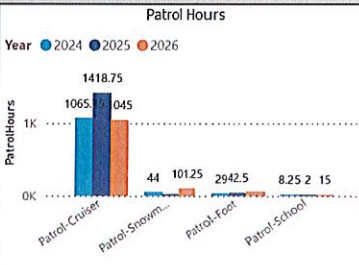
YTD						
Year	2024		2025		2026	
INCIDENT_TYPE	Count	% Change	Count	% Change	Count	% Change
Conduct	1	-85.7%	1	0.0%	0	-100.0%
Policy	0	--	0	--	0	--
Service	0	--	0	--	0	--
Special Constable	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total	1	-85.7%	1	0.0%	0	-100.0%



Data source: RMS Data Feed
 Ontario Provincial Police, Professional Standards Bureau Commander Reports - File Manager System
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Daily Activity Reporting

Daily Activity Reporting Patrol Hours			
January - March			
ODCdescr	2024	2025	2026
Patrol-Cruiser	1,065.75	1,418.75	1,045.00
Patrol-Aircraft	0.00	0.00	0.00
Patrol-Motorcycle	0.00	0.00	0.00
Patrol-Marine	0.00	0.00	0.00
Patrol-ATV	0.00	0.00	0.00
Patrol-Snowmobile	44.00	25.25	101.25
Patrol-Bicycle	0.00	0.00	0.00
Patrol-Foot	29.00	42.50	56.25
Patrol-School	8.25	2.00	15.00
Total	1,147.00	1,488.50	1,217.50



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Youth Charges by Disposition Type			
January - March			
Disposition_Type	2024	2025	2026
Bail	0	0	0
Conference	0	0	0
Conviction	3	3	0
Diversion	4	2	0
NonConviction	2	4	0
NotAccepted	0	0	0
Total	9	9	0

YTD			
Disposition_Type	2024	2025	2026
Bail	0	0	0
Conference	0	0	0
Conviction	3	3	0
Diversion	4	2	0
NonConviction	2	4	0
NotAccepted	0	0	0
Total	9	9	0

Youth Charges by Disposition and Occurrence Type		
January - March		
Year	2026	Total
OccType		
Total		0

YTD		
Year	2026	Total
OccType		
Total		0

The tables and chart on this page present summarized youth charges by disposition and occurrence type that have been recorded in the OPP Niche RMS application. Of note... the Niche data sourced for this report page only lists youth charges that have had a disposition type entered against them. Therefore, please be aware that the counts of youth charges entries on this report page are under stating the potential sum of youth charges that are in OPP Niche RMS.

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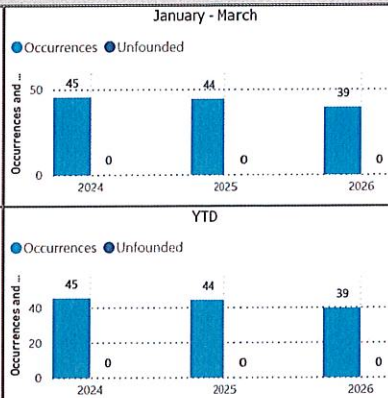


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Mental Health Act Occurrences		
January - March		
Year	Occurrences	Unfounded
2024	45	0
2025	44	0
2026	39	0

YTD		
Year	Occurrences	Unfounded
2024	45	0
2025	44	0
2026	39	0

Mental Health Act Occurrences by Occurrence Type		
January - March		
Year	2026	
OccurrenceType	Occurrences	Unfounded
Attempt or threat of suicide	6	0
Intimate Partner Violence	1	0
Mental health act	28	0
Person Well-Being Check	2	0
Prevent breach of peace	1	0
Threats	1	0
Total	39	0



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Overdose Occurrences							
January - March				YTD			
Fatal	2024	2025	2026	Fatal	2024	2025	2026
<input type="checkbox"/> Fatal	0	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/> Fatal	0	0	0
non-opioid overdose	0	0	0	non-opioid overdose	0	0	0
opioid overdose	0	0	0	opioid overdose	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> non-Fatal	0	1	1	<input type="checkbox"/> non-Fatal	0	1	1
non-opioid overdose	0	1	1	non-opioid overdose	0	1	1
opioid overdose	0	0	0	opioid overdose	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1	Total	0	1	1

Fatal Overdose Occurrences				Non-Fatal Overdose Occurrences			
January - March				January - March			

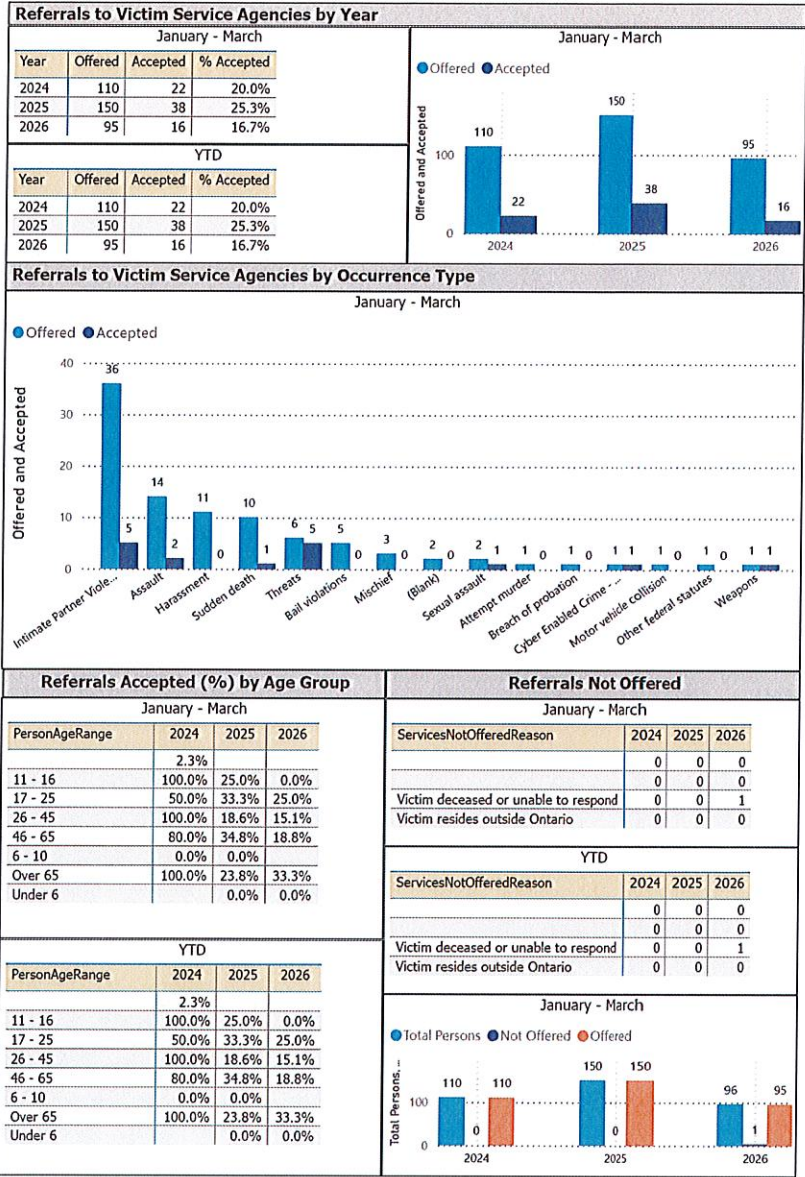
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OPP Detachment Board Report
Report Information Page

Report Data Source Information:

Data Sources Utilized

- Niche RMS – CTSB Data Feed
- Collision Reporting System (eCRS)
- POIB File Manager
- Daily Activity Reporting System

Niche RMS

RMS data presented in this report is dynamic in nature and any numbers may change over time as the OPP continue to investigate and solve crime.

The following report tabs acquire their data from the OPP Niche RMS – CTSB Data Feed

- Complaints (Public Complaints Section Only)
- Charges
- Warnings
- Violent Crime
- Property Crime
- Drug Crime
- Clearance Rate
- Unfounded
- Other Crime
- Youth Charges
- MHA – Mental Health Act
- Overdose
- Victim Services

Collision Reporting System (eCRS)

Traffic related data for Collisions and Fatalities are collected from the OPP eCRS application.

The following report tabs acquire their data from the OPP eCRS (Collision Reporting System)

- Collisions
- Fatalities

DAR (Daily Activity Reporting)

Patrol hours are collected from the OPP DAR application.

The following report tabs acquire their data from the OPP DAR (Daily Activity Reporting)

- Complaints (Patrol Hours Section Only)



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March 10, 2026

Almaguin OPP Detachment Services Board
Attention: Chair and Members of the Board

Subject: Concerns Regarding Additional Policing Costs

Dear Chair and Members of the Almaguin OPP Detachment Services Board,

On behalf of the Village of South River Council, I wish to express our appreciation for the excellent policing services our community continues to receive. The partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police has consistently provided responsive, professional, and effective service that contributes greatly to the safety and well-being of our residents.

Council has noted recent discussions regarding possible new cost allocations—specifically items such as association fees, travel expenses, and appreciation-related costs. While we understand the intent to support board operations and recognize service contributions, there is concern that these additional expenses may not translate into measurable improvements in the delivery of front-line policing within our municipality.

When the concept of a regional police services board was established, we had envisioned the Board's role as one focused on identifying local issues and leveraging local resources to assist Staff Sergeant Vincer in setting priorities that reflect the unique needs of our communities. From a governance perspective, the Board's members collectively bring many years of valuable municipal experience that could be effectively adapted and applied to these new roles—ensuring that decision-making remains community-focused and cost-conscious.

Given the already high quality of service, Council respectfully requests that the Board carefully consider the financial impact of adding these costs to the municipal levy. We encourage continued focus on maintaining cost-effective governance and ensuring that any expenditures directly enhance policing outcomes for all Almaguin communities.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to continued dialogue on how best to sustain a strong and efficient policing model for our region.

Sincerely,

Jim Coleman, Mayor



**Regular Meeting of the Board
Wednesday April 8, 2026**

2026 Board Budget

RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves the 2026 Almaguin Highlands OPP Board Budget as presented.

OVERVIEW

The Acting Secretary provided a revised 'Draft 2' Budget for discussion at the February 11, 2026 Meeting.

Following the meeting and based on questions from other Clerks, I did some further investigating into the budget and realized that there were a few additional adjustments required to the 2026 Budget and its breakdown.

The appropriate share for the OPP Board Budget is broken down based on a 1/12th share, save and except for the OAPSB membership which is based on a per property calculation of \$0.21 plus HST per property.

In addition, in reviewing the Terms of Reference, the mileage to attend the conference and zone meetings is to be paid by the member's respective municipality. This would apply for the Council representative. The Community Representatives and Provincial Appointee costs are shared based on a 1/12th share.

The June Spring Conference in Niagara Falls is being attended this year by Dan Roberton, Councillor of Ryerson Township. I had estimated into the budget a mileage cost of approximately \$525 based on Perry's approved mileage rate, therefore the conference portion of the budget has been reduced by this amount as this will be Ryerson's responsibility and not the Board to

cover this cost. The conference, meals and hotel expenses are the responsibility of the Board.

The Provincial Appointee is regulated to receive remuneration. It is at the Board's discretion to pay the Community Representatives. A monetary amount has been included in the 2026 Budget based on Perry's rates for 2026. Any remuneration of Council representatives (if paid) would be by their respective municipality.

The 1/12th share was agreed upon when the Board was established, as well as the Board composition.

I have attached to this report the Final 2026 Budget which includes a full breakdown of each municipalities appropriate share for OAPSB Membership and General Budget for 2026.

Submitted to the Board for their consideration and approval.

Attachments

- Final 2026 OPP Board Budget

**Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board
2026 Budget**

Description	2026 Budget	Notes
OPP Board Insurance	\$ 3,888.00	
Honorarium - Provincial Appointee	\$ 370.92	One rep at \$61.82/meeting, 6 meetings
Honorarium - Community Representatives	\$ 741.84	Two reps at \$61.82/meeting, 6 meetings
Spring Conference	\$ 1,975.00	Conference, hotel, meals
Zone 1A Meeting - Sudbury	\$ 1,200.00	Meeting, hotel, meals, mileage
Zone 1A Meeting - Sault St. Marie	\$ 1,700.00	Meeting, hotel, meals, mileage
Appreciation Recognition	\$ 2,000.00	For OPP Detachment staff appreciation
Total for General OPP Board	\$ 11,875.76	Split evenly into 1/12 shares
OAPSB Membership	\$ 2,996.39	Split by property count - \$0.21 plus HST per property
Total Budget for 2026	\$ 14,872.15	

2026 Almaguin Highlands OPP Board Cost Distribution

2026 OPP Board Budget: \$ 14,872.15

Municipality	Property Count	OAPSB Membership	General Budget	Total for 2026
Armour	1403	\$ 332.93	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,322.58
Burk's Falls	634	\$ 150.45	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,140.10
Joly	311	\$ 73.80	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,063.45
Kearney	1375	\$ 326.29	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,315.94
Machar	967	\$ 229.47	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,219.12
Magnetawan	2219	\$ 526.57	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,516.22
McMurrich/Monteith	922	\$ 218.79	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,208.44
Perry	1861	\$ 441.62	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,431.27
Ryerson	679	\$ 161.13	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,150.78
South River	602	\$ 142.85	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,132.50
Strong	1069	\$ 253.67	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,243.32
Sundridge	585	\$ 138.82	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,128.47
Total	12627	\$ 2,996.39	\$ 11,875.76	\$ 14,872.15



**ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT D'ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS
DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE**

ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS OPP DETACHMENT
DÉTACHEMENT D'ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

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Meal Allowance Policy

Out-of-Town Meetings, Conferences, and Conventions

1. Purpose

To establish clear and consistent guidelines for the reimbursement of meal expenses incurred by Members of the Board while attending approved meetings, conferences, or conventions outside of the Almaguin region.

2. Scope and Eligibility

This policy applies to all Members of the Board who are authorized to travel outside of the Almaguin region to attend meetings, conferences, or conventions while being appointed to the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board.

3. Meal Allowances

Reimbursement for meals will be provided up to the following maximum amounts:

- **Breakfast:** \$15
- **Lunch:** \$25
- **Dinner:** \$50

The **maximum total daily meal allowance** shall not exceed **\$90 per day**.

4. Receipts and Reimbursement

- **Original itemized receipts are required** for all meal expense reimbursement claims.
- Reimbursement will be limited to the actual cost incurred, up to the applicable meal and daily maximums.

5. Alcohol

- **Alcoholic beverages are not eligible for reimbursement** under this policy.
- Any costs related to alcohol must be clearly separated on receipts and will be the responsibility of the Board Member.

APPROVED BY:	Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board	ISSUE DATE: April 8, 2026	REVISION DATE:
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6. Expenses Exceeding Allowances

- Any meal expenses that exceed the maximum daily meal allowance of \$90 **must receive approval from the Board** before reimbursement.
- Expenses incurred in excess of the allowance without Board approval will not be reimbursed.

7. Administration

Claims for reimbursement shall be submitted to the Secretary within two weeks of returning from meetings, conferences, or conventions so that they may be reimbursed by the Township of Perry Finance Department.

8. Effective Date

This policy shall come into effect **upon the passing of the applicable by-law by the Board.**

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February 10, 2026

Robert Sutherland
Chair
Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board
c/o beth.morton@townshipofperry.ca

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board regarding the planned closure of the Cecil Facer Youth Centre (CFYC). I appreciate the time you have taken to share the board's concerns.

Currently, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) is working with the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) to repurpose the CFYC site for adult offenders. This initiative would allow for both ministries to leverage existing government and community assets to better support Greater Sudbury and other Northern communities.

For the CFYC transfer, justice partners, including the Ontario Provincial Police Service, other police services and local courts, will be engaged to assess the potential impacts on transportation logistics, in-person court attendance and court release planning.

This ministry remains committed to fulfilling its legislative responsibilities in supporting youth through the Youth Justice Division. Our work is guided by accountability and a focus on achieving positive outcomes for young people. Any transfer planning for youth will be thoughtful and informed by recommendations from the Ontario Ombudsman's report *Lost Opportunities*, as well as insights gained through community engagement.

CFYC will continue to operate as a youth facility throughout the planning and construction process. The timeline for ending admissions to CFYC and transferring to a SOLGEN-operated adult institution will be determined as planning progresses.

We know that effective collaboration with stakeholders is essential to supporting youth programming following the closure of CFYC. The Youth Justice Division remains committed to engaging with community partners throughout the transition period to share government plans related to the transfer of CFYC to SOLGEN.

The transition period will include a range of engagement approaches to ensure inclusive participation from all community partners and to address connectivity challenges in some remote First Nations communities. Initial conversations have begun with Indigenous partners, who will continue to be engaged to understand how the closure may affect Indigenous youth, families and communities, and to explore strategies to mitigate any impacts. Focused discussions related to CFYC will take place closer to the anticipated transfer date.

I encourage you to get in touch with Michael Smith in the ministry's Youth Justice Division should you wish to set up a meeting to discuss this matter further. He can be reached by email at Michael.Smith4@ontario.ca or by telephone at 416-294-5693.

Thank you again for your continued partnership and commitment to supporting youth in Northern Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Parsa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Parsa
Minister

c: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Michael Smith, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Minister,
Youth Justice Division



Proposing Resolutions for the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

What are AGM Resolutions?

AGM Resolutions are the decisions made by members at an AGM, which direct the OAPSB Board of Directors. Generally speaking, resolutions address either:

- Members' advocacy interests (such as proposed legislative changes); or
- Internal Association matters (like By-law changes).

How do I Propose a Resolution?

1. A member board or zone (or the OAPSB Board of Directors) may propose a resolution electronically in WORD format, complete with any relevant background information, to the OAPSB office by the posted deadline (if any) for an AGM.
2. OAPSB staff collate all proposed resolutions, and provide them to every AGM delegate prior to the AGM.
3. When called upon during the AGM, the originator introduces the proposed resolution. Following discussion, voting delegates are called upon to vote for or against the proposed resolution.
4. The OAPSB Board of Directors acts upon all resolutions that are carried at the AGM.

How do I Prepare a Proposed Resolution?

A good resolution addresses three questions:

- A. What is the problem?
- B. What is causing the problem?
- C. What is the best way to solve the problem?



All resolutions contain a preamble and an operative clause. The **preamble** describes the issue, and the **operative clause** outlines the action being requested.

The Preamble

The preamble starts with a recital, “WHEREAS” clause. Each clause is a separate but concise paragraph describing the problem and/or reason corrective action is being requested. Ideally the preamble does not contain more than four “WHEREAS” clauses.

The Operative Clause

The operative clause begins with the words “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED”. This clause should be as short as possible, clearly describe the corrective action being requested to solve the problem identified in the preamble, and identify the agency that is being asked to implement the proposed solution.

The clearer the solution is stated in the operative clause, and the better that the preamble describes the problem that needs fixing, the more likely that the resolution will be understood and acted upon in a meaningful way.

Identification

The proposed resolution also needs:

- a title that describes the topic and/or the proposed solution
- the name of the member board or zone that is proposing the resolution

This allows the AGM Chair to call identify the proposed resolution to the members present, and to request the proposing board/zone to introduce the proposal to those members.

Some Keys to Successful Resolutions:

- The language of the resolution should be simple, action-oriented and easily understood
- Each resolution should address only one specific subject
- Resolutions should be accompanied by supporting facts/evidence
- Resolutions should be properly titled
- Resolutions should deal with issues relevant to police service boards



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Inspector General of Policing Memorandum

TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique, C.O.M.
Chairs, Police Service Boards

FROM: Ryan Teschner, Inspector General of Policing of Ontario

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Inspector General Memo #9: Province-Wide Inspection on Police Integrity
and Anti-Corruption Practices

On February 5, York Regional Police announced the results of Project South, a complex criminal investigation into organized crime and corruption. The investigation identified serious allegations and resulted in the arrest of several current and former members of the Toronto Police Service and has prompted broader concerns about the integrity and public confidence in policing.

It is essential that these concerns are addressed directly, examined independently and handled in a manner that strengthens public trust. This is a responsibility the Inspectorate of Policing takes seriously.

After considering a request from the Toronto Police Service and the Toronto Police Service Board, I will be initiating a province-wide inspection on police integrity and anti-corruption practices. While the scope of the inspection is still to be finalized, it will focus on five defined areas, with the ability to examine additional areas should they arise:

- Supervision and span of control, including how officers are supervised and how effective that supervision is;
- Screening and vetting of police officers both at recruitment and on an ongoing basis;
- Access to police databases and information systems, including permissions, controls and clearances;
- Evidence and property management practices; and
- Substance abuse and fitness for duty.

Given the scope of this inspection and the importance of it being conducted in a timely manner, I will appoint an individual external to government to serve as lead inspector. Upon completion, the inspector will submit a report outlining their independent findings. I will review the report to determine whether there has been any non-compliance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, including a failure to provide adequate and effective policing. If there has been non-

compliance, I will determine whether to issue any legally binding Directions to ensure compliance and improve performance across Ontario's policing system.

As the Inspectorate of Policing's work moves forward, I encourage you to evaluate your policies, procedures and practices as they relate to the five issues identified. To the extent you may identify vulnerabilities and approaches to address them in your own organization, please continue to engage the Inspectorate of Policing through your Police Services Advisor for support and guidance as needed. As always, our Police Services Advisors are there to help you navigate emerging issues, provide guidance, and support your compliance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*. Finally, and importantly, as this work unfolds, my team will be careful and thoughtful in both our planning and execution to avoid compromising any ongoing criminal or other proceedings. I will keep the policing sector apprised as planning for this inspection evolves.

I take seriously our shared responsibility to maintain public confidence in the strength and integrity of Ontario's policing system.

Sincerely,



Ryan Teschner
Inspector General of Policing of Ontario

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

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Message from the Chair

As we approach the end of the year and the start of the holiday season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the work we have done together as members of the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards.

This has been a year of continued pressure on police governance. Police service boards across Ontario are continuing to navigate the Community Safety and Policing Act, stewarding complex budgets, overseeing major capital and technology projects, and responding to evolving community expectations around transparency, accountability, and equity. Through all of this, you have demonstrated professionalism, courage, and a deep commitment to ensuring “adequate and effective policing” in every community you serve.

I am especially proud of the way our members have leaned into their roles as true governors of policing: setting clear priorities, asking the hard questions, supporting chiefs and command teams, and keeping community safety and well-being at the centre of every decision. The OAPSB has been proud to support you through training, conferences, policy guidance, and advocacy with all levels of government, and we will continue to be that voice at the provincial level in the years ahead.

Thank you to our boards, our police service and civilian members, our partners, and our communities for your ongoing trust and collaboration. Your work often happens quietly, behind the scenes, but it is essential to community safety in Ontario.

On behalf of my OAPSB Board colleagues, I wish you and your families a safe, restful, and joyful holiday season, and a healthy, peaceful New Year. I look forward to continuing our work together in the coming year.



Sincerely,

Alan K. (Al) Boughton
Chair, Ontario Association of Police Service Boards

Message from the Executive Director

As we come to the close of 2025, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all of you for your commitment to effective, responsible police governance across Ontario. This has been a year of significant transition for our sector, with new boards forming under the Community Safety and Policing Act and existing boards adapting to new expectations, processes, and responsibilities. Through it all, your dedication has remained steady and clear.

I have had the privilege of working closely with many of you this year. What has stood out most is the willingness to engage, to ask important questions, and to work collaboratively through challenges that are not small in scope. This willingness is exactly what strengthens governance and supports safer communities.

Looking ahead to 2026, our work together becomes even more focused and exciting. With the launch of Police Governance Ontario, we will be expanding our resources, enhancing our member supports, and raising the standard for governance excellence across the province. You can expect clearer tools, stronger training pathways, and more opportunities to connect with peers and experts who are shaping modern police governance.

We will also continue to work to advance advancing key initiatives that matter to you, including advocacy on funding, and legislative issues, and practical governance resources that reflect the real needs and challenges of today's boards. Alongside this, we are building a more integrated member experience through our new website and learning platform, designed to help you access what you need quickly and with confidence.

As you step into the holiday season, I hope you find time to rest and enjoy moments with your family and loved ones. the people who matter most. Thank you for your service, collaboration and leadership. I look forward to the year ahead and to all that we will accomplish together. Warmest wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.



Lisa Darling, M.O.M.
Executive Director,
Ontario Association of Police Service Boards

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Stronger Oversight: Ideas for Boards

Ontario's governance system is evolving, and boards are at the center of that change. Municipal Boards, OPP Detachment Boards, and First Nations Boards each face distinct challenges, but all share the goal of stronger oversight and safer communities. This section highlights the most pressing priorities and practical steps boards can take right now.

Municipal Police Service Boards

Key Governance Priorities for This Quarter

Use Inspectorate Decisions as learning tools

The Inspectorate of Policing has begun publishing Decisions and Findings that include determinations related to board member conduct and adequacy and effectiveness compliance. These reports offer practical examples of what strong governance looks like and highlight areas where boards have struggled. Reviewing these decisions helps boards understand emerging expectations and adjust local practice before issues arise.

Stay grounded during budget approval season

Police budgets continue to draw significant attention in many municipalities. Under the CSPA, funders cannot alter individual components of a police budget. They may approve the budget in full or reject it in full. If an agreement cannot be reached, the only pathways are conciliation or arbitration. Boards should ensure their councils understand this structure so that discussions remain constructive and within the legislative framework.

Understand the significance of Section 2.20

Boards should also be aware of recent developments related to Section 220 of the CSPA. An arbitration decision released this fall clarified how this section applies to certain senior civilian roles. The decision confirmed that while employees in these designated positions cannot be members of a police association due to the potential for conflict of interest, they remain members of the police service under the Act. As a result, they remain part of the bargaining structure and are entitled to the association's duty of fair representation even without association membership.

This interpretation means the membership restriction does not remove these roles from the collective bargaining framework. It also reinforces that if the legislature had intended to exclude these positions entirely from Part XIII, it would have done so in the same way chiefs and deputy chiefs are excluded. Boards do not need to take action at this time but should monitor updates as further clarity continues to develop across the sector.

Strengthen transparency as community expectations rise

Public trust continues to hinge on how boards communicate. Ensure agendas, minutes, public materials, and board updates are posted promptly and written in clear, accessible language. Consistent transparency remains one of the most effective ways to support community confidence in police oversight.

Make use of the Governance Insights series

This quarter's Governance Insights materials offer guidance on readiness, decision making, and governance culture. Boards are encouraged to use these resources to support discussion at the table and reinforce strong oversight practices.

OPP Detachment Boards

Moving from Formation to Function

OPP detachment boards are still evolving, and many are operating with uneven support, varying levels of municipal understanding, and the legacy of communities that never had police boards before. With the 2026 policing year approaching, the focus now is on clarity, stability, and demonstrating value across all municipalities in the detachment.

For Boards Still Getting Organized

Finalize the essential governance tools

If bylaws, codes of conduct, or role descriptions are still in draft form, make them a priority. These documents give the board structure, protect fairness, and prevent individual municipalities from dominating the process.

Reinforce understanding of the board's role

Many councils still view board costs or board activities as optional. Clear communication about the board's mandate under the CSPA helps shift old assumptions and reduces friction as the new policing year begins.

Build visibility across the detachment

A few plain-language updates or simple online summaries can help communities understand that the board exists, is active, and supports local safety.

For Boards Advancing Their Governance Work

Use the annual governance cycle (available in the members portal)

The annual workflow developed for OPP boards gives structure to meetings, reporting, and oversight. Boards further along in their journey should rely on it to keep their governance work consistent.

Anchor discussions in Community Safety and Well-Being plans

Reviewing each municipality's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan helps the board understand local priorities and identify common themes for detachment-wide oversight.

Connect to the local action planning cycle

As municipalities refresh their Community Safety and Well-Being priorities, boards should be aware of the OPP local action planning underway. This strengthens alignment between community needs and board discussions.

Strengthen documentation and compliance

The Inspectorate's expectations apply equally to detachment boards. Clear minutes, transparent decisions, and consistent use of bylaws help demonstrate readiness.

Current Priorities for All Detachment Boards

- Ensure bylaws and core governance documents are finalized and in active use.
- Review Community Safety and Well-Being plans from all municipalities to inform upcoming discussions.
- Begin engaging with municipalities on their next local action planning cycle tied to CSWB priorities.
- Strengthen transparency through clear minutes and accessible board updates.
- Reinforce understanding among municipalities of the board's mandate and legislative responsibilities.

Use available supports

The Governance Insights series, discussion groups, and shared templates offer practical help for boards at every stage. These tools are designed to support boards with limited resources as they move from formation into effective and confident oversight.

First Nations Police Boards

Strengthening Governance Across Different Legal Pathways

First Nations police service boards operate in a landscape that is not uniform. Some communities have adopted the Community Safety and Policing Act, while others continue to operate through sovereign governance structures or negotiated agreements. Regardless of the pathway, strong oversight, cultural legitimacy, and community trust remain central to effective governance.

This quarter, the focus is on clarity, readiness, and support for boards operating within different legal and cultural frameworks.

For Boards Operating Under the CSPA

Align oversight with community priorities

Even within a statutory framework, oversight is most effective when it reflects Indigenous values, community-defined priorities, and local approaches to safety and well-being. Use CSPA tools as a foundation, not the ceiling.

Strengthen documentation and transparency

Meeting records, bylaw updates, and clear decision pathways help maintain trust with funders, the community, and partner governments. These practices also position boards well as Inspectorate expectations continue to evolve.

Coordinate across jurisdictions

Tripartite and negotiated structures still influence how police services operate, even under the CSPA. Boards should remain attentive to intergovernmental agreements and ensure local needs are clearly reflected in detachment or service-level priorities.

For Boards Operating Outside the CSPA

Maintain strong governance structures

Boards functioning through sovereign or negotiated models should continue to rely on culturally grounded decision-making, restorative approaches, and relational accountability. Good governance does not depend on the statute; it depends on clarity, fairness, and community legitimacy.

Align community safety priorities with governance work

Even outside the CSPA, many First Nations communities maintain local action plans or safety strategies. Boards can use these as anchors for oversight discussions, helping align police service activity with community direction.

Document processes and decisions

Funders, partner governments, and community members increasingly look for transparency. Clear procedures and consistent documentation support stable governance, regardless of legal structure.

Shared Priorities for All First Nations Boards

- Integrate cultural values and traditions into oversight practices and decision-making.
- Review community safety priorities and local action plans to guide board discussions.
- Ensure governance tools such as bylaws, terms of reference, and role descriptions are clear and accessible.
- Strengthen relationships with police service leaders through open communication and shared understanding of community needs.
- Prepare for new members by ensuring orientation materials reflect both statutory and culturally grounded governance expectations.

OAPSB Support

The OAPSB is committed to supporting all First Nations police service boards, whether operating inside or outside the CSPA. Members can access adaptable templates, policies, and board resources, and participate in learning circles and discussion groups that focus on Indigenous approaches to governance and community safety. These supports are designed to honour sovereignty while strengthening oversight capacity.



2025 has been a year of continued implementation and learning under the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) for the Inspectorate of Policing (IoP). As Ontario's policing oversight framework continues to take shape in practice, the IoP remains focused on transparency, accountability and continuous improvement across the police and police governance sector.

This month, the Inspector General of Policing, Ryan Teschner, began publicly releasing his Inspector General Decisions arising from completed IoP investigations into public complaints. These decisions will be published regularly on the IoP's website.

These decisions result from two types of investigations:

- Section 106 matters, which address the conduct of police service board members; and
- Section 107 matters, which examine whether police services are adequate and effective, comply with Ontario's policing laws and standards, and follow policies or procedures established by police service boards, the Minister, or Chiefs of Police.

Each investigation concludes with a Findings Report that sets out the evidence and analysis gathered by the IoP. Based on this report, the Inspector General issues a decision confirming whether provincial requirements have been met and, where necessary, Directions or Measures to address non-compliance. The publication of these decisions represents the next phase of the IoP's work – supporting efforts to strengthen policing performance and accountability. By sharing decisions openly, the Inspector General aims to highlight both areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. This focus will continue to guide IoP's work in the year ahead, supporting police services and boards in better meeting their obligations under the law, reinforcing public confidence in the policing system, and ultimately helping to better serve communities across Ontario.

As the year draws to a close, the IoP extends warm seasonal wishes to police service board members and their families, and thanks you for your continued dedication to supporting strong police governance across Ontario.

Call for Photos!

As we build our new website and expand our newsletter content, we would love to showcase real boards, real communities, and real moments of governance in action. If your board has photos from meetings, community events, swearing-ins, or engagement activities, please consider sharing them with us. Be sure that anyone identifiable in the photo has given permission for it to be used. Your images help us reflect the true work of police governance across Ontario. Feel free to email your submissions to communications@oapsb.ca

Tools and Resources

[Visit the Member Portal](#)

Preparing for the Transition to Police Governance Ontario (PGO)

We are actively preparing for the transition from OAPSB to **Police Governance Ontario** in early 2026. This shift includes a redesigned website, updated member tools, and a more intuitive structure that will make it easier for boards to find what they need, when they need it. More information will be shared as we move through this transition, and boards can expect a cleaner, more coordinated experience across all platforms.

A streamlined website and portal are on the way!

The new PGO website and Member Portal are being built to:

- simplify navigation and reduce clutter
- bring Governance Insights, resources, and templates into one clearly organized system
- support future training modules and learning pathways
- connect seamlessly with the mobile app, database and coming learning portal, for a single sign-in experience

As we complete this work, you may notice adjustments to how content is organized. These changes will support a smoother experience once the transition is complete. Watch for the announcements on our coming social channels!

Governance Insights: new content available

The Governance Insights section continues to grow with practical, board-ready guidance. These short posts can support agenda planning, spark discussion, and help boards strengthen their governance practices.

Stay connected through the mobile app

The OAPSB app will continue to operate and evolve through the transition to PGO, giving members fast access to updates, resources, and coming features.

Help keep your board connected

Accurate contact information in GrowthZone, our internal database, remains essential. Some boards still have incomplete member records, which limits access to communications, training opportunities, and member-only resources. Chairs and administrators are encouraged to review and update their rosters regularly to ensure full connectivity as we transition to PGO.



1. Got an idea for a topic?
2. Want to feature your board in upcoming newsletters?
3. Can't find what you're looking for?
4. Have you checked our new Governance Insights Blog?

email communications@oapsb.ca

Events & Engagement

Introducing the New Employment Conference - February 25 & 26, 2025

This year, our long-standing Labour Conference has transitioned into a new sector-wide initiative: the Employment Conference, delivered in partnership with the Police Association of Ontario and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police. This collaborative model brings all three perspectives together; employer, leadership, and members, to reflect the realities of today's policing environment.

Why the shift

Policing employment issues now span far beyond traditional labour relations. The new conference format allows us to address the full spectrum of topics that boards and services are navigating, including:

- workforce planning and staffing pressures
- mental health and psychological safety
- modern performance management
- legislative updates under the CSPA
- arbitration trends and dispute resolution
- equity, inclusion, and workplace culture

What this means for boards

This shared approach strengthens understanding across the sector and ensures board members receive practical, relevant support for their role as employers and oversight leaders. It also reduces duplication and unifies conversations that affect every level of policing.



Member Discussion Groups

Discussion Groups remain one of the most effective ways for boards to share challenges and find solutions together. Whether it's navigating the CSPA, preparing budgets, or improving community engagement, these sessions connect members with peers who face the same issues. These sessions are free with your membership but registration is required. Upcoming dates and registration are available through the Member Portal.

An infographic titled "DISCUSSION FORMAT" with a circular arrow icon. It lists "Updates" (Any previous open follow-up items and answers, Updates from Ministry & ISP) and "Best Practice Sharing" (Share and learn from your peers, Ask questions that are top of mind for your board). A section titled "Discussion Groups" describes the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OASPB) invites participation in meaningful conversations with fellow community members, experts, and stakeholders. It notes that staying informed is an essential benefit of joining these groups, providing updates on the latest developments, trends, and challenges in policing, access to exclusive information and resources that will help you make informed decisions. It also states "Not a member of the OASPB? Contact us for more information." At the bottom, it lists session details: "EVERY 3RD WEEK Monthly 12:00PM", "TUESDAYS Admin & Municipal Staff", and "THURSDAYS Board Members".

<https://oaspb.ca/events/>
training@oaspb.ca



Partner Perspective

30Forward: Advancing Women in Policing

30Forward continues to gain momentum across Ontario as police services commit to measurable actions that strengthen the recruitment, retention, and advancement of women in policing. The initiative focuses on mentorship, inclusive culture, family support, leadership development, and building a national resource hub that supports long-term change.

Thank you to those Ontario Police Services that have taken the 30Forward Pledge!

- Durham Regional Police Service
- Peel Regional Police
- York Regional Police
- Toronto Police Service
- Ottawa Police Service
- Waterloo Regional Police Service
- Halton Regional Police Service
- Niagara Regional Police Service
- Hamilton Police Service
- Sudbury Police Service
- Guelph Police Service
- London Police Service
- Owen Sound Police Service
- OPP



[Learn more at 30Forward.ca](https://www.30forward.ca)

A call to action

We encourage all police services in Ontario that have not yet taken the 30Forward Pledge to consider joining this collective effort. The pledge is a practical way to demonstrate commitment to equity, modern policing practices, and a healthier, more inclusive workplace culture.

Boards, chiefs, and municipal leaders all play an important role in shaping this change. If your service is ready to move forward, now is the time to connect with the 30Forward team and add your name to the growing list.



BENEFITS

Why Membership Matters More Than Ever

As we move toward the transition to Police Governance Ontario, membership has never carried more practical value. Boards that remain active members gain access to tools, protections, and sector insights that directly support their ability to meet legislative responsibilities and strengthen governance at the local level.

Governance protection for your board

Board Indemnification Insurance (Group Program)

OAPSB members have exclusive access to a group insurance program designed to protect police services board members in the event of legal action related to their governance role.

- Lower cost than purchasing standalone municipal coverage
- Consistent protection across all board members
- A significant benefit for OPP detachment boards that lack municipal administrative infrastructure

For many boards, this one benefit more than justifies the cost of membership.

Personal benefits for individual members

Medallion Home and Auto Insurance Program

Members also gain access to the Medallion Group Home and Auto Insurance Program through McFarlan Rowlands.

- Discounted rates
- Flexible payment options
- Dedicated member service
- Available to both sworn and civilian board members

This is a personal perk that adds value for every individual on the board, not just the board as an entity.

Tools and support you can't get anywhere else

- Full access to Governance Insights
- Board templates, policies, and oversight tools
- Member Portal access with upcoming PGO enhancements
- Discounted rates for training and events,
- Direct updates on Inspectorate expectations, legislative changes, and sector trends
- A community of peers across the province for discussion, problem-solving, and shared learning

A simple reminder

Invoices have been sent, and renewal ensures uninterrupted access to member-only supports as we prepare for the transition to PGO. If your board has not yet renewed, now is an ideal time to secure your benefits for the year ahead.

Also as a reminder, you will need to submit the names and contact details of board members for our confidential data base and proof of insurance.



Connect & Learn More

Final Thoughts

As we move toward the transition to **Police Governance Ontario**, boards and administrators across the province are preparing for a new year of expectations and opportunities. This is a good moment to take stock of where your board stands, confirm you have the right supports in place, and make sure your governance foundation is ready for 2026.

Strong governance depends on clear roles, strong administrative support, and consistent communication. With that in mind, we are pleased to highlight two important developments that will help boards move forward with more confidence.

New Administrator Handbook

The new Administrator Handbook is now available to all members. This resource brings together the core responsibilities of the board administrator role, along with practical tools, templates, workflows, and guidance to help support compliance under the Community Safety and Policing Act.

If your board has a dedicated administrator, or if administrative tasks are shared among members or municipal staff, this handbook can help create clarity and consistency across meetings, records, communication, and reporting. We encourage all boards to download it, share it, and use it as part of your onboarding and orientation process.

New Social Media Channels Coming Soon

As part of the transition to Police Governance Ontario, new LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram channels will be launched in early 2026. These platforms will feature updates, events, sector insights, and stories from boards across Ontario. This is where your photos matter.

If your board has images from meetings, swearing in ceremonies, community events, or engagement activities, please consider sharing them with us. Make sure anyone in the photo has agreed to its use. Real images help us show the work of police governance in a way that stock photos never can.

Quick Actions for Boards Right Now

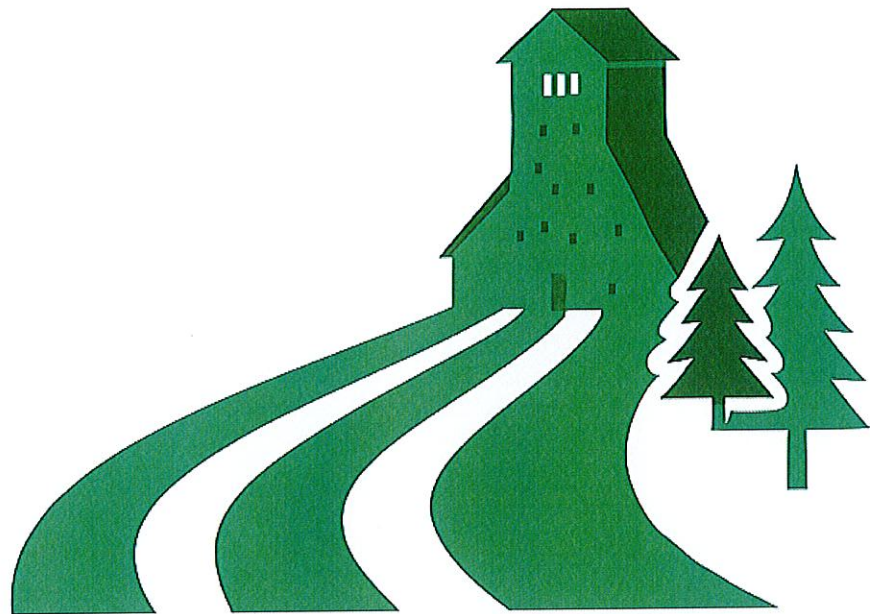
- Download and review the new Administrator Handbook
- Share your board photos for use on the website, newsletters, and social media
- Confirm board member contact information is current in our database
- Review Community Safety and Well Being plans and upcoming local action planning
- Ensure meeting minutes and public materials are posted in an accessible format
- Reach out if your board needs support with governance, policy updates, or training

Staying Connected

- Visit the OAPSB website and Member Portal for resources and Governance Insights
- Use the mobile app for updates, tools, and quick access to materials
- Watch for announcements about PGO social media and website launch
- Contact us any time for governance support or training needs

Together we are building stronger, more connected, and more confident police governance across Ontario.

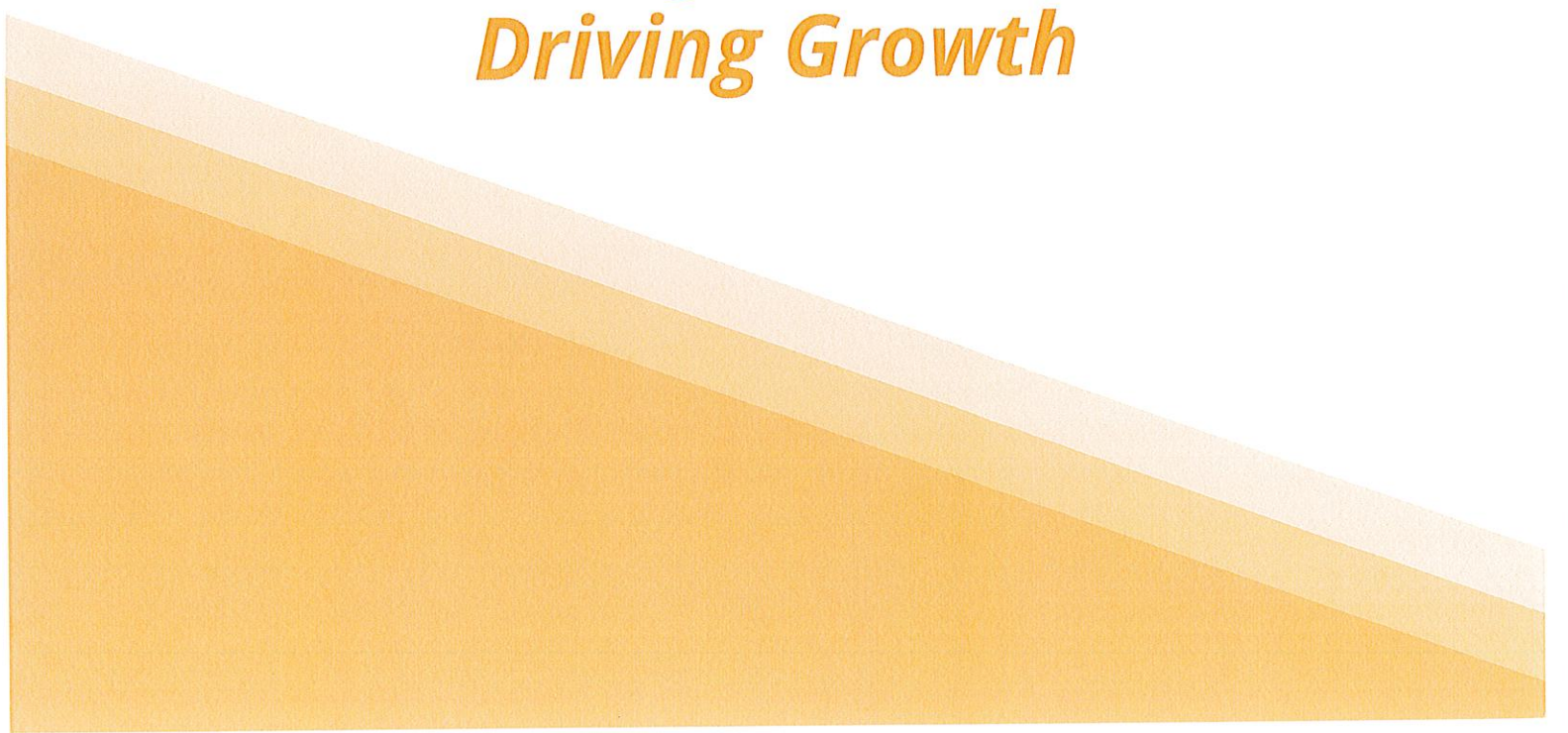
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<u>Monday May 11</u>		
9:30am - 5:00pm	Registration	Arena Entrance
9:00am	Ontario Northland Tour	Arena Entrance
10:30am	FONOM AGM	Ballroom
11:30am	Collège Boréal	Ballroom
12:00pm	Lunch	Arena Floor
1:00pm	Opening Ceremonies	Ballroom
1:30pm	Keynote address	Ballroom
2:45pm	Refreshment Break	Arena Floor
3:15pm	IESO	Ballroom
3:45pm	MPAC	Ballroom
4:15pm	Preserving Municipal Heritage	Ballroom
5:00pm	Welcome Reception	Timmins Museum
7:15pm	Dinner around town	



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<u>Tuesday, May 12</u>					
7:30am	Breakfast	Arena Floor	11:50am	Lunch	Arena Floor
8:30am	NWMO	Ballroom	12:45pm	NOSM	Ballroom
9:00am	NOMA	Ballroom	1:15pm	EllisDon	Ballroom
9:05am	ROMA	Ballroom	2:00pm	FedNor and GoNorth Project	Ballroom
9:15am	Cemetery Closures	Ballroom	2:30pm	Refreshment Break	Arena Floor
9:50am	Role of Recreation in Safer Communities	Ballroom	3:00pm	Gaétan Malette, MP	Ballroom
9:50am	Health, Economy and Adaptation in Rural Communities	Auditorium	3:15pm	AMO	Ballroom
10:20am	Refreshment Break	Arena Floor	3:45pm	Ontario Northland	Ballroom
10:45am	Intact Insurance	Ballroom	4:15pm	Redbrick Communications	Ballroom
11:20am	Element 5	Ballroom	5:30pm	Pre-Banquet Reception	Porcupine Dante Club
11:20am	Agriculture Economic Development	Auditorium	6:30pm	Banquet	Porcupine Dante Club

DISCOVERY



CONFERENCE PROGRAM



<u>Wednesday, May 13</u>		
7:45am	Breakfast	Arena Floor
8:30am	Enbridge	Ballroom
8:45am	MMAH Council Education	Ballroom
9:30am	The Honourable George Pirie	Ballroom
9:45am	The Honourable Stephen Lecce	Ballroom
10:00am	The Honourable Lisa Thompson	Ballroom
10:15am	The Honourable Graydon Smith	Ballroom
10:30am	The Honourable Todd McCarthy	Ballroom
10:45am	Refreshment Break	Arena Floor
11:00am	The Honourable Rob Flack	Ballroom
11:15am	Minister Forum	Ballroom
12:15pm	Closing Ceremonies	Ballroom
12:30pm	Safe Travels Home - Bagged Lunches	



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McMurrich/Monteith Township Council

31 William Street

Sprucedale, ON P0A 1Y0

Re: Proposed Modifications to Taylor Road – Request for Information, Consultation, and Opportunity to Make Submissions

April 13, 2026

Dear Members of Council,

We are writing to you to try and understand the potential modifications that are happening on Taylor Rd.

As we are aware, in September and October 2024, Council discussed the prospect of an alternative boat launch at the end of Taylor Road in connection with the Bear Lake Beach proposal and resolved to defer the matter pending further information from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). Recent council agenda items now reference readiness to proceed with tree clearing once certain issues are addressed. This has raised significant concerns among affected residents.

To date, we have received no formal written notice of the proposed works, nor have public notices been posted describing the land to be modified, the nature of the proposed changes, or providing a key map. Such notice is generally expected for matters involving shoreline alteration or public works that may affect neighbouring properties, consistent with principles of procedural fairness under the *Planning Act* and its regulations (including O. Reg. 545/06).

As a group of directly affected residents, we respectfully request the opportunity to address Council on this matter. To enable informed and constructive input, we ask that the Township promptly provide the following documentation for our review:

1. Any site plans, surveys, or detailed descriptions of the proposed alterations, including scope, design, and extent of works.
2. Copies of any MNRF Work Permit(s) issued or applied for in relation to fill placement, ramp construction, or shore lands alteration.
3. Any correspondence or documentation from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) confirming that authorization is not required, or outlining required mitigation measures.
4. Any analysis or reports evaluating current usage and capacity at the existing Bear Lake Beach and Boat Launch that support the need to separate or relocate these functions.

We understand from discussions with the Deputy Mayor that the Township's Official Plan (By-law 32-2025) addresses public safety on Bear Lake, including the potential separation of beach access and boat launching activities. While we appreciate the Township's objectives, we are

concerned that the current proposal may have disproportionate impacts on Taylor Road residents and the local environment. Without full details of the project, our specific concerns include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Traffic and Safety Impacts

- Increased vehicular traffic, including boat trailers, on Taylor Road, which features a blind corner and insufficient width for safe turning and manoeuvring on said blind corner. This could lead to safety hazards, including conflicts with vehicles exiting West Bear Lake Road, and potential trespass on private driveways for turnaround purposes.
- Reduced emergency vehicle access in the event of an incident on the narrow road.
- Safety risks to adjacent residents who actively use the shoreline for swimming and family water-based activities, potentially more intensively than at the existing public beach.

2. Environmental Impacts

- Potential conflict with the Township's Official Plan policies (Section 3.2.4.6 and related provisions) that encourage the restoration, preservation, and protection of the natural shoreline, including a recommended minimum 15-metre natural undisturbed vegetative buffer to protect water quality, reduce erosion and sediment runoff, and preserve fish habitat.
- Sediment and pollutant runoff (including oil and gas from boat operations) into the enclosed bay area, which could degrade water quality and affect adjacent private shorelines.
- Disturbance of the lakebed, which is characterized as muddy in this location. Any required infilling, rock placement, or structural support to achieve adequate launch depth (noting approximately 3 feet of water at 35 feet from shore in prior observations) could significantly impact existing fish habitat structures **(including documented placement of crocks in consultation with DFO)** and destroy lily pad areas that serve as important fish habitat.

3. Effects on Residents

- Loss of long-standing privacy and quiet enjoyment of the shoreline area enjoyed for many years.
- Potential for increased noise and evening or after-dark use in the absence of formal hours of operation at the existing launch.
- Risk of unauthorized overnight camping or related activities on private properties or adjacent Crown land, notwithstanding the Township's existing bylaws prohibiting camping on municipal property (e.g., By-law 08-2022 and By-law 28-2025).

We are not in favour of locating a boat launch at the end of Taylor Road due to these disproportionate impacts on a small number of residents. However, we are prepared to discuss constructive alternatives that could better balance public recreational needs with

environmental protection and compatibility with existing uses. Possible options previously referenced in Council discussions or reports include:

1. Relocating beach access to the end of Oline Street, as previously recommended by Public Works Superintendent Trevor James on September 3, 2024, and CAO John Theriault in the October 1, 2024 report.
2. Relocating the boat launch to Sanborn Drive, where the Township appears to hold a right-of-way to the water's edge with a bulb-out suitable for vehicle turnaround.
3. Utilizing other undeveloped road allowances, such as those near the end of West Bear Lake Road and Highway 518, or multiple allowances along East Bear Lake Road.

We respectfully request that Council defer any further works or tree clearing until the requested information is provided and affected residents are afforded a meaningful opportunity to make submissions, either in writing or by delegation at a future Council meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to receiving the requested documents at your earliest convenience and to engaging constructively with Council to find a balanced solution that serves the broader community while respecting the character of the Taylor Road area and the policies of the Official Plan.

Sincerely,

Rod Alward, P. Eng. and Laura Alward

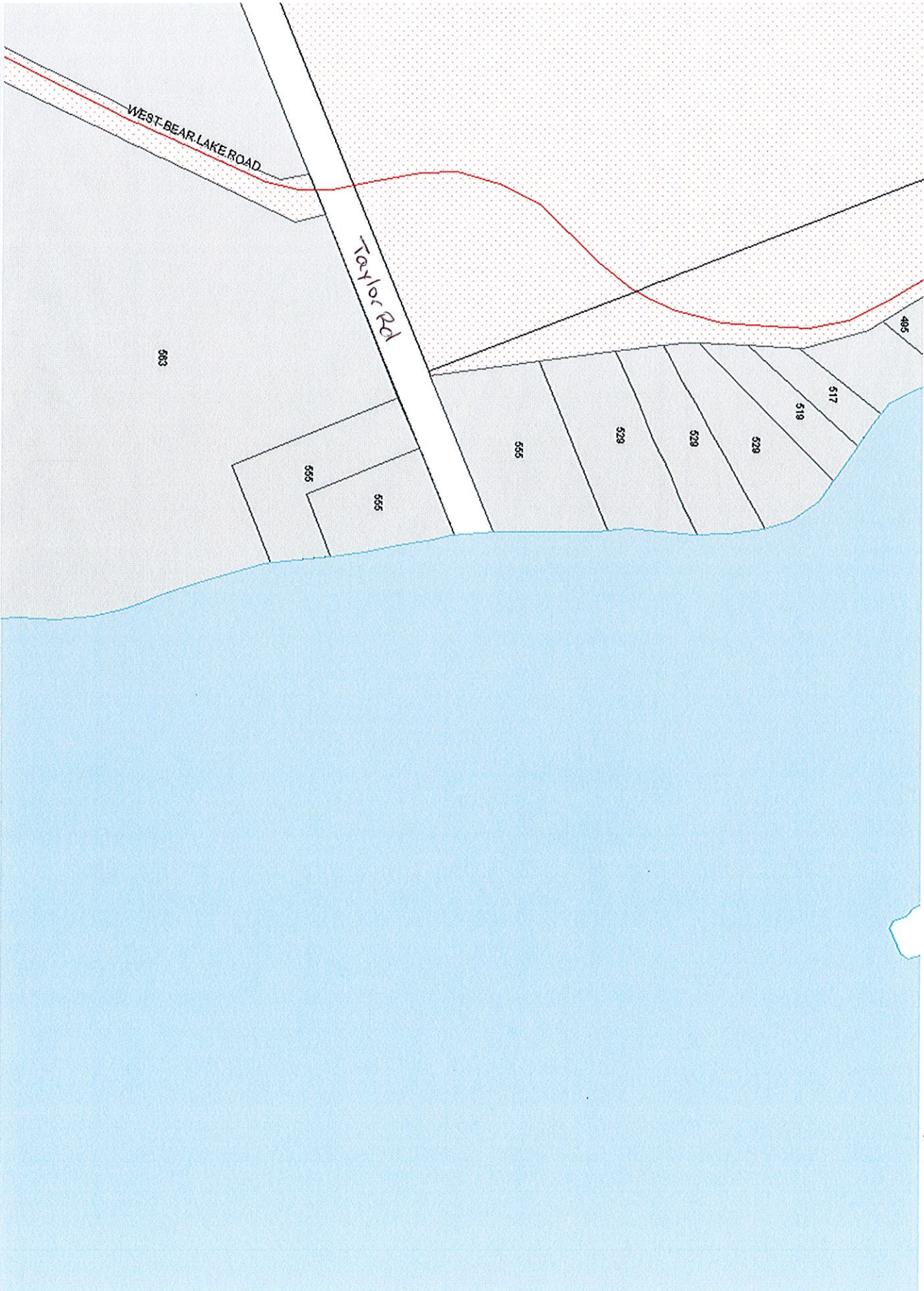
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Minutes: March 5, 2026, 10:00 am via Zoom and at the Township of Perry Municipal Office

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, Joel Baylis, Courtney Metcalf, David Gravelle, Sandy Zurbrigg, Dr. Sarah Mackinnon, Cheryl Harrison, Sarah Cooke, Deb Raynard, Deb Duce (Secretary)

Regrets: Dr. Sarah MacKinnon

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

1. 2026-05 Moved by Sean Cotton - Seconded by Delynne Patterson
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the amended minutes from the regular meeting of February 5, 2026. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** None
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:** None
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

a) Updates

I. Almaguin Highlands Family Health Team – Deb Raynard

- The HCC unattached waitlist is down to sixty-six (66) and the AFHT has hired contractors with MAOHT PC funding to assist with reduction of the internal waitlist.
- Participated in the first round of trauma-informed training with AFT & SDMC and planning for cancer screening sessions.
- AFHT welcomed a new nurse practitioner, and the space is at capacity. They are investing next steps. D. Raynard and S. Cotton will coordinate a meeting for discussion.

II. MAOHT Recruiter – David Gravelle

- At the March 17th HHR Task Force member he reported on the budget, events being attended in 2026, recruitment for SDMC.
- Noted that the HHR TF will likely be moving to meeting bi-monthly and is also seeking a new co-chair.

- III. MAOHT PFCPAC Partner – Sandy Zurbrigg
- Information about guests at the February PFCPAC meeting, overview of SCOPE a service supporting primary care providers with referrals and information access.
 - Other topics include succession planning, MAOHT meeting with Jane Philpott on April 28th, and the agenda for the next MAOHT PCAT meeting which will include the McMurrich Monteith access issue.
 - Discussion of inviting Marsha Barnes, MAOHT Strategic Advisor to a future AHHC meeting to discuss some OH and MOH items.
- IV. Introduction of Joel Baylis, Almaguin Family Dental in South River
- Opened new practice and connecting with communities throughout Almaguin Highlands.
 - He will be attending AHHC meeting.

- b) Armour Township – Expression of Interest – New Health & Innovation Centres for its property at Pegg’s Mountain Road & Ferguson Road.
- Overview of the EOI that will open March 11th and close April 27.
 - Armour Township has purchased the property and donated the land for a health and wellness centre. Looking forward 40 years – what will be needed.
 - Seeking input from primary care providers, community members, patient, families & caregivers, and developers.
 - Discussion of municipal commitments/steps: costs, funding, fundraising, and agreements, and upcoming election.
- c) Update from Space & Building Subcommittee – Meeting on February 23, 2026.
- d) Bank Account Statement
- No change from the last month.
- e) Progress Report
- Cambridge area denturist keen to come to Almaguin Highlands. Will share email with information.
 - Resolution put forward for approval regarding the Mapping of McMurrich Monteith.

2026-07 Moved by Vickey Roeder-Martin - Seconded by Tom Bryson

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council approved members of Almaguin Highlands Health Council advocating for mapping based on postal codes in healthcare related agreements in the Province of Ontario as per physician letter dated [date] in order to correct the omissions of Kearney & McMurrich Monteith.
CARRIED

- f) Other Business’
- Good work of the AHHC and the development of the infographic to share with councils and community members.

- ROI (return on investment) discussion of the size requirement for the health and wellness centre, meetings to date, needs, costs, agreements and municipal responsibilities.
- Also scenarios if the AHHC no longer existed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

2026-06 Moved by Norm Hofstetter - Seconded by Jim Ronholm

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:33 pm to meet again on April 2, 2026, at 10:00 am at Perry Township. Carried.

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District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

c/o Township of McKellar, 701 Hwy 124 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

President: Lynda Carleton **Secretary-Treasurer:** Karlee Britton

Spring 2026 Agenda – 172nd Meeting – Friday, May 29, 2026

Hosted by the Town of Kearney

Kearney Community Centre; 8 Main Street, Kearney, ON P0A 0B1

- 8:15-9:00** Registration / Coffee sponsored by **AL G. Brown & Associates**
- 9:00-9:30** Singing of O Canada
Acknowledgement of the Passing of Township of the Archipelago Councillor, Tom Lundy
Introduction of the Head Table
Welcome and Opening Remarks – **Cheryl Philip**, Town of Kearney
Town of Kearney Land Acknowledgement
Greetings from Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, **Graydon Smith**
Greetings from Parry Sound-Muskoka MP, **Scott Aitchison**
FONOM Update presented by **Lynda Carleton**
ROMA Update presented by ROMA Zone 9 Director, **Mark Wilson**
- 9:30-10:15** **Road Assumption - Stay in Your Lane** *presented by Jaden Hodgins, P. Eng. Roads Specialist from Intact Public Entities*
- 10:15-10:35** **Care on the Move: What's New in Community Paramedicine** *presented by Tom Smith, Community Paramedicine Superintendent*
- 10:35-10:50** Coffee break sponsored by **MuniSoft ... Municipal Software & More!**
- 10:50-11:10** **Ready When It Matters: Emergency Management in Action** *presented by Diane Ploss, Field Officer, Emergency Management Ontario*
- 11:10-11:30** **Dollars & Decisions: Making Municipal Budgets Work** *presented by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- 11:30-12:00** **Destination District of Parry Sound! Growing Tourism in Our Backyard** *presented by James Murphy, CEO, Explorers' Edge*
- 12:00-1:00** **Lunch** will be served by Colleen Comer and will feature a delicious variety of lasagna, fresh Caesar salad, warm garlic toast, and an assortment of desserts.
- 1:00-2:00** **The Path Forward: DSSAB's Approach to Housing Loss Prevention and Encampments** *presented by Tammy MacKenzie, CAO and Jeff Degagne, Director of Income Support and Stability, District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board*
- 2:00** **Resolutions / Business Meeting**
- Adoption of the Minutes of the Fall 2025 Meeting
 - Treasurer's Report August 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025
 - Minutes of the November 27, 2025 Executive Meeting
- Draw for Mystery Door Prize: Must be present to claim!
- Host and Date of Next Meeting:** Friday, September 25, 2026, *hosted by the Township of Carling*
- Adjournment

For Immediate Release

April 8, 2026

FONOM Urges Ontario to Act as Manitoba Advances Compassionate Intervention Legislation

NORTHERN ONTARIO – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is calling on the Province of Ontario to move forward with legislative changes to address addiction and public safety, following the introduction of new legislation in Manitoba that enables short-term, medically supervised intervention for individuals in crisis.

FONOM has long advocated for a compassionate intervention framework that allows for timely, health-based responses when individuals are at risk of harming themselves or others due to severe substance use.

“Manitoba has taken a significant step forward in recognizing the need for intervention tools that balance compassion, care, and public safety,” said **Dave Plourde, President of FONOM**. “We believe Ontario must now move with urgency to provide similar supports for our communities.”

Across Northern Ontario, municipalities are experiencing increasing pressures on emergency services, health care systems, and community safety, as individuals cycle through crisis without access to effective intervention pathways.

“Our communities are dealing with this reality every day,” added Plourde. “Police, paramedics, hospitals, and social services are responding repeatedly to the same individuals, without the tools needed to connect them to care. That is not working for anyone, least of all the individuals in crisis.”

FONOM noted that the impacts of addiction-related crises are being felt directly by residents and businesses across Northern Ontario. Communities are reporting increased concerns related to break-ins, open drug use, theft, property damage, arson, and ongoing challenges with bail compliance.

“These are real, everyday impacts that people are seeing in their communities,” said Plourde. “Residents are asking for a system that not only responds to crisis, but helps prevent it through intervention, care, and accountability.”

Ontario Risks Falling Behind

FONOM noted that other jurisdictions, including British Columbia and Saskatchewan, are also advancing or exploring similar approaches.

“Ontario has an opportunity to learn from these provinces and act quickly,” said Plourde. “We have been raising this issue for some time, and while the need continues to grow, progress has not kept pace.”

A Call for Immediate Action

FONOM is urging the Province of Ontario, particularly the Ministry of Health, to move forward with targeted amendments to the Mental Health Act that would:

- Enable short-term, medically supervised intervention
- Provide pathways to treatment and stabilization
- Reduce pressure on frontline municipal and health services

“This is about ensuring people receive care when they need it most, while also improving safety in our communities,” said Plourde. “The tools exist. The models exist. What is needed now is action.”

Looking Ahead

FONOM remains committed to working with the Province of Ontario to advance a made-in-Ontario solution that reflects the realities of Northern communities and delivers meaningful outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.

“We cannot continue to respond to the same crisis with the same limited tools,” said Plourde. “Ontario has the opportunity, and the responsibility, to act.”

Media Availability

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Ontario Introducing Legislation to Strengthen Regional Governance

Proposed changes would help local leaders speed up decision-making, reduce costs and expedite housing and infrastructure

April 02, 2026

Municipal Affairs and Housing

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government introduced the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026* that would, if passed, make a number of changes to the way regional governments function in some of Ontario's fastest growing regions. These changes would support lower costs for municipal taxpayers and better alignment between regional decision-making and shared provincial-regional priorities. The proposed changes include giving the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the power to appoint upper-tier council chairs in eight fast-growing regions and granting these council chairs "strong chair" powers to help them deliver on government priorities, such as housing and infrastructure. The proposed legislation would also reduce the cost of government and support efficient decision-making in Niagara Region and Simcoe County by reducing the size of Simcoe County Council and Niagara Regional Council.

"We will always support our municipal partners, both lower- and upper-tier, in delivering locally led solutions that offer better value for taxpayers and speed up decision-making," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "These changes provide the necessary tools for local leadership to advance our shared priorities and better serve our communities, including by expediting housing and infrastructure development."

The proposed *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026* and related regulatory changes would enable the following:

- Allow the Minister to appoint regional chairs in Durham, Halton, Muskoka, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York, as well as the warden of Simcoe County. Under previous legislation, the Minister had the authority to appoint chairs in Niagara, Peel and York regions for the 2022-2026 council term only.
- Regional chairs in the eight municipalities listed above would receive "strong chair" powers which mirror "strong mayor" powers, providing more efficient, streamlined local decision-making, enabling them to deliver faster results for residents and support efforts to advance shared provincial-municipal priorities.
- The number of municipal elected officials in Simcoe (population 351,927) and Niagara (population 477,941) is significantly higher than many other comparable municipalities in the province. For instance, Niagara region has 126 local elected officials across its upper and lower-tier councils. By comparison, Toronto City

Council has 26 members for a population of over three million and Queen's Park has 124 MPPs representing over 16 million people across the province. This increases the cost of government for local taxpayers and creates dysfunction at council. To address these concerns, the government is proposing the following changes:

- In response to a request from the county warden, Simcoe County Council would be reduced from 32 members to 17. The new council would be made up of mayors of the 16 lower-tier municipalities, plus the warden.
- Niagara Regional Council would be reduced from 32 members to 13 members. The new council would include the mayors of each of Niagara's 12 lower-tier municipalities plus the regional chair.

To facilitate the transition to the new council structure and ensure appropriate and effective representation, the government would also work with local municipal leadership to develop a weighted voting framework, which is already in force in Simcoe County and would be applied in Niagara Region.

All regions must review their council composition following the 2026 municipal election. Niagara Region would be exempt in 2026 and would return to regular reviews after the 2034 municipal election. The government will continue working with municipalities to identify ways to strengthen local governance in Niagara, Simcoe and beyond. Working together to advance shared provincial-municipal priorities helps advance housing and economic development, preparing both individual municipalities and the province as a whole for growth.

Quick Facts

- Currently, the heads of council of upper-tier municipalities have been selected using different methods – in Durham, Halton and Waterloo they were elected by the voters; in Peel, Muskoka and Simcoe County, they were appointed by the upper-tier council; and in Niagara and York they were appointed by the Minister.
- When Simcoe County tried to reduce its own council size, it received support from both county council and lower tier municipalities representing a majority of Simcoe County's eligible voters. However, it lost on a tie – eight lower-tier municipalities supported reducing the size of county council, while eight lower-tiers were opposed.
- Weighted voting is a system where each member of council may be assigned a different number of votes. The number can be determined by many factors, including population or the number of electors in the ward represented. Since different individual members of council may have a different number of votes, in a weighted vote, a simple "majority of members" may be different from the "majority of weighted votes."

- The proposed amendments would also provide the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing with regulation-making authority to set out weighted voting rules for upper-tier municipal councils starting with the term following the 2026 regular election.
 - The government is announcing these changes in advance of the May 1, 2026, opening of nominations to give municipalities and candidates time to prepare for the fall municipal election.
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Quotes

"Strong regional leadership is essential to get more homes built and reduce costs in communities like Muskoka and across Ontario. Our government is taking steps to ensure regional governments, like the District of Muskoka, can move forward with a clear vision and streamlined processes that better serve residents and taxpayers. Managing growth while protecting the unique character of our area will always remain paramount."

- Graydon Smith
Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka

"Simcoe County is the largest and one of the fastest growing counties in Ontario and an important municipal partner for our government. At the County's request and after years of internal discussion, our government is taking action to modernize Council composition, to make the County more responsive, and more efficient. We look forward to continuing to work together to strengthen the County and serve the residents of Simcoe."

- Brian Saunderson
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Simcoe-Grey

"Regional leadership is vital to building strong, resilient communities. This legislation is a meaningful step forward in our government's plan to ensure municipalities have the tools they need to navigate economic uncertainty, remove barriers to building homes faster, and support long-term growth across Ontario. We will continue working with local leaders across Simcoe County to deliver results for families, unlock new opportunities, and build a stronger, more resilient region."

- Doug Downey
MPP for Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte

"Local governments are essential partners in delivering on the priorities that matter most to Ontarians and in ensuring our province remains strong in the face of economic uncertainty. This act would help strengthen alignment between municipal and provincial priorities and will support more coordinated decision-making, clearer accountability and the ability to advance key initiatives that benefit our communities."

**- Jill Dunlop
MPP for Simcoe North**

"The county asked for these changes, and our government is acting. Our community cannot afford any more delays or red tape when it comes to building housing, delivering infrastructure and supporting economic growth. This legislation would help communities move forward with housing and infrastructure projects that support long term prosperity."

**- Andrea Khanjin
MPP for Barrie-Innisfil**

"Municipalities are key partners in our plan to protect Ontario. By strengthening our regional governance, we are empowering municipalities with stronger tools to respond more effectively and efficiently to the challenges they face in their communities."

**- Caroline Mulroney
MPP for York-Simcoe**

"The population of Niagara is projected to increase to over 700,000 residents by 2051, a significant transformation which will require new and innovative approaches to municipal governance and long-term planning. In a growing region like ours, it's important to plan for the well-being and success of future generations who will call Niagara home. With the changes proposed for our region through the *Better Regional Governance Act*, Niagara will be ready to lead the province as a preferred place to live, work and visit."

**- Sam Oosterhoff
MPP for Niagara West**

"We thank Premier Ford and Minister Flack for their decision and direction. While our governance model has served the County effectively for many decades, there is recognition that further streamlining decision-making will better support the needs of our communities. This reduction in the size of Council, which was previously recommended by County Council, advances our ongoing efforts to be responsive and cost-efficient for residents, while continuing to ensure strong local decision-making at County Council through the leadership of our 16 lower-tier mayors. With growth in our services, there is also a strong need for a full-time Head of Council to focus on the interests of our residents

and communities. These changes will help strengthen our ability to serve our growing region effectively."

- Basil Clarke
Warden, Simcoe County

"Change is long overdue in Niagara and the status quo is not an option. Taxes are too high because of duplication and inefficiencies and we need to streamline. No elected official will vote him or herself out of a job. We need this bold move from the Ontario government."

- Jim Diodati
Mayor, City of Niagara Falls

"I would like to personally thank the Ford government for making governance changes in Niagara. I believe this will lead to a more effective and efficient system that will benefit communities, residents and businesses within the Niagara Region."

- Frank Campion
Mayor, City of Welland

"Regional governance reform is a critical step toward ensuring fair, efficient, and accountable decision making across our communities. We look forward to working with the province to find the right balance of weighted voting representation that reflects both population and local voice."

- Sandra Easton
Mayor, Town of Lincoln

"Streamlining decision-making across Niagara is essential to delivering the Destination Niagara Strategy and supporting the region's long-term growth. Premier Ford's recent \$300 million investment underscores the importance of this work, and Niagara Parks, as a self-funded agency that receives no tax dollars, looks forward to continuing to work with our partners to enhance the visitor experience and keep Niagara among the best places in the world to visit."

- Graham Coveney
Chair, Niagara Parks Commission

"Regional governance reform is a vital opportunity to strengthen collaboration and strategic decision making that supports the entire visitor economy. As a current Board Member, the Tourism Partnership of Niagara looks forward to working with all partners to move Destination Niagara forward and ensure our region remains one of the most inspiring and sought after places to visit in the world."

- Mory Di Maurizio
Board Member, Tourism Partnership of Niagara

"The Niagara Home Builders' Association supports regional governance reform as an important step toward building a more efficient and responsive system that helps get homes and infrastructure built faster. We look forward to working collaboratively with the province and local municipalities to create the conditions needed to meet Niagara's growing housing and community needs."

- Kelly Anderson
Chair of the Niagara Home Builders Association

Additional Resources

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Advocacy Update: Province Announces Changes to Upper-Tier Composition & Gives Regional Chairs 'Strong Chair' Powers

Date Published: April 2, 2026

Today, Minister Flack introduced **Bill 100, *Better Regional Government Act, 2026***, which makes amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. The legislation is purported to ensure municipal governments respond quickly to economic and housing challenges and strengthen decision-making.

We are concerned about the impacts the proposed changes will have on the municipal and school board elections in affected municipalities, including adding additional strain for election administrators who are in the middle of planning and implementing the 2026 elections.

Among the announced proposals, the bill will:

- Authorize the Government to change municipal council composition, including minister regulation-making authority:
 - Simcoe County council would be reduced from 32 members to 17. The new council would be made up of mayors of the 16 lower-tier municipalities, plus the warden.
 - Niagara Regional council would be reduced from 32 members to 13 members. The new council would include the mayors of each of Niagara's 12 lower-tier municipalities plus the regional chair.
- Provide the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing with regulation-making authority to set out weighted voting rules for upper-tier municipal councils starting with the term following the 2026 regular election.
- Provide authority going forward to appoint the head of council of the regions of Durham, Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo, York, Muskoka District, and the warden of Simcoe County, and authority for those individuals to be deemed a member of council.

The bill also proposes amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act*, which include transitional provisions as well as a clause in the event the bill does not pass by May 1, that any person who filed a nomination for the elected office of upper-tier chair in subsection 218.1 (2) of the *Municipal Act* or any office for council of Region of Niagara would be deemed withdrawn.

Changes like these are ones **we have advised the Government to avoid** in an election year. We are disappointed that the Ford Government has decided to ignore our cautions. If passed, the proposals announced today could significantly impact the ability of municipalities to deliver effective, accountable, and cost-efficient municipal and school board elections. We also recognize that there remains uncertainty with school board elections. Minister Calandra has indicated that a decision about school board governance will come in mid-April.

Further, as an Association, we **have been consistent in our opposition to strong mayor powers** as it relates to organizational structures and employment matters, including the hiring and removal of municipal staff. We have **continued to press for clarity** on strong mayor powers and how they are implemented, given the current legislative and regulatory gaps.

As part of the Minister's announcement, he said he would provide 'strong chair' powers to these provincially-appointed heads of council. The strong mayor provisions of the Act do not appear to be amended by this bill; however, there are **proposals open for comment in a regulatory posting**. Our team will be taking a closer look at the regulatory posting, but it appears there is a proposal related to restricted acts, which we have long called for clarity on.

We will seek clarity on whether the ministry intends to make future amendments to the *Municipal Act*. Nevertheless, the extension of a version of these powers to chairs who are provincially appointed will likely further muddy the waters of implementation. The Minister has indicated that these powers will mirror strong mayor powers.

As always, our team will continue to evaluate opportunities to support our members in navigating these changes, and we will provide updates as appropriate. In the meantime, we encourage you to **reach out to us** with any questions or concerns.

The Association of Municipal
Managers, Clerks and Treasurers
of Ontario

Township of McMurrich–Monteith

Council Resolution

Subject: Opposition to Provincial Legislation Enabling Appointment of Regional Chairs

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced and/or enacted legislation that permits the appointment, rather than election, of Regional Chairs in certain upper-tier municipalities;

AND WHEREAS Regional Chairs hold significant decision-making authority affecting land use planning, infrastructure, policing, and financial matters that directly impact residents and lower-tier municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the appointment of Regional Chairs removes the opportunity for voters to directly elect individuals to these influential roles, thereby reducing democratic accountability and transparency;

AND WHEREAS the Township of McMurrich–Monteith supports the principle that those who exercise governmental authority should be directly accountable to the electorate through a fair and open democratic process;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments across Ontario have previously passed resolutions opposing similar legislative actions that undermine local democratic processes and concentrate authority without direct public mandate;

AND WHEREAS such legislative changes set a concerning precedent for further erosion of municipal autonomy and democratic representation across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McMurrich–Monteith formally opposes any provincial legislation that enables the appointment of Regional Chairs in place of their election by the public;

AND FURTHER THAT Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to respect and uphold democratic principles by maintaining the direct election of Regional Chairs or, at minimum, ensuring meaningful local input and accountability mechanisms;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township of McMurrich–Monteith encourages other municipalities, particularly regional municipalities, to pass similar resolutions expressing opposition to this legislation and to collectively advocate for the preservation of democratic governance at the municipal level;

READ and ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2026.